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9:30a.m-12:30p.m

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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday evenings 8p.m in the church
(September to June)

PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays 7p.m - Parish Hall
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OUR PARISH'S VISION STATEMENT:

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is a welcoming place of joyful worship where one finds grace, refuge, serenity, strength and compassion.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, with the love of the Father, the parish offers outreach, understanding and hope to a diverse community in a meaningful way.

Prayerfully, openly and lovingly, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish provides a faithful witness to our Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH PRAYER:

Come Holy Spirit, Come by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Your well beloved spouse upon the Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Amen

LORD'S DAY MASSES

SATURDAY 5:00p.m; SUNDAY 9:00a.m; 11:00a.m; 4:00p.m

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9a.m; Tuesday 7p.m; Wednesday-Friday 9a.m

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday 6-7p.m; Saturday 3:45-4:45p.m
30 minutes before all other regularly scheduled Masses
(including Sunday Masses)

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Call/Email the Parish office to book.

MARRIAGE

Call/Email the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance

R.C.I.A

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Call/Email the parish office

SPECIAL NEEDS

Families with children that have special needs are always welcome in our parish.
Please contact us to show us how we can help you.

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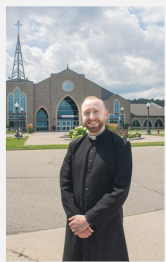
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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: October 6-12, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	†JIM CHURCHILL — Mark Carmel		Rev. Luc Payette
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†GIUSEPPE D'ALESIO — Family †LOUIS KIEFER, JAMES JUSEK, MIKE & MARY KLEIN, SOULS IN PURGATORY - Joe Kiefer †FRANK & ELEANOR KUNKEL & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FRANK KUNKEL - Kunkel Family †FRANK & ANNA LUKAS - Family †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU - Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SEMINARIAN GIUSEPPE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GRACE, HALINA, ANNA & JANUSZ FOR THE INTENTIONS MARY FASCIONE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JIMMY NASSO—Ralph & Mary Fascione FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHELLE JANJIC—Matteo Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOMAS		Rev. Francis Chibuzor Ahuekwe
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MYRA JUMEAU		Chaplains
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†IAN MACINTOSH — Carol		Apostolate of the Laity
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANNA PLESA—Kunkel Family		Very Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†FRANCES BOZZO - Paletta Family †PASQUALE D'ANGELO—Filippo Santini & Family †CARLO FONTANA—Julie Cascio †ANGELO GIANGREGORIO — Tony & Daniela Giannini †DAVID HABERMAS—Nancy DeVries †HENRY LAFRATTA—Vanessa & Steve Rocha & Family †IAN MACINTOSH, LAURA MACKISOC, FR. ED JANKOWSKI †STELLA NARDINI—Celesta DeSantis & Family †ALPINO & TERESA DIDIODATO, CONCETTA, PAOLO & LUCIA LEOMBRUNO—Luigi & Family ANDRZEJ KURCZ, STEFAN, TADEUSZ, STANISLAW & JERZY WILK—Bogdan & Margaret Wilk		Rev. Francisco Sordo
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†ANTONIO GIANNINI — Tony & Daniela Giannini †JOE & GABRIEL CAUCCI — Palmira & Family PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

The annual *Life Chain* event is this Sunday, October 5 from 2:30-3:30 PM. The location is Highway 8 (Queenston Rd. East) at Gray Road, (parking at Stoney Creek Shopping Plaza). I plan to show my face and be there the time I can make it!

October is the month of the rosary, and we are very blessed to have the rosary prayed before all Masses! All

are always extremely welcome to join us! This month we especially, in collaboration with the rest of the Diocese, pray the rosary for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

October 7th is the feast of the Most Holy Rosary – as a result, at 6 PM we plan to have exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the main Church, as well as the rosary prayed during that time (joyful and sorrowful mysteries). After Mass, the rosary will be prayed again (glorious mysteries!). This should end by 8:30 PM at the very latest. All are welcome to come and pray this beautiful devotion on this feast, for our parish and whichever intentions they'd like to bring to the Lord! Whenever we pray the rosary together, St. Louis Marie de Montfort says that we each share in the merit all of the rosaries being prayed at the same time together!

Congratulations to St. John Henry Newman on the celebration of their 50th anniversary! May there be many more years of Catholic formation of our young people so that they may become faithful Catholics and authentic disciples of Christ in today's world!

Our parish is blessed to be the home of a new Society of St. Vincent de Paul chapter! I am very grateful to all who have helped make this happen, and I am very excited for all the good this will do in our parish and community. Do you want to help those in our own community who need a helping hand and some loving encouragement? Get involved! Our first collection to support their work for those in our community will take place this weekend.

As fall approaches, many ministries in our parish prepare to begin again! I want to encourage you to learn more about what activities take place in our parish, and which ones you can get involved in! I propose that to fully develop our faith, as important as it is to merely attend Mass each weekend, we should also really strive to be involved in at least one ministry or additional activity in the parish. Please take a look at our events and stay tuned, asking the Holy Spirit what He is inviting you be a part of!

Our parish's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program will began on September 30th - if you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about becoming Catholic, we'd absolutely love to hear from them!

Saint Carlo Acutis designed an exhibit that would display Church-approved Eucharistic miracles of the world throughout history – and a large part of this exhibit is in our gathering space at this present time! Please feel encouraged to look around and read the displays, exploring what Saint Carlo Acutis designed and arranged, so as to learn about the many miraculous ways that God has confirmed the importance of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself, and so many of the miracles show this in fantastic ways. Saint Carlo Acutis' research and arrangement of all of this into an easier method to share with countless people is part of what made him a saint! Don't miss out on reading each one of the displays, with the information Saint Carlo put together!

Please note that the 40 days for life program began September 24th.

May God bless you abundantly,
Fr. Greg Merkley

UPCOMING EVENTS:

See next page for all our exciting events!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Visit: kofc.org/join (Council # 14421)

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE will take place this weekend and next weekend (**October 4-5 and 11-12**). Non-perishable food items will be collected in the gathering space. Thank you for your generosity!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

PRE-ORDER YOUR APPLE CRISP this weekend for Thanksgiving. 9X9 Pan, \$25. Pay on pick-up. We will bake them on the Oct 10. **LADIES ARE NEEDED** to help with preparation on the Oct 9 & 10.



THE COR MEN'S GROUP AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH will be starting up on **Saturday, October 11th at 7:30am** in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be meeting regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month for 60 to 90 minutes. All men of the parish are welcome! The theme for our first meeting is "The Eucharist: Source of Our Healing and Hope" and includes a video and discussion. Coffee and donuts will be served.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION will resume weekly, **Tuesday, October 7 8-9pm**. We meet in the church for a brief teaching and a period of silent meditation followed by discussion. All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

Oct 4th - 10 AM — Blessing of Pets, outside front of church, all pets welcome
Oct 4th/5th - SSVP Collection Weekend
Oct 4th/5th — Apple Crisp Orders Sign up Sheet, Gathering Space all Masses
Oct 4th - 6:15 PM—Chosen Season 5, Meeting Rm 1
Oct 5th - 2:30-3:30 PM Life Chain, Hwy 8 & Grays Rd
Oct 6th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
Oct 7th - 7:45 PM - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1
Oct 7th - 8 PM - Meditation, Church
Oct 8th - 7:30 PM—Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
Oct 8th - 7 PM—Activate, Meeting Rm 1
Oct 9th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
Oct 10th - 6:30 PM—Youth Group, Parish Hall
Oct 11th—7:30-9 AM—Cor Men's Group, Mtg Rm 1 All men welcome!
Oct 11th—6:15 PM—Young Adults, Church/Parish Hall
Oct 11th - 6:15 PM - Chosen—Season 5, Meeting Rm 1
Oct 11/12th—Apple Crisp Pick up
Oct 13th - 6:00 PM—Chant Mass & Men's Recollection, Church, Mtg Rm 1
Oct 13th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
Oct 14th - 1-3 PM - Crafting Class, Parish Hall, please register
Oct 14th - 7:45 PM - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1
Oct 14th - 8 PM - Meditation, Church
Oct 15th - 9 AM—IHM/DeMazenod Door Cooking Team, Parish Hall
Oct 15th - 7 PM—Activate, Meeting Rm 1
Oct 16th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
Oct 17th - 10:30 AM—IHM School Mass
Oct 17th—7 PM—Ask Fr. Night, Parish hall
Oct 18/19th - Blue Box Collection Weekend
Oct 18th - 6:15 PM - Chosen—Season 5, Meeting Rm 1
Oct 20th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
Oct 21st - 7 PM - CWL Mass/Meeting
Oct 21st - 7:45 PM - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1
Oct 21st - 8 PM - Meditation, Church
Oct 22nd - 9 AM—IHM/DeMazenod Door Cooking Team, Parish Hall
Oct 22nd - 7 PM—Activate, Meeting Rm 1
Oct 23rd - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
Oct 25th - 6:15 PM - Chosen—Season 5, Meeting Rm 1
Oct 26th - 2 PM — Family Catechism at IHM School
Oct 27th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
Oct 28th - 7:45 PM - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1
Oct 28th - 8 PM - Meditation, Church
Oct 29th - 7 PM—Activate, Meeting Rm 1
Oct 30th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall



SOCIAL ACTION: Another month and another two great meals to cook for those in need in downtown Hamilton. With rising costs of food and other challenges that face the homeless, the poor, the working poor and the marginalized of Hamilton, there are more people coming to DeMazenod Door

every day. The number of women and students who come for lunch has shown a marked increase over the last several weeks. It is all the more important for IHM Parish to continue providing much needed meals to the folks who come to DeMazenod Door. As has been the case at IHM, we look forward to helping those in need and **THANK ALL PARISHIONERS** who help in any way to ensure our neighbours have a nutritious breakfast & lunch. **Wednesday, October 15 & 22 our wonderful group of volunteers will meet in the parish hall to prepare and cook hot delicious meals. On the weekend of October 18 & 19 the BLUE BOX will be in the narthex to receive your monetary donations to help with the cost of preparing these great meals.** This Thanksgiving our parish is once again sponsoring the **THANKSGIVING DINNER**. Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated.



LIFE CHAIN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, FROM 2:30-3:30PM: Hwy 20 (Centennial Pkwy) at Hwy 8 (Queenston Rd. East), (parking at Eastgate Square); Hwy 8 (Queenston Rd. East) at Gray Road, (parking at Stoney Creek Shopping Plaza). Join the thousands across the globe to witness to the sanctity of all human life peacefully and prayerfully.



RETROUVAILLE: Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille — a program for married couples facing difficulties in their relationship. **The next Retrouvaille weekend is October 17-19, 2025. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org or to register visit www.retrouvaille.org.**



SSVP provides confidential help for individuals and families in need. Assistance is available to those living within our parish boundaries. **If you or someone you know could benefit, please contact: ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com.** We are dedicated to serving our neighbours with faith, compassion, and respect. **First collection October 4/5**

ROSARY RALLY: All are invited to join a Rosary Rally at **Incarnation of Our Blessed Lord Parish on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 12Noon**. This Rosary rally will be hosted by our parish men's group, The Narrow Door. This rally is part of a nationwide effort to pray the Rosary in October, publicly. Come and join us in prayer for our families, our Church, and our community. All are welcome — Bring your Rosary, Family & Friends This will be an outdoor event; please dress appropriately.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH: October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, sister or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. For more information about praying for vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/>. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

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