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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Thursday

9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.

Friday

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

Closed: Saturday, Sunday, Monday

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 10a.m. until Saturday 9a.m

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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

PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays 7p.m - Parish Hall
(September to June)

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

Call/Email the Parish Office.

SCHOOLS

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905-523-2468

VOCATIONS

Fr. Mark Morley
905-528-7988 ext. 2341
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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VISIT: www.formed.org

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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)

BAPTISMS

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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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: May 26-June 1, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	† CLAUDE COTE - Monica Gomes *****		Rev. Melvin Pinto
	6:00 PM	CHANTED MASS		
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	† GLEN KALANCH —Richard & Sandra Estrella † ANNA NERI † ANTONIO SGRO —Deacon Joe & Nadia SOULS IN PURGATORY —Joe Kiefer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KEN BATES FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHRISTINE & NICHOLAS DICARLO & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY FASCIONE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DOREEN ZAMPERIN —Kathleen Whyte		Rev. George Nowak
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	IN THANKSGIVING — Jadwiga Zychowicz		Seminarians
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD		Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	† HENRY — Matteo Gigliotti		Rev. Henryk Krajewski
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	† DAVID ARNOTT & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KATHRYN ARNOTT † CIRO & ALMA BEDIN — Family † MARIE LAUGHLIN — Giallonardo Family † AGOSTINO PACIFICI — Dan Ivankovic † GEMMA ROMANY—Jobity Family † MARIA RULLI —Wekerle Family † TRUDY VANDEN ENDEN - Tony & Daniela Giannini † LIVING & DECEASED OF THE HOBBS & WHYTE FAMILIES - Kathleen Whyte HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY —Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JASON & THERESIA CANDY & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE & MARIE GIALLONARDO & FAMILY—Ralph & Mary Fascione FOR THE INTENTIONS OF EMILE NEAULT FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CAM & CATHY STEWART		The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	† GERRARD PASCALL— Jobity Family		
	11:00 AM	† MARCO & GIOVANNA MARCHIONDA — Family		
	4:00 PM	PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

I am writing this while on the plane back from Rome. It was an incredibly blessed jubilee year pilgrimage for us. Among many things, we were blessed to go through the four Holy Doors of Rome that are only open during a Jubilee Year. We celebrated Mass and/or visited all of the major Basilicas of Rome, and we also experienced many other blessings in Assisi, Florence, Padua and Venice. I was very blessed to attend an audience and the installation Mass with our new Pope, Pope Leo XIV! I hope you were able to see some of our pictures and video updates by means of our social media (or my own!). As a side note, you are welcome to follow me or add me as a friend on social media if you want to!

I have prayed for the parish daily and am grateful again for those who helped make this pilgrimage possible, and all those who came with us.

To be honest, this was my first pilgrimage as a priest, and now that I've gone on one, I understand much better now why they are so great! I'll definitely be prayerfully discerning going on another pilgrimage, as well as possible future locations!

In other news, I will be back here at the parish for a little bit. Then I'll be away again for a little less than two weeks; from Monday June 2nd, to Friday, June 13th, I will be away for an annual workshop, a time of continued professional development and prayer for priests as they continue to strive to learn how to improve their ministry.

Usually, each year I find myself away for an annual workshop and an annual vacation (in August), but this year's pilgrimage added to my time away. That said, I still think of the parish and hold you sincerely in my heart when I am away during these times.

Soon enough, Pentecost will come, inviting us into a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the conclusion of this beautiful Easter liturgical Season. To prepare ourselves, our parish will pray a novena of prayer preparing us for this very important feast of the Church's year. The novena will be available on our parish website and printed copies will also be made available. This way, I envision us being able to pray the novena together at each Mass (or at our homes, etc.) for a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our parish. "Come Holy Spirit, come by 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."

May God continue to bless all of you, and may He pour out His Holy Spirit in untold abundance upon our church!

May is the month of Mary, we have a statue of Mary and her Immaculate Heart to help remind us to stay close to her. May she intercede for us and help our hearts to follow the Sacred Heart of her Divine Son.

"The Chosen" season 3 continues Saturday nights – if you've never watched it, I encourage you to try watching the series which I think you'll find extremely moving and very thought-provoking! While the writers take some creative license, still the series offers profound insights into the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. It helps many to reflect on the Gospels and apply it to their lives.

Seminarian Giuseppe Njuaem continues to enjoy his time here at the parish, and will be with us for most of the summer. Please continue to pray for him, support him, and greet him when you see him!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!
Peace and God bless you,
Fr. Gregory Merkley

UPCOMING EVENTS: See next page for all our exciting events!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

MANY THANKS to all of those companies and individuals who purchased ads in our Parish Bulletin. **This is the FIRST TIME EVER that we are completely SOLD OUT!!** Funds raised from this endeavor go to support our parish as well as many local charities. While we are all aware of buying CANADIAN these days, we ask all parishioners to please support our advertisers.

YARD SALE: SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 8AM TO 12NOON: If you are doing Spring Cleaning, please consider donating any gently used items to the Knight's Annual Yard Sale. This is a great community building event and we invite everyone to drop by to find your next treasure! **PLEASE NO: Clothes or electronics.** **Drop off your donations at the main parking lot entrance on FRIDAY, JUNE 6 1PM TO 5PM.**



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

We will be planning a Memorial Mass, plaque dedication for our Deceased members, date to follow.



PRaise & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

THURSDAYS 7p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are invited to attend for intercessory prayer, worship, healing and fellowship.



ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP: will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30p.m. in Meeting Room 1. All men are invited to join. (Please note: they do not meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month)



EUCHRE & TRIOMINOES — Mondays beginning at 6:30p.m. in our parish hall. All levels of skill are welcome. Entrance donation \$4. Join us!



CHOSEN SERIES - Season 3 — Saturdays at 6:15p.m. to Saturday, June 14, join us in Meeting Room 1.



HOMELESS MEN'S SUMMER CLOTHES REQUIRED: T-shirts, track pants, shoes size 9-15, shorts ...Please no dress clothes, no suits or dress shirts or dress shoes. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

May 24/25th — Pope's Pastoral Works Collection
 May 24th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series, Meeting Rm 1
 May 26th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
 May 27th - 6:15 PM — Christian Meditation, Church
 May 28th - 7 PM — St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Room 1
 May 29th — Novena to the Holy Spirit begins
 May 29th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship - Parish Hall
 May 31st - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series, Meeting Rm 1
 June 2nd — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
 June 3rd - 8 PM — Christian Meditation, Church
 June 4th - 7:30 PM — St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Room 1
 June 5th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
 June 6th — 1-5 PM — Yard Sale Drop Off, Back Parking Lot (No clothes/electronics)
 June 7th 8 AM — 1 PM — Yard Sale, Back Parking Lot (KofC)
 June 7th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series, Meeting Rm 1
 June 7th - 6:30 PM — Diocesan Young Adults Night, Here
 June 9th - 7:15 PM — Men's Retreat/Recollection
 June 9th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
 June 10th - 8 PM — Christian Meditation, Church
 June 11th - 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
 June 12th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
 June 13th — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
 June 14th - 6:15 PM — Young Adults Night, Church/Parish Hall
 June 14th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series, Meeting Rm 1
 June 14/15th — Missionary Co-Op Weekend
 June 14/15th — Blue Box Weekend
 June 17th - 5 PM — St. Gabriel Grade 8 Graduation, Church
 June 19th - 5:30 PM — IHM Grade 8 Graduation
 June 21/22 — Chalice Weekend



SOCIAL ACTION: THANK YOU to all who contributed to the BLUE BOX last weekend. As you know DeMazenod Door provides breakfast and a hot lunch 365 days a year. On the 2 days a month that IHM Parish provides the meal, it is more like a "dinner" thanks to your generosity. GOD BLESS.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Every Tuesday 8-9 pm from September through June. We meet in the church for a brief teaching and a period of silent meditation followed by discussion. All are welcome. "...what we are doing in meditation is paying pure attention... We are simply 'being'. The Christian can understand this as pure prayer because it is being with God, not thinking about God, not speaking to God, but being with God." Laurence Freeman OSB. World Community for Christian Meditation.



JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025—The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this **Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!"** Part of the Jubilee experience is to make a pilgrimage to sacred places, where prayer is offered, the Sacraments are celebrated, and a plenary indulgence can be obtained for the remission of punishment due to our sins. **In our Diocese Bishop Crosby has designated six pilgrimage churches, St. Basil (Brantford), Immaculate Conception (Formosa) St. Andrew (Oakville), Basilica of Christ the King (Hamilton), Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (Guelph), Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows (Kitchener).** Visit: www.hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee/pilgrim-churches-in-the-diocese



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Spring 2025 Mother's Day to Father's Day May 11 – June 15 Please support our Baby Bottle fundraiser to help raise funds to educate and promote the message throughout the City of Hamilton of the devastating effects of abortion. Please help those who have no voice to be heard! Place your change, bills, or cheques (made payable to: Hamilton Right to Life) in the bottle and return to your church on June 15th. If you would like a tax receipt for your donation (\$20 or more), please fill out the form attached (print clearly), and return it with the bottle. Tax Receipts will be mailed in February 2026. Thank you.



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PERMISSION THE FILM: FR. BOB BEDARD'S VISION FOR THE CHURCH WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025 @7 PM, Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton, ON

RSVP required: <https://forms.gle/wKuQ3fQLcyjhnnre9>

STEWARDSHIP

May 18, 2025

Envelope Donations: \$2484.30

Loose Donations: \$601.25

Canada Helps: \$237.79

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