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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

Immaculate Heart of Mary
905-523-2332
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905-523-2468

VOCATIONS

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

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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.

STEWARDSHIP

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 21-27, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	† ELIZABETH KIEFER, EVA JUSEK, MARY KLEIN - Joe Kiefer ***** CHANTED MASS		Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	† SISTER MARIE CUNNINGHAM - Walter & Patricia Tymchuk † GIOVANNI BRIATICO — Family † ANNA NERI - Family † JAN, HANK & JAMES LANNIGAN — Family † MADALENA TRUMPP & SOULS IN PURGATORY — Joe Kiefer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MANI B FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SISTER ELIZABETH FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BARBARA K—Jadwiga Zychowicz FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTEO GIGLIOTTI — Tom & Elizabeth Dolibog		Rev. Andrew Quarshie
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GEORGE ZYCHOWICZ — Family		Jesuit Fathers
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	DECEASED OF ALAMPI & ATTARD FAMILIES — Manny & Tina		Rev. Adam Wroblewicz
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	† JERRY GROZEK		Rev. Dominic Thomas
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	† TERESA VERTICCHIO - Luisa † LINA DIPIETRO — Rita Paolini † ANTONIETTA MORRONE-MARCHIONDA — Family † PETER ANTOLOVICH — Lina Giancaterina † AMLETO SALCICCIOLI, HERMIEN ZELDENRUST, ANNE PRITCHARD — Tony & Daniela Giannini SOULS IN PURGATORY — Kathleen Whyte FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN & FAMILIES		Rev. Ross Campbell
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE SHAW-STACHURSKI FAMILIES † EMIDIO TIRABASSI — Family PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

As we begin the Easter Season having completed the Sacred Triduum (“three days”), we enter into a beautiful and joyful season of celebration! I wish you and your families a happy and blessed Easter! May the joy of the risen Lord fill your heart ever more!

We are blessed to have with us seminarian Giuseppe

Njuaem, who will be with us for the summer. May the Lord bless him as he journeys towards the priesthood, and may our parish support him on his journey!

Thank you to all those who helped with the Easter liturgies: musicians, singers, sacristans, altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, volunteers, and more! Thank you to all our beloved parishioners for your impressive and necessary continued support of our beautiful parish. Thank you to the ladies who came out on Tuesday and cleaned the inside of the church in preparation for the Sacred Triduum. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus for washing all the windows at the front of the church, and to those who help maintain our parish’s grounds. Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones. Easter is a season that lasts 40 days, ending on Pentecost. It is even longer than the “40 days” of Lent. We are blessed!

On Divine Mercy Sunday (Sunday after Easter) we’ll have a Divine Mercy Sunday service in the afternoon – don’t forget to start the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday! The outline for the afternoon will be 2 PM - Exposition of the Holy Eucharist and confessions available, 2:45 PM - Talk by myself on Divine Mercy, 3 PM – Divine Mercy chaplet, 3:15 PM – Solemn veneration of the divine mercy image (including incensation), Benediction and reposition. Following this, 3:30 PM confessions and 4 PM Mass will take place as usual.

Voting is top of mind for many as elections draw closer. Some helpful information for Catholics regarding voting is available in booklets provided by the Diocese, which you can look at in our parish’s shrine library.

Will celebrate First Communions on Saturday, April 26 and May 3 at 5pm for Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Gabriel school respectively.

This means our usual 5 PM Mass will be blessed with many additional families and friends celebrating this milestone – which the whole parish will join in celebrating! Guidelines from the Diocese of Hamilton envision First Communions as ideally taking place at regularly scheduled weekend Masses. This is an expression of the home, school and parish all coming together in a meaningful way.

I look forward to attending the annual Serra Club vocations dinner on April 30th. It is honestly one of my favorite events of the year, where you will see our Bishops, many priests, deacons, religious, and laypeople from all across the diocese. The dinner is a fundraiser to support the Serra Club, which in turn does incredible work encouraging men and women to hear God’s call to the priesthood and religious life (for example as monks, brothers, sisters, and nuns). I’d really love for you to come to the dinner with me! Please contact our parish office about tickets!

Our parish is also in the final process of wrapping up our *One Heart, One Soul* campaign, which has yet been formally completed. As a result, encouraged by our parish’s Finance Council, I will be reaching out to some of those with unfulfilled pledges offering an opportunity to give before we formally close this fruitful campaign which has been a blessing to our parish. Following that, we look forward to giving a report to the parish about the success of our *One Heart, One Soul* campaign!

Are you interested in helping provide a weekly experience of Children’s liturgy of the Word? Many parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton offer a program each weekend for children during the Sunday Mass called “Children’s liturgy of the Word.” If you’re interested in helping to offer this program or a week of vacation Bible school, please let us know.

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)

PARISH BULLETIN ADVERTISERS 2025! Many are the same as previous years, however there are several new advertisers. Practically ALL are members of our Parish Community and many are from surrounding businesses. While we are all more aware of BUYING CANADIAN these days, we ask you to please support these local businesses. Thank you to our advertisers for supporting our Parish!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated towards the **EASTER FOOD DRIVE!**

YARD SALE JUNE 7 - If you are doing Spring Cleaning, please consider donating any gently used items to the Knights Annual Yard Sale. Watch this space for future announcements regarding when and where do drop off items.

If you haven't paid your **MEMBERSHIP DUES**, you can drop your envelope off in the collection basket at the weekend Masses.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The CWL wishes all parishioners a blessed and Happy Easter.

WE INVITE ALL LADIES TO JOIN US NEXT SATURDAY MORNING FOR A SPECIAL MASS AT 10 AM in honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Tea will be served after the mass. Sign the red folder by Easter Monday.

Next Sunday is coffee Sunday after morning Masses.
Email: cwlwinona@gmail.com



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!

**STEWARDSHIP
April 13, 2025**

Envelope Donations: \$5538.55
Loose Donations: \$2048.45
Online (April 3): \$317.93
E-transfer: \$0.00

Total: \$7904.93

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

IF YOU HAVEN'T PICKED UP YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES, they're waiting for you! **If you asked for Envelopes or are still using visitor ones, please check the table for your set.

Our 2024 P&L is available on the table in the gathering space and on our website <https://ihmchurch.ca/fr-gregs-desk> (News & Information)

Why Should We Take Part in the Mass?

The Mass is the best means we have: To render **God** the highest form of Worship; To Thank **Him** for all **His** blessings; To make reparation for all our sins; To obtain all the blessings we desire; To help poor souls in purgatory and to shorten our own time there.



SOCIAL ACTION: Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped cook a delicious meal last Wednesday for the guests who come to DeMazenod Door. May these volunteers and all those who sponsor our parish's outreach to the poor, working poor, homeless and marginalized have a very blessed and GRACE filled EASTER. **Remember the BLUE BOX will be available the weekend after Easter on April 26 & 27th.**



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. "...silence is the greatest of teachers. It heals, refreshes, energizes, inspires, sharpens, clarifies. It simplifies. It is the medium of truth." Laurence Freeman OSB. The 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**

UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

- Apr 22nd – 8 PM – Christian Meditation, Church
- Apr 23rd – 7 PM – St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Room 1
- Apr 24th – 7 PM – Praise & Worship Parish Hall

EASTER LITURGIES

- Apr 17th – 7 PM – Holy Thursday (No Morning Mass is permitted in parishes) Adoration Chapel closes at 11p.m. Holy Thursday until Easter Monday at 10a.m.
- Apr 18th – 11AM – Good Friday — Family Liturgy
- Apr 18th – 3 PM – Good Friday
- Apr 18th – Needs of the Church in the Holy Land Collection
- Apr 19th – 12 Noon — Blessing of Easter Food
- Apr 19th – 8:15 PM – Easter Vigil Mass (No Mass earlier this day. This Mass is beautiful, but longer than usual) No Confessions
- Apr 20th – 9 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM – Easter Masses, Confessions 30 mins before

- Apr 26th – 10 AM — CWL Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass/Luncheon/Meeting
- Apr 26th – 5 PM — IHM School First Holy Communion
- Apr 26th – 5 PM — Mass for New Catholics at the Cathedral of Christ the King
- Apr 27th – 2 PM — Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr 29th – 8 PM – Christian Meditation, Church
- Apr 30th – 7 PM – St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Room 1
- Apr 30th – Serra Club Vocations Dinner (Fr. Greg is going) – *Let us know if you'd like to come!*
- May 1st – 7 PM — Praise & Worship Parish Hall
- May 3rd – 5 PM — St. Gabriel School First Holy Communion



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