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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)

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Call/Email the Parish Office.

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ihmchurch@cogeco.net

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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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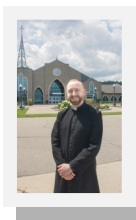
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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: August 11-17, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	†ALVISE & ROSA BERALDO—Lucato Family *****		Rev. Hayden Starczala
	6:00 PM	CHANTED MASS		
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†DECEASED OF ANTOLINI, GIGLIOTTI & CARLESSO FAMILIES - Deacon Joe & Nadia †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU - Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY & ILARIA PALETTA –Joe Kiefer		Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	GOD’S BLESSINGS FOR ANNA, TOMASZ, KRYSZTOFER & TAMARA — Family		The Transfiguration of the Lord
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†MARIUSZ GAJEWSKI — Jadwiga		Chancery Staff
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	SOULS IN PURGATORY — Kathleen Whyte		Rev. Robert Héту
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†VINCENZO LOPRESTI — Mirella Paletta †AGOSTINO PACIFICI — Tony & Daniela Giannini †MIKE ROMEO — Larry & Ilaria Paletta †STEVEN TYMCHUK - Walter & Patricia Tymchuk †MIKE VALLORANI — Family †JANUSZ ZAGRODZKI —Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LOUISE KUNKEL & ALYSA ELLISON — Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JACOB JOSEPH DOMLADOVAC FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DAN PEREIRA & FAMILY		Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY SOLTES & FAMILY MICHAEL & MARY SZABUNIA, ALFONSO & IDA FILIPETTO — Family PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

On September 20th, our parish will be very blessed to have a special presentation from Nestor Buendia (Lay Oblates of Divine Mercy) about the Divine Mercy Devotion given to the Church through St. Faustina and St. Pope John Paul II. I am very pleased that this is being offered at our parish, and I

strongly encourage anyone who is able to attend this very informative day. Many Catholics still do not know much about St. Faustina, a Polish nun from the 1930s to whom Jesus revealed many things. St. Pope John Paul II said that canonizing her and spreading the devotion to the Divine Mercy was the greatest event of his life. You can also learn more about this by watching Fr. Michael Gaitley’s “Divine Mercy” on www.formed.org. It is an incredible part of our faith in the last 100 years. Please try your best to come to this event and learn more! Come for whatever portion of the day you can, and the event begins with a special Mass at 9 AM!

It will be a privilege for our parish to have Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) and world expert on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, come and speak after Masses the weekend of August 30th and 31st. Alex will briefly share stories of people being pressured into MAID as well as the upcoming legislation (2027) to allow MAID for mental illness. As disciples of Jesus who follow a Biblical worldview, we believe that each and every human life is sacred, and we wish to protect vulnerable persons from the pressure to end their own lives. Therefore, I am personally pledging to match at least \$1,000 to help support this organization and the great works they do. If you’d like to help with this cause, there will be envelopes attached to the August 30-31 bulletin.

Here's a wonderful message for you from our summer student Rain: Hi, I’m Rain Tolentino, the summer student working at Immaculate Heart of Mary! I am also the musician for the Sunday, 4:00pm Mass every other week. I’m going into my second year at McMaster University, studying Molecular Biology & Genetics and pursuing a minor in Music. It has been such a blessing to work with Fr. Greg, Ilaria, as well as the many dedicated volunteers at the parish. So far, I’ve been helping clean out the storage rooms, fixing up the walls and repainting them, making posters and signs for the church, organizing documents, and covering for the office while Ilaria is away on vacation. I love working in the church because it’s a comfort that Jesus is in this building with me. Working in His house has helped me to reflect on the sanctification of work, as I carry out a variety of tasks each day that contribute to the parish. Thank you, Fr. Greg, Ilaria, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

community for the warm welcome I’ve received the past few weeks in my time here! Please continue to pray for me as I spend the rest of my summer here, and ultimately that it continues to help me grow in holiness. God bless you!

On Sunday, August 17th, I’ll be celebrating Mass at St. Ann’s downtown Hamilton on Barton Street while Fr. Bob Bulbrook offers confessions and Masses here according to our usual schedule. I occasionally have the joy of filling in at St. Ann’s because only a relatively small number of priests in the Diocese have permission to celebrate Mass according to the Roman Missal of 1962. Thankfully the homily is in English, and the readings are read in English too! If by chance you’ve ever wanted to see a Latin Mass, this might be a good chance to see something you might not frequently see – the noon Mass is particularly worth experiencing. I think it’s always fascinating to understand how our forefathers in the faith celebrated Mass for centuries, aware that the Church sees the legitimate liturgical reforms of Vatican II as in harmony with what came before it. If you’re interested in this kind of topic, you might read Sacrosanctum Concilium, Vatican II’s document on the Sacred Liturgy. I personally like Vatican II, and wish that more people would read these beautiful texts which contain so much wisdom from the Holy Spirit!

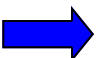
I previously shared how I really enjoyed watching the film Permission by Kevin Dunn about Fr. Bob Bedard - and I now have very good news! On September 24th at 7 PM, we will have a screening of the film where Kevin Dunn himself and other priests will join us. Please join us for this film, it is powerful and will help you to welcome God even more deeply into your life!

Some other neat upcoming events are this men’s recollection this Monday (August 11th at 7:15 PM), our special goodbye celebration for seminarians Giuseppe and Salvatore (August 16th after the 5 PM Mass), the Diocesan young adults’ jubilee year pilgrimage (September 27th, 2025) which I’ll be going on as well, and the 40 days for life program (begins September 24th, 2025).

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)

GOLF TOURNAMENT: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14! \$160/

Golfer at South Brook Golf & Country Club Shot Gun Start: 1p.m Rain or Shine. Includes: lunch, green fees, cart, dinner, door prizes and lots of fun! Start putting your 4somes together!

Email: Guy, leafan299@gmail.com; Al, GK14421@ontariokofc.ca

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Enjoy a Safe & Restful Summer!



SOCIAL ACTION: Next weekend is **BLUE BOX weekend (August 16/17)** and you are asked to be generous with your monetary donations. The



cost of making meals in our kitchen has risen since last year from \$2,000/month to recent months of \$2,400/month. Thank you for supporting IHM's initiative of cooking meals for the poor since 2017



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Wishing you a Restful Summer! See you in the Fall!



PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Will break for the summer and start up again on Thursday, September 11 at 7p.m.



CHOSEN - Season 4 — Saturdays at 6:15p.m.

Meeting Room 1, Join us!



READ, WRITE, MATH WITH ART CAMP: SK to Gr 6

This camp focuses on reading, writing, and math using art and inquiry based on learning!

CAMP DATE & TIME: August 18-22 9AM to 12:30 PM
at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Register: daniella.albano123abc@gmail.com

Cost: \$175 per student/week



PARISH PEACH FESTIVAL NEWS: The Peach Festival is around the corner and we will be looking for volunteers to help with food prep at the parish, set up and serving at the festival.

We will begin prepping the week of August 18-24 including the Festival days.

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE OUT! CHECK THEM OUT!

You can now email us: ihmpeachfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com

Upcoming Events (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

Aug 9th - 6:15 PM - Young Adults, Church/Parish Hall

Aug 9th - 6:15 PM - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1

Aug 11th - 7:15 PM - Men's Recollection

Aug 16/17th - Blue Box Collection Weekend

Aug 16th - 6:15 PM - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1

Aug 18th - 22nd - 11 AM -2 PM - Read, Write, Math, Art Camp, Mtg Rm 1

Aug 18th - 21st - Peach Festival Prep Week

Aug 22nd-24th - Peach Festival, Winona Park

Aug 23rd - 6:15 PM - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1

Aug 27th - 9 AM - IHM/Demazenod Door Cooking Team, Parish Hall

Aug 30/31 - The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Appeal

Sept 8th - 7:15 PM - Men's Recollection

Sept 14th - 1 PM — Parish Golf Tournament, Southbrook (Book Now!)

Sept 15th - 7 PM —SSVP Meeting

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August 16th-after the 5PM Mass—Our special goodbye celebration for seminarians Giuseppe and Salvatore

September 27th—The Diocesan young adults' jubilee year pilgrimage

September 24th—40 days for life program



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION MEETING: will break for the summer and will resume **Tuesday October 7 at 8pm** in the church."

WHEN LIFE CHANGES – HAS SOMEONE YOU CARED ABOUT

DIED? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese offers two six-week grief programs for your support. Part one will be offered later in the fall and registration will be up soon. For those who have taken part one, the second part of the program will be offered from **September 10 to October 15, 2025**, from 7:00-8:30pm, at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look under upcoming events on the home page.



TELL ALL SOULS ABOUT MY MERCY:

Divine Mercy Presentation: **Saturday, September 20** beginning with Mass at 9am, followed by presentation in our parish hall ending at 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please see the bulletin board for more information.



EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION:

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Please Note: Stewardship for the next two weeks will be in the bulletin Sunday, August 17, 2025.

Thank you for your patience.



PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS UNTIL AUGUST 29, 2025.

We will be open Tues to Thurs 9:30AM-4:30PM

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