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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
St. Gabriel
905-523-2468

VOCATIONS

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

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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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

"Donate to our Parish" through our website. Mail/Drop Off Donations to the Parish Office. **NEW:** E-Transfer: ihmchurch@cogeco.net (Offering)

We thank you for your generosity & support.



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REGISTER WITH OUR PARISH:

We welcome you to our Parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Greg. Kindly complete the information below and place it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Please check one: Envelopes ___ Pre-authorized giving ___ (form will be emailed to you)

EMAIL: _____ E-Bulletin yes/no

ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS: October 21-27, 2024		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF NICHOLAS SANFORD — Walter & Teresa Rzesztoko *****		
	6:00 PM	CHANTED MASS		Very Rev. Joseph Okoko
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	✠ JENNIFER ARRUDA AGUIAR ✠ ETTORE CARLESSO - Deacon Joe & Nadia ✠ ANNE SILVERTHORNE - Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DRIZ FAMILY & IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RENATO TUATON FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KATHRYN ARNOTT — Theresa Sapra FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LUCI BRUN DEL RE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ELSY & ASHISH (Anniversary) FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SC IN THANKSGIVING TO THE DIVINE MERCY - Antonia Maiolo FOR THE INTERCESSION OF THE VIRGIN MARY — Z.N. IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY — Grace		Rev. Emmanuel Azike
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	SOULS IN PURGATORY - Jadwiga		Congregation of the Holy Cross
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GEOFF SANFORD - Walter & Teresa Rzesztoko		Rev. Livinus Okamgba
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THERESA BENNETT		Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	✠ SAMANTHA BORTOLOTTI, MARIA LEDONNE, ALDA DELUCA — Tony, Daniela Giannini ✠ CHRISTINA CHISHOLM — Maceachern Family ✠ LINA DIPIETRO — Rita Paolini ✠ FRANK FELICE — Maria Caucci ✠ MARIA GRACE FERREIRA — Family ✠ FR. CLAIRE HICKSON — John & Irene Hickson ✠ GENE THERRIAULT - Giallonardo Family ✠ MARIA TUTTLOMONDO — Marcella Ciardelli & Family ✠ RADOVAN VELJANOVSKI - Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli ✠ TERESA VERTICCHIO - Kathryn Arnott FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SC FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GLORIA MARCONATO & FAMILY IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. RITA — N.M.		Rev. Romelito Guillen
	9:00 AM	✠ SARAH TRUDEAU - Giallonardo Family		
SUNDAY	11:00 AM	✠ GUNI SAPRA — Carmelina & Romiro Medina		
	4:00 PM	PRO POPULO		



Dear Parishioners,

I pray this bulletin finds you well! Here are various updates I want to share with you:

• **Our parish is extremely grateful to an anonymous parishioner's generous donation that has covered the costs of new chairs in our adoration chapel.** Many have

said they find the new chairs more comfortable and they help them to pray. If someone were to say, "Father, the chairs are *too comfortable*", I'd simply reply that you are still welcome to kneel or to stand. Comfortable chairs help people to relax and pray before the Lord who says, "come away with me and rest a while." (cf. Mark 6:31)

- **Our parish donated \$1500 to buy turkeys to feed those in need at the De Mazenod Door for Thanksgiving.** Every year we do this and show our love and support for those in need. It is a blessing to share our blessings with others, and our generous God cannot be outdone in generosity.
- **October is the month of the Rosary, so I strongly encourage you to pray the rosary daily, and to come early before our Masses to join us in this very powerful prayer!** During the rosary, we hold Mary's hand, and reflect on the events of Jesus' life through Mary's eyes. October is also the month of vocations in Hamilton Diocese – please do pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and permanent diaconate! We are especially encouraged by the Diocese to pray the luminous mysteries for an increase in vocations.

- **Bishop Crosby has graciously approved and supported our parish's decision to install a new sound system provided by Mountain Audio.** Tentatively, the dates for the install are during the week of October 27th. Please pray for a successful and smooth process of installing the new sound system! We look forward to making it easier than ever to understand God's Word and the very important messages we share here at the parish!
- **The Saint Vincent De Paul Society is an excellent ministry I strongly encourage parishioners to be involved with.** Having presented to us at each of the Masses, there will be an information night on Tuesday, October 29th at 7:30 PM in the parish hall. All are invited to attend!
- **RCIA continues usually on Tuesday nights at 7:45 PM and end around 9 PM.** If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, we would love to hear from them!
- **Our parish is currently in efforts to improve our digital media presence.** Follow us on our social media – Facebook and Instagram – and maybe more platforms to come! If you want to help us with this, please let us know! Young people are particularly good at this type of ministry!
- **Thank you to all our parish volunteers.** Your contributions help create a welcoming and vibrant community. We are truly blessed to have each of you serving our parish family!

May our Blessed Mother Mary watch over you and your families. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!
Fr. Gregory Merkley



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IS BACK! We are looking for new items for the raffle. Please bring donations to the parish office or contact John van Troost (905-662-7583), by Friday, November 22. **Draw to take place in the parish hall on Tuesday, December 17 following the 7p.m. Mass. Join us for Refreshments.**

STONEY CREEK SANTA CLAUS PARADE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 2P.M. we are looking for children who would like to sing on our float! Please call John 905-662-7583 **Interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus? Visit: kofc.org/join (Council # 14421)**



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CHRISTMAS MARKET—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, we are looking for donations for a Christmas themed white elephant table and door prizes. Boxes for baked goods will be available next weekend October 26/27 for our baking table. Thank you in advance for your support. CWL executive.



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. *"The desire to see God is what urges us to love solitude and silence. For silence is where God dwells."* Robert Cardinal Sarah



40 DAYS FOR LIFE is inviting YOU (young and old) to participate in a peaceful prayer vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital, happening each day (Sept. 25-Nov. 3) from 7am to 7pm. This is our opportunity to pray for the voiceless and save their parents from the suffering abortion will bring. **SIGN UP IN THE ONLINE CALENDAR TODAY VIA: <https://bit.ly/40dayshamilton> OR CALL 905-962-2864.**



ORIENTATION/INFORMATION SESSION Tuesday, October 29, 7:30pm in our Parish Hall. Are you interested in helping families in need in your community and beyond? Are you interested in **PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION?** If so, come

and learn about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and consider joining the team. Stop by the Orientation Meeting!



HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS: On the weekend **October 19-20,** we will welcome our special guest Sebastien Cardinal representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers." Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. You can visit and support us at www.HolylandChristians.ca



DO YOU HAVE GENTLY USED MEN'S WINTER JACKETS? If you do, please drop them put them in bags and leave them in the hallway across from the meeting rooms. We thank you in advance for your kindness.

STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 13, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$3945.78
Loose Donations: \$949.22
Online (Oct 10): \$1088.75
Total: \$5983.75

If you would like to go "Green" please visit our website: www.ihmchurch.ca click the link "Donate to our Parish" and fill in the attached form and email or drop it off to the parish office. We now have e-transfer! Thank you for your continued support & generosity.



SOCIAL ACTION: This weekend is **BLUE BOX** weekend and your donations will be much appreciated by all those who come to DeMazenod Door. This past week our terrific volunteers cooked Shepherd's Pie plus roasted veggies, fruit salad and a lovely Garden Salad.

We also provided coffee or Fruit Punch. Also, through the generosity of our parishioners they were served turkey and all the trimmings on Thanksgiving Monday. Bishop Crosby was kind enough to drop by. He also brought some treats for our volunteers. Over 700 meals were served that day. **THANK YOU** all for making this happen. We are truly blessed.



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, brother 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. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

HAMILTON PHYSICIANS GUILD & THE "WHITE" MASS: The Hamilton Catholic Physicians Guild comprises a welcoming group of physicians and health care professionals, who invite you to join us, attend presentations we host, and participate in discussions pertaining to medical ethical issues, spiritual and social events. In addition, our society offers educational opportunities to attend retreats and conferences which provide a great venue for partnership. The White Mass, so named by the color worn by those in the healing profession of medicine, assembles health care professionals under the patronage of St. Luke to ask God's blessing upon medical students, residents, doctors, nurses, and caregivers both in hospitals and the community who are involved in the circle of patient care. **The White Mass of The Hamilton Catholic Physicians Guild will be celebrated in Canadian Martyrs Church on Sunday October 27, 2024 at 11.30 am, with His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby. All are cordially invited to attend the mass which will be followed by a light reception.**

DID YOU KNOW...Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, **please reach out to the Office for Evangelization & Catechesis catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>**

THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS DAY MASS at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00pm. The principal celebrant will be Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!



Join **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH (304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek, ON)** on Friday, November 1, 2024, at 7:00 PM for a special **All Saints Day Mass**. After the Mass, explore a remarkable exhibit featuring 130 sacred relics of the saints. This is a unique opportunity to walk among the saints and spend time in prayer with

relics of great spiritual significance, including the Passion Relics: The True Cross, the Crown of Thorns, the Holy Spear, and the Holy Nail of Jesus Christ. The exhibit will also feature a fragment of the Blessed Virgin Mary's veil and St. Joseph's cloak. Don't miss this powerful chance to draw closer to our faith through these holy treasures. **If you are unable to attend the Friday evening event, there will be a short viewing of the relics on Saturday, November 2, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Please come and celebrate the saints with us!**



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

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