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FR. GREGORY MERKLEY, Pastor
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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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St. Gabriel
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.

STEWARDSHIP

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses		Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: May 19-25, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG—Jadwiga Zychowicz *****		Rev. Brian Quigley
	6:00 PM	CHANTED MASS		
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	† GEORGE GOPAL—Family † MARCELO KRESINO —Theresa Sapra † DEANNA MOLINARO — Family † PETER NGUYEN & MAY VU † ANTONIO SGRO—Joe & Carmela Nicolazzo FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON JOE & NADIA GIGLIOTTI & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHELLE JANJIC—Matteo FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL KUNKEL —Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CLARA & MAYA —Jadwiga Zychowicz FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RHIANNON VENESCIA & FAMILY		Rev. Lukasz Kopania
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RALPH & MARY FASCIONE — Kathleen Whyte		Congregation of the Resurrection
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	SOULS IN PURGATORY		Rev. Rajesh Madtha
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	† SOPHIE & DAVID COLTERMAN — Kunkel Family		Single Catholics
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	† GABRIEL CAUCCI — Melanie Butera † LINA DIPIETRO — Rita Paolini †SETTIMIO GIANCATERINA & DECEASED OF GIANCATERINA FAMILY —Lina †ANTE KUTLESA — Daniela Giannini † KATHLEEN MCCONVILLE — Steven & Family † ROSE-AIMEE MORGAN - Robertson/Morgan Families † OTTAVIO NAPOLEONE - Palmira Caucci † MARY & RICHARD WALLACE —Lillian Cortiula †GALIANO ZAMPERIN—Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOHN & TRISH FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MR & MRS EDWIN & HAIDI DRIZ FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SISTER ELIZABETH IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR HELP RECEIVED & THOSE WHO SUPPORTED—Sister Elizabeth		Rev. Yonas Okubit Ghebru
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOHN VANTROOST † DOMENIC MOLINARO — Family PRO POPULO		



Dear parishioners,

As I write this, I am on a coach bus from Rome to Assisi. We have spent the last four days in Rome, during which we've walked through all the Holy Doors at St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, St. Paul's Outside the Walls, and St. Peter's Basilica. I've had the privilege of saying Mass in many beautiful places, and of exploring Rome. If you follow me on Instagram or Facebook, and if you follow our parish's social media, then

you are aware of some of the highlights of the trip already. You can find some really neat photos and videos there! I've also had the chance to attend an audience with Pope Leo XIV, getting about 15 feet away from him thanks to a priest friend of mine with some special connections! I also had a chance to reconnect with other priest friends at the Pontifical Canadian College in Rome, and I've also made some new friends!

Some of the things that stands out to me (I could honestly write a small book already about the experiences) have been witnessing the universality and unity of the Church (there are people here from all over the world who can worship together easily and peacefully), and how various aspects of our faith can hit in an even deeper way when you are there. For example, saints I have learned about and prayed to for years, I have now visited their places of rest for the first time. I have also had the chance to see the resting places of Pope Francis and St. John Paul II. Being in the Sistine chapel and seeing the Vatican Museums – all of these experiences and many more have helped me to get more in touch with the beautiful roots of our faith. There is nothing quite like praying at the resting places of St. Peter and St. Paul, or seeing the great masterpieces of Michelangelo in person.

Sharing this jubilee year pilgrimage with others from the parish has also been a great blessing. We keep you in our prayers, please keep us in yours!

I am grateful for the priests who are covering at the parish while I'm away, and for the support you give them.

May God continue to bless us in this jubilee year!

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 is 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 1PM. 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 in June, 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 17th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series, Meeting Rm 1
 May 19th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
 May 20th - 8 PM — Christian Meditation, Church
 May 21th - 7 PM — St. Joseph Men's Group, Meeting Room 1
 May 22th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
 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 - 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 7th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series, Meeting Rm 1
 June 7th - 6:30 PM — Diocesan Young Adults Night, Here

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: The **BLUE BOX (May 17/18)** is in the gathering space at all the masses this weekend to receive your monetary donations to help our parish continue its ministry to the poor of Hamilton. **Thank you for your consideration. GOD BLESS YOU.**



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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STEWARDSHIP

May 11, 2025

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