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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)

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

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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. E-Transfer: ihmchurch@cogeco.net (Offering)

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: October 13-19, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	†MARGARET FORRESTER - Marc Carmel CHANT MASS		Rev. Tom Moisan
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†FRANCES BOZZO - Julie Cascio †CARLO FONTANA — Marc Carmel †ANTO FRANJKOVIC †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU - Family †DECEASED OF ANTOLINI, CARLESSO & GIGLIOTTI FAMILIES FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHARLIE COLTERMAN—Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOPHY GEORGE—Family FOR THE BLESSINGS AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR JANUSZ & GRACE & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS GAIL TYMCHUK - Walter & Patricia Tymchuk IN THANKSGIVING TO THE GUARDIAN ANGELS—Bernadette Delville		Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†GERALD & ALLAN MURRAY—Anne Bryson		Congregation of the Holy Cross
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†DONALD HENDERSON — Giallonardo Family		St. Marguerite D'Youville, Religious
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†DECEASED OF TUTEK FAMILY		Rev. Mark Sullivan
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†ETTORE CARLESSO —Family †BRANKA CEPO—Kunkel Family †NINO FAVERO - Family †MARIO, SILVIA & JOE CAUCCI, BRANDON MCINTYRE —Palmira & Family †ANTONIO PAONNE —Manny & Tina Attard †KRISTINA MEROLLI PEERDEMAN, ANTONIO LEDONNE —Tony & Daniela Giannini †ROSA & PIO TONDO — Family †MIKE VALLORANI — Family †RICHARD & MARY WALLACE—Lillian Cortiula & Family †CARLO ZAVARISE, GAETANO & MARIA REA — Family †LOUIS ZURINI —Larry & Ilaria Paletta FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SEMINARIAN GIUSEPPE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE UNICO GROUP—Peach Festival		Rev. David Wilhelm
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†PANDORA DIOLAKIS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RALPH & MARY FASCIONE PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate Thanksgiving – a time for more gratitude than usual. We are a people truly blessed by the Lord. Let us take time to intentionally thank God from our heart for the blessings He has given us, which likely include family, friends, food, water, shelter, and very importantly the freedom to practice our faith and come to worship God. Maybe not everything in our lives feels perfect right now, but it is always hard to feel down in the dumps when we stop and thank God, counting our

blessings. In the seminary we were taught to thank God for at least 5 things each night before going to sleep, and also to think of 5 ways we might've been able to love God and neighbour even better. Thanksgiving for some is a busy time - don't let it get so busy that you don't take some time to quietly pray from your heart in thanksgiving to God. Thanksgiving means *giving thanks* to the one who is the source of all our blessings!

This Thanksgiving, our parish is also releasing what I am titling our *Good News Report*. Over the last couple of years, there have been many positive trends and improvements to our parish. The report only shares a small amount of them to be honest – every day I get to see amazing things and wonderful “good news” stories take place in our parish. I wanted to help our parish take a step back and see how blessed we are. Please make sure to check it out!

Our parish will soon have a new Seminarian named Peter Hoffbauer, who will be moving in soon! Peter should be with us for the entire year, until towards the end of the summer. When he arrives, please give him a warm welcome, and be sure to encourage him on his vocational journey!

Thank you to all who joined us for a special time of praying the Rosary on October 7th – it was a beautiful and powerful time of prayer! October is the month of the rosary, and we are very blessed to have the rosary prayed before all Masses at our parish! All are always extremely welcome to join us. This month we especially, in collaboration with the rest of the Diocese, pray the rosary for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

Our parish is blessed to be the home of a new Society of St. Vincent de Paul chapter! I am very grateful to all who have helped make this happen, and I am very excited for all the good this will do in our parish and community. Do you want to help those in our own community who need a helping hand and some loving encouragement? Get involved!

As fall approaches, many ministries in our parish prepare to begin again! I want to encourage you to learn more about what activities take place in our parish, and which ones you can get involved in! I propose that to fully develop our faith, as important as it is to merely attend Mass each weekend, we should also really strive to be involved in at least one ministry or additional activity in the parish. Please take a look at our events and stay tuned, asking the Holy Spirit what He is inviting you be a part of!

Our parish's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program began on September 30th - if you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about becoming Catholic, we'd absolutely love to hear from them!

Saint Carlo Acutis designed an exhibit that would display Church-approved Eucharistic miracles of the world throughout history – and a large part of this exhibit is in our gathering space at this present time!

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)

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE will take place this weekend and next weekend (**October 4-12**). Non-perishable food items will be collected in the gathering space. Thank you for your generosity!

AS PART OF THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH INITIATIVE, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will make a donation to a charity of the recipient family's choice. The Malvaso Family has chosen the De Mazenod Door as the charity to receive the donation. **Thank you Malvaso Family!** Happy Thanksgiving to all members and their families!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

APPLE CRISP PICK UP this weekend in the Parish Hall. Pay on pick-up, \$25. Happy Thanksgiving!



Cor

THE COR MEN'S GROUP AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH will be starting up on **Saturday, October 11th at 7:30am** in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be meeting regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month for 60 to 90 minutes. All men of the parish are welcome! The theme for our first meeting is "The Eucharist: Source of Our Healing and Hope" and includes a video and discussion. Coffee and donuts will be served.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION will meet each **Tuesday from 8-9pm**. We meet in the church for a brief teaching and a period of silent meditation followed by discussion. All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

Oct 10th - 6:30 PM—Youth Group, Parish Hall
 Oct 11th - 7:30-9 AM—Cor Men's Group, Mtg Rm 1 All men welcome!
 Oct 11th - 6:15 PM—Young Adults, Church/Parish Hall
 Oct 11th - 6:15 PM - Chosen—Season 5, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 11/12th—Apple Crisp Pick up
 Oct 13th - 6:00 PM—Chant Mass & Men's Recollection, Church, Mtg Rm 1
 Oct 13th - 6:30 PM - Card Group, Parish Hall
 Oct 14th - 1-3 PM - Crafting Class, Parish Hall, please register
 Oct 14th - 7:45 PM - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 14th - 8 PM - Meditation, Church
 Oct 15th - 9 AM—IHM/DeMazenod Door Cooking Team, Parish Hall
 Oct 15th - 7 PM—Activate, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 16th - 7 PM - Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
 Oct 17th - 10:30 AM—IHM School Mass
 Oct 17th - 7 PM—Ask Fr. Night, Parish hall
 Oct 18/19th - Blue Box Collection Weekend
 Oct 18th - 6:15 PM - Chosen—Season 5, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 20th - 6:30 PM - Card Group, Parish Hall
 Oct 21st - 7 PM - CWL Mass/Meeting
 Oct 21st - 7:45 PM - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 21st - 8 PM - Meditation, Church
 Oct 22nd - 9 AM—IHM/DeMazenod Door Cooking Team, Parish Hall
 Oct 22nd - 7 PM—Activate, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 23rd - 7 PM - Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
 Oct 25th - 6:15 PM - Chosen—Season 5, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 26th - 2 PM - Family Catechism at IHM School
 Oct 27th - 6:30 PM - Card Group, Parish Hall
 Oct 28th - 7:45 PM - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 28th - 8 PM - Meditation, Church
 Oct 29th - 7 PM—Activate, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 30th - 7 PM - Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

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MAKE
STUFF**

CRAFTER'S CORNER: Join us on Tuesday, October 14 from 1-3p.m. in the parish hall for crafts! Sign up sheet is in the gathering space.

STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 4/5, 2025 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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SOCIAL ACTION: Next weekend October 18/19 is BLUE BOX weekend. Please be generous as you have in the past thus enabling IHM Parish to prepare and cook over 700 meals for those who come to DeMazenod Door for their "DAILY BREAD". Last month DeMazenod Door served

16,068 meals or 2% higher than September 2024. To date DMDO has served 123,423 meals. As you know, from your own grocery shopping, the price of food has been increasing and these prices make it that much more difficult for the poor and hungry to eat delicious and nutritious meals. The need at DMDO and other organizations that feed the poor, the homeless, the working poor and the marginalized are under ongoing pressure to meet the growing demands. Your contributions to that effort is much appreciated and your donations are so very much needed. **THANK YOU.**



RETROUVAILLE: Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille – a program for married couples facing difficulties in their relationship. **The next Retrouvaille weekend is October 17-19, 2025. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org or to register visit www.retrouvaille.org.**



SSVP provides confidential help for individuals and families in need. Assistance is available to those living within our parish boundaries. **If you or someone you know could benefit, please contact:** ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com. We are dedicated to serving our neighbours with faith, compassion, and respect. **Next collection: Nov 1/2**

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, sister 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. For more information about praying for vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/>. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

WHEN LIFE CHANGES - PART ONE – 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 a six-week grief program for your support. Part one of the program will be offered on Wednesdays from Nov. 5 to Dec. 10 from 7:00-8:30pm and will be held at the Chancery Office, at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. **Register hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events for When Life Changes: Grief Relief (Part One) or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.**

EXPOSITION OF RELICS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH (304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek, ON) on **Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 10:00 AM** for a special **All Saints Day Mass**. After the Mass, explore a remarkable exhibit featuring **150 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. The schedule is as follows: 10am Mass; 11am Talk on the Relics by Fr. Ross Campbell; 11:20am–4:00pm Exposition of the Relics; 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass; 6:30pm–8:30pm Additional Veneration Time. Please come and celebrate the saints with us!

PLEASE PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

Anna LeDonne; Dora Sanseverino; Mark Beraldo

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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