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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

ihmchurch@cogeco.net

VISIT: www.formed.org

SOCIAL MEDIA: @ihmchurchsc

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)

We thank you for your generosity & support.



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

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

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: June 2-8, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	TED ZYCHOWICZ ***** CHANTED MASS		Rev. Sunil D'Souza
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	† ELEANOR & FRANK KUNKEL — Kunkel Family Richard & Sandra Estrella † ENZO VODOLA — Griffin & Giancaterina Families FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FRANCIS FLORIO — Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOHN HOFSTEDE — Martin Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LINDA MCFEETER & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DOMENIC SCIARRA — Julie Cascio FOR VICTIMS OF WARS, CRIMES, ABUSE & ADDICTION FOR PRESERVING THE DEPOSIT OF FAITH UNSPOILED BY HERESY AMONG THE SHEPHERDS OF THE HOLY CHURCH FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED INCLUDING POPES, CARDINALS, BISHOPS, PRIESTS, MONKS, NUNS & ALL CHRISTIANS		Rev. Christopher Tracey
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY FASCIONE		Barnabite Fathers
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOHN PAUL RZESZOTKO — Walter & Teresa		Rev. Edward Henhoeffer
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS — T. R		Catholic Youth
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	† JENNIFER ARRUDA AQUIAR & MARIA GRACE FERREIRA † PAUL BRAUN — Family † ROSA BUONOPANE — Palmira Caucci † RENO CORTIULA — Family † PETER & FLORA MENEGALDO — Grace Ivezic † TAMARA HOLADYK-NARDINI — Marcella Ciardelli & Family † TERESA VERTICCHIO — Luisa SOULS IN PURGATORY — J.Z FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOHN & ADELE VANTROOST IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY		Rev. Roque Concepcion
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE KIEFER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ARIEL & VICTORIA FERRER IN THANKSGIVING FOR 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

In Canada, the feast of the Ascension is celebrated this weekend (transferred from Thursday), so that even more of the faithful can participate in this great celebration. The Ascension celebrates how Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven body and soul 40 days after

Easter, bringing our humanity to the heights of Heaven so that He could be paradoxically *even closer* to each one of us as we follow Him. “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things will be given to you.” (Matthew 6:33). How is Jesus Christ inviting you to continue to rise with, to ‘elevate’ your spiritual life and your walk with Him?

Pentecost will come this upcoming weekend, and so we are praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit to prepare ourselves for this great solemnity which will conclude the Easter liturgical Season. Our goal is to be like Mary our patroness, who always obeyed every inspiration of the Holy Spirit. How can you get closer to the Holy Spirit? Come Holy Spirit, pour yourself out upon us, and we give You permission to guide and shape our parish!

This upcoming week I’ll leave for an annual priest workshop so I can continue learning how to be a better priest! Please pray for me while I am away, as I pray for you! The regular Mass and confession schedule will remain the same.

Also, please read the nice words from our summer Seminarian, Giuseppe!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!
 Peace and God bless you,
 Fr. Gregory Merkley

From Seminarian Giuseppe:

Hello everyone! My name is Giuseppe Njuaem, and I am a Seminarian at Saint Peter’s Seminary in London, Ontario. I belong to the Diocese of Saint Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. I’m originally from Cameroon—a country that, like Canada, is bilingual, with French and English as its two official languages. In addition to these, there are over 600 native languages spoken across the country. I come from a family of five siblings—two boys and three girls—and I’m the youngest. All of my family members still live in Cameroon, except for my older brother who moved to Texas some time ago. From a very young age, I’ve always wanted to become a priest. This desire is probably rooted, first of all, in the deeply religious nature of my family. But more importantly, it comes from the love I developed for the teachings of Jesus Christ, the joy it brings, and the kind of person they inspire me to be. That love for Jesus led me to enter the Minor Seminary at just nine years old. Since then, I’ve continued to discern my vocation and am now in the Major Seminary, following the path I believe God is calling me to. I pray that, if it is His will, I may one day become a good priest. You are always in my prayers, and I humbly ask you to keep me in yours as well. Also, Immaculate Heart of Mary is a very welcoming parish with some of the friendliest parishioners I have met. It’s a great honour to be among you, and to pray together!

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 12NOON: 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:

MASS & SOCIAL, Tuesday, June 10 at 7p.m. Join us!



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: No meeting 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.



CRAFTER'S CORNER: Tuesday, June 10 from 1-3p.m., Parish Hall. Join us and make a Canada Day Craft, Please sign Green book in the gathering space, cost \$5

UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

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 Rm 1
 June 5th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
 June 6th - 1-5 PM — Yard Sale Drop Off, Back Parking Lot (No clothes/electronics)
 June 7th - 8AM - 1 PM — Yard Sale, Back Parking Lot (KofC)
 June 7th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series, Meeting Rm 1
 June 7th - 6:30 PM — Diocesan Young Adults Night, Here
 June 9th - 7:15 PM — Men's Retreat/Recollection
 June 9th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
 June 10th - 1-3 PM — Craft Day, Parish Hall, RSVP
 June 10th - 8 PM — Christian Meditation, Church
 June 11th - 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
 June 12th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
 June 13th - 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
 June 14th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series, Meeting Rm 1 (Last Night)
 June 14/15th — Missionary Co-Op Weekend
 June 14/15th — Blue Box Weekend
 June 17th - 5 PM — St. Gabriel Grade 8 Graduation, Church
 June 19th - 5:30 PM — IHM Grade 8 Graduation, Church
 June 21/22 — Chalice Weekend
 June 23rd - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
 June 24th - 8 PM — Christian Meditation, Church
 June 25th - 7:30 PM — St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Rm 1
 June 26th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
 June 230th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall



SOCIAL ACTION: As the good weather approaches, we can expect more people to show at DeMazenod Door and the generosity of IHM parishioners is greatly appreciated. **If you want to help, besides contributing monetarily on Blue Box Sunday, June 14/15,** you can drop off specific food items that are

needed on a weekly basis in the bin provided in the hallway/cloakroom area. The list of items needed is posted there but is the following: Quaker Oats, Nutri-grain bars or other healthy breakfast bars, Medium Roast Folgers Coffee (large cans Wholesale Club), Coffee mate, canned Diced tomatoes, juice crystals. They will be picked up weekly and delivered to DeMazenod Door. Thanks for your help.



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.



THE HWCDSB OFFERS IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SUMMER CLASSES TO ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN FREE OF CHARGE. No previous knowledge of the target language is necessary. Classes run once a week for 2.5 hours. To view the languages offered, sites, and how to register, please visit www.stcharles.ca **Immaculate Heart of Mary School will offer Italian July 2 to 26, Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.** If you are interested in instructing a language, contact St. Charles at 905-577-0555 Ext 3225. We are currently looking for **Filipino and Polish instructors.** If you are interested, please contact Mary at anilowskim@hwcdsb.ca

STEWARDSHIP

May 25, 2025

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