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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/>

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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 11, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: May 12-18, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY FASCIONE—Ralph & Family ***** CHANTED MASS		Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	† DAVID BLACK & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PAT BLACK † CATHERINE ALLOSSERY & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GISELLE LAPRISE, JEANNINE SYLVAINE, CATHY PINSONNEAULT—B & T Delville † ANNA NERI—Eugenia Zavarise DECEASED OF ANTOLINI, GIGLIOTTI & CARLESSO FAMILIES —Deacon Joe & Nadia FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTEO GIGLIOTTI & GIGLIOTTI FAMILY—Theresa Sapra FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHELLE JANJIC—Matteo Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY MACKISOC & FAMILY—Kathleen Whyte FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TYLER PECKHAM & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SICK FOR PRIESTS WHO LACK FAITH IN THE POWER OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE PRIESTHOOD		Rev. Anton Sebamalai
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	† JAMES LANNIGAN — Family		Sisters Servant of Mary Immaculate
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	DECEASED OF THE ALAMPI & ATTARD FAMILIES		Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	† MIKE CASCIO — Julie		Rev. Peter Meyer
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	† GIULIANA ALFONSI—Mirella Paletta † MARIA DALBELLO & SERGIO SCATTOLON — Cathy † LEANNE DEVINE— Kathleen Whyte † BENITO DICLAUDIO —Palmira Caucci † HELEN DIDOMENICO - Family † RINO GABRIEL — Family † JONATHAN KWAN — Corozon Tortosa & Family † LAURA MACKISOC - Larry † LOU MAZZOCATO —John & Adele vanTroost † MARIA PANGRAZIO - Ada Di Iorio † MIKE VALLORANI—Family † FRANCES VERE —Lillian Cortiula FOR THE INTENTIONS OF HENDRIX ARMES - Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF HENRY PASSANO & FAMILY		Rev. Timothy Higgins
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY SOLTES — Mary Agnes Auer † VINNY TIRABASSI — Jimmy Nasso & Guido Giovannazzo PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

Habemus Papam! We have a pope! The Church rejoices that the cardinals have elected Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert Prevost, to be the 267th successor to St. Peter as the new Holy Father. May the Lord grant him peace, strength, wisdom and grace, so that he may lead our Church in these times. May we pray for him, love him and honor him, be receptive to his teachings, and allow him to help us to follow Jesus Christ ever more closely.

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.

This Mother's Day weekend, we thank our mothers and show them special honor in whatever ways we can. Mothers do so much and sacrifice so much. May we always remain grateful for their love and devotion to us!


Soon I and about 25 others will go to Rome for a jubilee year pilgrimage, where we also hope (God-willing) to see the new pope! While I am away from May 11th to the 23rd, all Masses and confession times will stay the same, and we are grateful to the priests who will fill in while I am away. Seminarian Giuseppe will also be here to help them as well, along with Ilaria who does so much excellent work. The

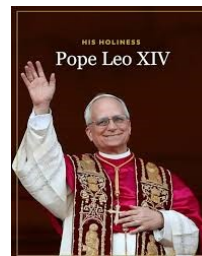
other pilgrims and I will bring you with us spiritually and we look forward to sharing updates from the trip!

"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 Njualem continues to enjoy his 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)

PARISH BULLETIN ADVERTISERS 2025! Many are the same as previous years, however there are several new advertisers. Practically ALL are members of our Parish Community and many are from surrounding businesses. While we are all more aware of BUYING CANADIAN these days, we ask you to please support these local businesses. Thank you to our advertisers for supporting our Parish!

YARD SALE JUNE 7 - If you are doing Spring Cleaning, please consider donating any gently used items to the Knights Annual Yard Sale. Watch this space for future announcements regarding when and where do drop off items.

If you haven't paid your **MEMBERSHIP DUES**, you can drop your envelope off in the collection basket at the weekend Masses.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Mother's Day is around the corner. Why not gift her a CWL membership? Check the bulletin board for details.



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 9th - 6:30 PM — Youth Group - Parish Hall
- May 10th - 6:15 PM — Young Adults - Parish Hall
- May 10th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series, Meeting Rm 1
- May 12th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- May 12th - 7:15 PM - Men's Recollection, Church/Meeting Room 1
- May 13th - 1-3 PM—Craft Day, Parish Hall
- May 13th - 8 PM — Christian Meditation, Church
- May 14th - 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
- May 15th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- 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 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

CRAFTER'S CORNER: TUESDAY, MAY 13 from 1-3p.m in the parish hall. Join us in making a Spring Time Door/Wall decoration! **Cost is \$5, please sign the Green book in the gathering space.**

SOCIAL ACTION: Next weekend (May 17/18) is **BLUE BOX** weekend and



once again we ask for your monetary donations to help our parish cook meals for those in need who come to DeMazenod Door.



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.



LOTTERY • 1 ST PRIZE - \$2,000.00 • 2 ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00 • 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th PRIZE - \$500.00 tickets - \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00 draw date: FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025, 9pm at the 17th Annual Dinner Dance at Michelangelo Banquet Centre (Tickets \$80/person), 1555 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton. For information or tickets call Anna Lemmen 905-869-1445. All proceeds to Help Neighbour in Need.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

May 4, 2025

- Envelope Donations: \$6221.10
- Loose Donations: \$2098.90
- Pre-Authorized (April 30): \$2215.00
- Canada Helps: 356.74
- E-transfer: \$180.00
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