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PASTORAL TEAM

FR. GREGORY MERKLEY, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Joe Gigliotti, Deacon
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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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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

"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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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, APRIL 13, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 14-20, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions	
MONDAY		9:00 AM	SOULS IN PURGATORY - Jadwiga Zychowicz *****		Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly		
		6:00 PM	CHANTED MASS				
TUESDAY		7:00 PM	† ROSI CAMPANELLA † JAN, HANK & JAMES LANNIGAN — Family † DECEASED OF ANTOLINI, GIGLIOTTI & CARLESSO FAMILIES - Deacon Joe & Nadia † DECEASED OF SGRO & NICOLAZZO FAMILIES — Joe & Carmela Nicolazzo FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MANI B FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOMAS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTEO GIGLIOTTI — Tom & Elizabeth Dolibog FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MONICA RZSEZOTKO — Walter & Teresa Rzeszotko FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED INCLUDING POPES, CARDINALS, BISHOPS, MONKS, NUNS AND ALL CHRISTIANS		Rev. Gregory Merkley		
WEDNESDAY		9:00 AM	† DONALD HENDERSON — Giallonardo Family		Oblates of Mary Immaculate		
HOLY THURSDAY		7:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG		Holy Thursday		
GOOD FRIDAY		11:00 AM 3:00 PM	PASSION OF OUR LORD — FAMILY LITURGY PASSION OF OUR LORD		The Passion of the Lord		
HOLY SATURDAY		(Note Time) 8:15 PM	PARISHIONERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY LIVING & DECEASED		Holy Saturday		
EASTER SUNDAY		9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG PRO POPULO				



My dear parishioners,

Interested in helping clean the Church in preparation for Holy Week? Join us as we clean April 15th beginning at 10 AM.

I'd like to offer a special *thank you* to Theresa Bennett for sewing the purple covers for the statues and images in the Church. They help us to enter into the Lenten spirit,

and they look truly excellent.

Have you ever been to a Chrism Mass? If not, you have missed out on something very beautiful. The Chrism Mass takes place annually at the Cathedral on the Monday of Holy Week, which this year is April 14th at 2 PM. If you've never been before, I strongly encourage you to see it – it is a beautiful gathering of the priests of the Diocese with the bishop as they renew their priestly promises. I'll be there and would love to see our parishioners there as well!

With Holy Week coming up please note that on Good Friday and Holy Saturday confessions will not be available as usual 30 minutes before the liturgy begins. I am always happy to offer this Sacrament whenever I can (including spontaneous requests if I am able to), but I've also experienced how right before these more involved liturgies, it is helpful to the liturgical ministers for me to be available so we can prepare well and begin in a timely way. Also, please note that during Holy Week, we intend to use incense during the Easter vigil and likely some of the Easter Masses. If this is a problem for you, please let us know here at the parish.

On Divine Mercy Sunday (Sunday after Easter) we'll have a Divine Mercy Sunday service in the afternoon – don't forget to start the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday!

I look forward to attending the annual Serra Club vocations dinner on April 30th. It is honestly one of my favorite events of the year, where you will see our Bishops, many priests, deacons, religious, and laypeople from all across the diocese. The dinner is a fundraiser to support the Serra Club, which in turn does incredible work encouraging men and women to hear God's call to the priesthood and religious life (for example as monks, brothers, sisters, and nuns). I'd really love for you to come to the dinner with me! Please contact our parish office about tickets!

Easter flower offerings of \$20 will make a beautiful gift in memory of loved ones this Easter. At Christmas, we offered the opportunity to donate flowers in memory of deceased loved ones, and this worked out better than anyone expected! We've decided to do the same for Easter as well. If you'd like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office before Tuesday, April 15; the names will be listed in the bulletin and placed on a visible list as we did for Christmas! It is a very fitting honor as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord at Easter!

Our parish is also in the final process of wrapping up our *One Heart, One Soul* campaign, which has yet been formally completed. As a result, encouraged by our parish's Finance Council, I will be reaching out to some of those with unfulfilled pledges offering an opportunity to give before we formally close this fruitful campaign which has been a blessing to our parish. Following that, we look forward to giving a report to the parish about the success of our *One Heart, One Soul* campaign!

Are you interested in helping provide a weekly experience of Children's liturgy of the Word? Many parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton offer a program each weekend for children during the Sunday Mass called "Children's liturgy of the Word." If you're interested in helping to offer this program or a week of vacation Bible school, please let us know.

Outside our adoration chapel is a board with prayer intentions for each week. I want to thank Charlene Jobity and Jadwiga Zychowicz for their work in putting this together and helping us to have a focus on each day of the week during Lent. Even a Hail Mary for those daily intentions will be powerful. If you'd like to sign up for an hour in the adoration chapel, please call Jadwiga at 905-537-0453!

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)

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Thank you to our advertisers for supporting our Parish!

EASTER FOOD DRIVE: Saturday, April 5 to Sunday, April 13
Please bring non-perishable items

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:

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED EASTER CHOCOLATES.
OUR NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 26, during the Lady of Good Counsel Lunch. Beginning with Mass at 10a.m. Sign up sheets in gathering space.

Cost members \$10; Guests \$15

We are still collecting **Membership dues**, you are welcome to drop your envelope in the collection basket.

Email: cwlwinona@gmail.com



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!

STEWARDSHIP

April 6, 2025

Envelope Donations: \$4593.00

Loose Donations: \$1219.00

Online (March 27): \$115.80

E-transfer: \$190.00

Total: \$6117.80

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

IF YOU HAVEN'T PICKED UP YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES, they're waiting for you! **If you asked for Envelopes or are still using visitor ones, please check the table for your set.

Our 2024 P&L is available on the table in the gathering space and on our website <https://ihmchurch.ca/fr-gregs-desk> (News & Information)

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.



EASTER FLOWERS — you are invited to remember your loved ones at Easter by making a donation of \$20 to be put towards our Easter Flowers. We display the names on the wall of the sanctuary steps. If you would like to participate, please call or email the parish office **before Tuesday, April 15.**

Donations can be made through e-transfer: ihmchurch@cogeco.net or by dropping off an envelope at the parish office. Please include the name of your loved one.



SOCIAL ACTION: Next Wednesday and the Wednesday after our parish volunteers will once again be cooking a delicious meal for the guests who come daily to the DeMazenod Door. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who come together to cook 2 wholesome meals for those who come to DeMazenod Door. In this Easter season, as it is every month, we are blessed to know that IHM parish cares and is generous to those who are homeless, poor, working poor or marginalized in downtown Hamilton. **THANK YOU. Remember the BLUE BOX will be available the weekend after Easter on April 26 & 27th.**



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. "...silence is the greatest of teachers. It heals, refreshes, energizes, inspires, sharpens, clarifies. It simplifies. It is the medium of truth." Laurence Freeman OSB. The 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**

UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

- Apr 11th – 7 PM – Stations of the Cross - RCIA
- Apr 11th – 6:30 PM - Youth Group (10-18 yrs) Parish Hall (See Poster)
- Apr 12th – 6:15 PM - Young Adults (18-39 yrs) Church/Parish Hall (See Poster)
- Apr 12/13th – Palm Sunday Masses
- Apr 14th – 2 PM — Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton
- Apr 14th – 7:15 PM – Monthly Men's Retreat ('Recollection') Church, Mtg Rm 1
- Apr 15th – 8 PM – Christian Meditation, Church
- Apr 16th – 7 PM – St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Room 1

EASTER LITURGIES

- Apr 17th – 7 PM – Holy Thursday (No Morning Mass is permitted in parishes) Adoration Chapel closes at 11p.m. Holy Thursday until Easter Monday at 10a.m.
- Apr 18th – 11AM – Good Friday — Family Liturgy
- Apr 18th – 3 PM – Good Friday
- Apr 18th – Needs of the Church in the Holy Land Collection
- Apr 19th – 12 Noon — Blessing of Easter Food
- Apr 19th – 8:15 PM – Easter Vigil Mass (No Mass earlier this day. This Mass is beautiful, but longer than usual)
- Apr 20th – 9 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM — Easter Masses

- Apr 22nd – 8 PM – Christian Meditation, Church
- Apr 23rd – 7 PM – St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Room 1
- Apr 24th – 7 PM — Praise & Worship Parish Hall
- Apr 26th – 10 AM — CWL Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass/Luncheon/Meeting
- Apr 26th – 5 PM — IHM School First Holy Communion
- Apr 26th – 5 PM — Mass for New Catholics at the Cathedral of Christ the King
- Apr 27th – 2 PM Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr 29th – 8 PM – Christian Meditation, Church
- Apr 30th – 7 PM – St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Room 1
- Apr 30th – Serra Club Vocations Dinner (Fr. Greg is going) – *Let us know if you'd like to come!*
- May 1st – 7 PM — Praise & Worship Parish Hall
- May 3rd – 5 PM — St. Gabriel School First Holy Communion




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