

		IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020 Mass Intentions: April 6-12, 2020 ~Please Pray for each other and for end of the COVID-19 Virus~	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
MONDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MATTHEW ZYCHOWICZ	Rev. Bernard Carroll
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR BRENDA & HEINZ—Joe & Nadia † FRANCESCO NICOLAZZO - Joe & Carmela	Rev. William Clarke
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	† PIETRO PAN & SANTE DIDONÉ- Franco & Maria Lucato † STANISLAW BIALACH—Elizabeth	Deceased Members of our Parish Community
THURSDAY	8:00P.M	JUDE MALONE—Noel & Pauline Ennis	Holy Thursday
FRIDAY	3:00P.M	GOOD FRIDAY	Good Friday
SUNDAY	10:00A.M	† PINA & ADELINA FERRARA—Family † NELLA, VITTORIO & ANGELO TONUS—Anne & Enrico Dalla Pasqua † MIKE VALLORANI & DECEASED OF THE VALLORANI & ELEUTERI FAMILIES † COSMO CONDINA & LUCIA CAPOBIANCO —Tony & Daniela Giannini † DORA GIGLIOTTI & ETTORE CARLESSO - Joe & Nadia † MIKE CASCIO—Joe & Teresa Giammarco SPECIAL INTENTION FOR JOE GIGLIOTTI SPECIAL INTENTION FOR JUAN LOPEZ † ALL THE DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS & THE PARISHIONERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ALL THE FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY	Rev. Eric Jensen SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020 (Easter Sunday) 1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel: John 20:1-18



DEAR PARISHIONERS,
Just a brief outline of Holy week services.

Holy Thursday Mass 8p.m.; not on social media
Good Friday Service 3p.m.; not on social media
Easter Vigil: cancelled

EASTER MORNING MASS: 10A.M. will be on social media (Facebook, YouTube channel)

SING ALONG:

FOR PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY- Opening -CBW #62 All Glory, Praise & Honour; Closing CBW #378—O Sacred Head Surrounded
EASTER SUNDAY—Opening/Closing CBW #395 The Strife is O'er

THE PALMS will be blessed at the 10a.m. Mass on Sunday, but will **NOT** be distributed until the parish is re-opened.

Saints often made an act of spiritual communion when they couldn't receive the Eucharist at Mass. For various reasons we may be prevented from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. We may have broken the one hour fast, be in a state of mortal sin, or we could even be homebound, unable to leave our home to attend Mass.

In these cases the Church encourages us to make an act of "spiritual communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion. Countless saints incorporated this type of prayer into their daily lives, not being satisfied with receiving Jesus in the Eucharist once a week or even once a day. Making an act of spiritual communion for them was an essential part of life and drew them closer to God on a daily basis. St. Josemaria Escriva encouraged everyone to make a spiritual communion as often as they could, "What a source of grace there is in spiritual communion! Practice it frequently and you'll have greater presence of God and closer union with him in all your actions." Padre Pio also had a habit of making a spiritual communion throughout the day outside of the celebration of Mass. He desired to be always united with Jesus Christ in everything he did.

Below is a traditional prayer of spiritual communion that many saints have prayed over the years. It can be prayed if you find yourself at Mass unable to receive the Eucharist, or even in the midst of your daily work, lifting up your thoughts to God. The ultimate goal of our lives should be communion with God and an act of spiritual communion can help a person draw closer to that goal.

Daniel Naim, our seminarian and I will be praying this prayer on behalf of our Parishioners at Communion time of every Sunday and weekday Mass. Perhaps, at that time, you could join us by making your own Spiritual Communion.

Oh Jesus, I turn toward the holy tabernacle where You live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my God. I cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen. Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

For weekend Mass with Fr. Bill: visit our website:
www.ihmchurch.ca, click on SUBSCRIBE TO
OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR MASS WITH FR. BILL

**AT THIS TIME, WE ASK YOU TO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER
ALONG WITH YOUR DAILY ROSARY:
POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO OUR LADY
(in the coronavirus emergency)**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana in Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. *AMEN*



ALTHOUGH OUR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN POSTPONED, WE CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR YOUTH IN OUR PRAYERS



SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY: Another week passes and we are hearing about all the wonderful volunteers who continue to help out, and those at The DeMazenod Door are no different. They continue to feed the homeless and those who are hungry and thirsty. We ask for your continued prayers for the most vulnerable in our community and for the volunteers who continue to minister to the homeless and hungry of Hamilton.

AT THIS TIME, WE ASK YOU TO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER ALONG WITH YOUR DAILY ROSARY:

PSALM 91—Assurance of God’s Protection You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.



HOLY WEEK BIBLE STUDY ONLINE—Dino Mustafa will be providing a series of presentations on the Holy Week, via WebEx. “What did our Lord Jesus do on each day of the Holy Week - A Bible Study on the last Seven Days of Jesus” When: April 3, 4, 5, 6,

7,8,9, 10, 11 - From 7 - 9pm. Dino will open the presentation room circa 6:45 PM. Please click on the following link which will allow you to enter the presentation room. The presentation will start at 7:00 PM. There is also a chat box in this program where you can ask Dino questions during the presentation. Also, you can use this same invitation everyday to attend the presentation at 7:00 PM. Please use the link provided: <https://myinsurancebroker.my.webex.com/meet/MIB>

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It’s that easy! There are movies, studies, and much more! Enjoy!

FORMED ONLINE: During this time, you may find it difficult to feel a sense of Lent and soon Easter. Our Parish offers Formed online. This is a free service for you. You may logon right from our website, go to the Parish info & Formed tab and register!

PLEASE NOTE ALL BAPTISMS & FIRST COMMUNIONS have been postponed until June. Further details will be made available at a later date. Please visit our website for the latest letter from our Bishop.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you would like to donate food but don't want to leave your house, consider a cash donation by going to the Hamilton Food Share website: <https://www.hamiltonfoodshare.org/how-you-can-help/> **donate/** There is an option to provide a message, if you so choose, e.g. "On behalf of Knights of Columbus 14421 at Immaculate Heart of Mary".

MEETING: We are exploring options for an on-line meeting in April.

If you have questions about life insurance or other products offered by the Knights, contact Guy Brucculeri, a fellow parishioner, for assistance: 905-643-6760 or guy.brucculeri@kofc.org.

Please take advantage of the opportunities for prayer being offered on-line, and of course, we can always ease our mind by good old-fashioned Scripture reading (Psalm 23 is among my favourite in times of distress).

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JOIN THE KNIGHTS and make a difference.**



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, PATRONESS OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**

Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel: filled with the Holy Spirit, you were a faithful disciple of Jesus, your Son. Intercede with your Son for us that we may be faithful to our baptism, fervent in prayer, and generous in the service we give to our sisters and brothers. May the spirit of the living God, who graced you with the gift of counsel, lead us in the way of truth and love. With the help of your prayers, may we come to rejoice forever with you and the great company of saints in the kingdom of heaven. Amen

CRAFTS: What to do with all of those empty toilet paper rolls? How about making some Easter decorations with them. Just google toilet paper rolls Easter crafts for some fun ideas. Guaranteed to be treasured keepsakes in years to come!

~ STEWARDSHIP ~

WE ASK that you please continue supporting us even though we may not be together as a parish family;



**WAYS YOU MAY CONTINUE TO DONATE:
PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:**

During this time of closure, we ask the you may consider pre-authorized giving. **You may access the form on our website: ihmchurch.ca “parish info”. You may email your form with a copy of a void cheque to the parish: ihmchurch@cogeco.net and we may begin the process immediately.**

ONLINE GIVING

You may make your donation directly online through our website. You may use your credit card and make a one time donation or monthly, tax receipts will also be provided. **This can be done also by going to our website, clicking on the ribbon at the top of our page “Donate to our Parish” and then clicking on “DONATE NOW”**

MAIL IN YOUR DONATION:

You may also mail your donation to the parish.
934 Highway #8, Stoney Creek, ON L8E 5H7

We truly appreciate your continued generosity.

We continue to pray for the Health and Safety of all of you.