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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
(Please check Bulletin for modified times)

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. We thank you for your generosity & support.



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FR. GREGORY MERKLEY, Administrator
Rev. Mr. Joe Gigliotti, Deacon
Ilaria Paletta, Pastoral Assistant
Billie Filice, Youth Minister
Francine Regaudie-McIsaac, Music Director

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.
(Building is locked at 5p.m. each day)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday evenings 8p.m in the church
(September to June)

PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays 7p.m - Parish Hall
(September to June)

PARISH FAMILY ROSARY

30 minutes before All Masses

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

Call/Email the Parish Office.

VOCATIONS

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905-528-7988 ext. 2341

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ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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VISIT:

www.formed.org

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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, APRIL 14, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS: April 15-21, 2024

Diocesan Vocation
Prayer Intentions

MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MONICA RZESZTKO —Walter & Teresa ***** CHANTED MASS	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	† ROSI CAMPANELLA —Tony & Daniela Giannini † DON HENDERSON—Giallonardo Family † SAVIO HENRIQUES —Sylvester & Arlette † MARY & MICHAEL KLEIN —Joe Kiefer † COLLIN NALLON † GUNI SAPRA—Luisa Mastroianni † BARBARA SCHLOSSER—Silvia Bryl FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANNA MARSON FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE BARTOLOTTI, GROEN, JAMES, THOMSON FAMILIES—Lou & Lisa FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LOU & LISA GROEN IN THANKSGIVING—Jadwiga	Rev. Edward Pierre Luc
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	† LIZ LUKACS—Sylvia & Valerio DeFaveri	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Protectress of Canada
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY —Grazja	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY—Melissa & Paul Martin	Rev. David Wilhelm
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	† MARY PALERMO—Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli † LAURA MACKISOC— Luigi & Marta Visocchi † ROSA TROTTI —Dennis & Mary Anilowski † MARY LEDONNE & GENE THERRIALT—Brian & Janet Patton † KENNETH MOSSEY & JOE MOSSEY —Family † FRANK DIFLORIO —Tony & Daniela Giannini FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON JOHN MOSS & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SISTER ELIZABETH BONYUN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. BILL TRUSZ, PAUL, MARYANN, DEBBIE, CARRIE BIANCO— Kathleen Whyte	Rev. Scott Whitfield SCRIPTURE READINGS APRIL 21, 2024
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	† ETTORE CARLESSO, DORA GIGLIOTTI & DECEASED OF GIGLIOTTI FAMILY— Deacon Joe & Nadia FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TERESA & LUISA VERTICCHIO —Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO	First Reading Acts 4:7-12 Second Reading 1John 3:1-2 Gospel John 10:11-18



Dear Parish family,

As we continue celebrating the Easter season, we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ for the 50 days of Easter! Here are some other updates you may be interested in.

The most recent clergy appointments by Bishop Crosby have been released, and they include that I will be appointed pastor

of our parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary effective June 26th, 2024. Up until now, I was *administrator*, a title in canon law that has the same rights and duties of the pastor (canon 540), but without quite the same sense of stability of assignment. May we pray and work together to do God's work and build His kingdom in this beautiful faith community.

"Ask Father" night returns on April 26th, at 7 PM in the parish hall. The last one was a big success – come out again, or for the first time to ask me all the questions you'd like! I also plan to share briefly where a priest's time goes, and more about purgatory, given that was a topic at the last "Ask Father" night!

Bishop Crosby has also approved the placement of a seminarian here at our parish during the summer, seminarian Timothy Kulakowsky. Here is a note from him as he prepares to come to our parish in May:

*Hello parishioners of IHM!
My name is Tim Kulakowsky, I am the seminarian who will be joining your parish this summer. I'm very excited about this appointment! I grew up nearby (Smithville) and while I was never*

a parishioner here officially some of you will probably recognize me when you see me. I used to linger around here quite a bit. Your beloved former pastor, Fr. Bill Trusz, was my spiritual director for years, and I used to spend a lot of time in your adoration chapel. In fact, it was there that I made the decision to join the seminary! Some of you I have already gotten to know, and have prayed with you, and you have supported my vocation with your prayers and encouragement. For those I do not yet know, I am looking forward to getting to know you all and building Our Lord's Kingdom with you! If there is anything I can do to support your faith journey, as you support my own in so many ways, do not be a stranger! Feel free to approach me anytime. :)

New Sacraments (First Holy Communion and Confirmation) are coming for our elementary students! Our Grade 2 children from St. Gabriel and Immaculate Heart of Mary schools are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on the Saturdays of April 20 & 27 respectively at 11 AM.

Our grade 7 students from Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Gabriel's are also preparing to be *confirmed* on the Wednesdays of May 1st and May 8th respectively at 7 PM.

Please keep these students and their families in your prayers!

May God bless you and your loved ones this Easter and always!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Fr. Greg



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 15TH ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT,
SUNDAY, JUNE 9 AT SOUTHBROOK GOLF CLUB



SOCIAL ACTION: Next weekend is **BLUE BOX** weekend and your generosity would be very much appreciated by all those who come to DeMazenod Door for their **DAILY BREAD**. In the first 3 months of this year the daily average number of meals served has increased 20% over the same period last year. With rising costs of rent and food the homeless, poor, working poor and marginalized of Hamilton are faced with a struggle to pay rent, if they have a place to stay, and buy food to feed themselves. Thankfully, many people such as those at Immaculate Heart of Mary are here to help the many who are struggling. Please be generous and support the **BLUE BOX** and allow us to continue to feed the poor of Hamilton.

PARISH BULLETIN: The advertisement spaces on the last page of the parish bulletin are mainly purchased by many members of our parish. The money raised by the Knights of Columbus is distributed to many causes, such as IHM Parish, DeMazenod Door, Hamilton Right to Life, Hamilton Food Share and Christian Refugees, to name a few. Please support the people and companies that support us. And thank you for your patronage!!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
Our next meeting is TUESDAY, APRIL 16
beginning with Mass at 7p.m.

COFFEE SUNDAY next weekend after the 9 & 11 am Masses.

If you are not receiving emails, please let us know by
emailing: cwlwinona@gmail.com



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.

"Christian meditation...is rooted in the teaching of Jesus on prayer and his teaching on discipleship... We have to find Christ within if we are to be able to follow him in our daily lives." Laurence Freeman OSB, The World Community for Christian Meditation.



IHM YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES
 Please visit: www.ihmchurch.ca, Youth Ministry tab.
FOR ACTIVITIES: Instagram: ihm youth_



ST. JOSEPH'S BROTHERHOOD — Men's Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7pm. We will follow the "Men of the Word – The Good News" Bible study program which consists of 12 sessions that cover the overarching story of salvation: from creation to our own lives. Meetings are every Wednesday night at 7:00pm except for the second Wednesday of the month. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Please bring a Bible.



THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton at 1:30 pm.** (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.



JOIN OUR PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP
THURSDAYS at 7p.m. in the Parish Hall.



2024 COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH: Has someone you cared about died? Are you feeling emotional, grieving the loss of a person's presence in your life? Our compassionate outreach program can help. **You are invited to participate in a Grief Support Program on Wednesday evenings at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, until May 8 from 7 – 8:30 pm.** If you feel you can be helped by this program, we urge you to attend. If you know of someone who could benefit from this, please encourage them to come. **To register, or if you have any questions, please call Daniela at 905-966-5262.**

THE FAMED ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL will visit the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on **Wednesday, April 24** they will provide music for the **12:00 Noon Mass** with Bishop Crosby. Following Mass the Junior and Senior choirs will offer a 30 minute concert. There are no tickets or admission for the event.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives. Even in the teen years, when peers become so important, parents are still influencing their children in almost every way. As their role model, it is important to ask yourself if what your children are seeing and hearing from you is how you would like them to act and speak. Do you speak kindly to family, friends and strangers? Do you limit the amount of time you engage on your phone and/or tablet/computer? Do you show them that you rely on God through prayer, attending Mass and talking about times God has helped you through? Your children are watching you to know how to act and behave, so look inward at how you act and speak and be sure you are the person you want your child to become.

STEWARDSHIP

April 7, 2024
 Envelope Donations: \$4225.55
 Loose Donations: \$1104.45
 Online (April 4): \$279.18
Total: \$5,609.18

Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to go "Green" please visit our website: www.ihmchurch.ca click the link "Donate to our Parish" and fill in the attached form and email or drop it off to the parish office.
Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: When we marry, we gain a spouse and his or her family. It is essential that we agree to ensure that we, as a couple, have the most important connection and that we remain united as a family unit when stresses with extended family arise. This means coming to agreement with each other on items such as how to celebrate holidays and traditions, the raising of children and other areas that directly impact us as a couple, even when family wants to have input. Our families can provide wonderful support to our marriage, but we must remember that the essential relationship is between our spouse and ourselves.

PROJECT ANNA AND SIMEON - For those grieving the loss of a loved one through Medical Assistance in Dying on **Saturday, May 25, 2024 12:00 PM - 08:00 PM**, St. John the Compassionate Mission, 155 Broadview Ave., Toronto. This retreat aims to provide comfort and support to individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one through MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying). The day will include shared meals, insightful talks from experienced speakers, small group discussions and opportunities for continued support. Overnight accommodations are available upon request. For more information and to register, please contact outreach@stmmarysrefuge.org. Suggested Donation: \$100



EUCHRE & TRIMINOES—Mondays at 6:30p.m.,
 Parish Hall, Cost \$4. All Are Invited to join!

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