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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.



Scan to Donate!

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

Fr. Mark Morley

905-528-7988 ext. 2341

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

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905-523-2332

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905-523-2468

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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VISIT:

www.formed.org

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.

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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 28, 2024
MASS INTENTIONS: April 29-MAY 5, 2024

Diocesan Vocation
Prayer Intentions

MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JESSICA MALJAR — Ralph & Mary Fascione ***** CHANTED MASS	Rev. Innocent Nwachukwu
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	✠ HENKA & PETER GLOVER — Joe Kiefer ✠ STIPO KELAVA — Z.N ✠ ANTONIO MANCUSO — Tony & Billie Filice ✠ ENRICA VIOLIN — Lou & Lisa Groen ✠ HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY — Mani FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CLAUDIA KOWALCZYK FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SHERI HARRIS & RICK LEZON FOR THE INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON JOE & NADIA — Kathleen Whyte	Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MELISSA MARTIN - Family	Jesuit Fathers
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	✠ FR. BRIAN DONNELLY — Giallonardo Family	Rev. James Petrie
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS — Jadwiga Zychowicz	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	✠ SERAFINA CANCI — Maddalena D'Ignazio ✠ RAFFAELE CARUSO — Family ✠ BETTINA CIPRIANI — Family ✠ RENO CORTIULA — Family ✠ JOE CAUCCI, DECEASED OF CAUCCI & FORLINI FAMILIES — Palmira ✠ GUNI SAPRA — Carol McIntosh ✠ PIOTR SZYDLOWSKI — Family ✠ EMIDIO TIRABASSI — Family ✠ HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY — Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SANDRA BERGIN — Cusick Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KAY MATIJASEVICH — Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY	Rev. Nishil Varghese SCRIPTURE READINGS May 5, 2024
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTHEW & LAURA FASCIONE —Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO	First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Second Reading 1John 4:7-10 Gospel John 15:9-17



Dear Parish family,

Recently we received news from our beloved former pastor, Fr. Bill Trusz, about the beautiful work that some of our parishioners have helped make happen. I am grateful to Fr. Bill for the many good things he has done in our parish and in our Diocese, and it is touching to see these good works."

Dear Fr. Bill & IHM parishioners,



I hereby greet and congratulate you for your dedication to continue to help the Congregation of the Little Brothers of St. Teresa in the formation of young people and in the community development project for the benefit of young people, peasant families and children. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to submit to you a report on the aid received for the

training of young people.

With the help received from Father Bill we organized a hot meal for the children of Beauséjour during Christmas 2023, there were more than 700 children who were beneficiaries and participants in this activity. It was extraordinary, the children were so happy for this end-of-year atmosphere.

We paid for an underprivileged girl who is studying nursing, she is in her fourth grade. We paid for her internship and tuition. We have two brothers who are studying agricultural sciences and another who is studying educational sciences. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the friends for their generosity who have contributed with the Bill to help us, especially parishioners of goodwill. The Congregation never ceases to carry you in its prayers.

Financial part

Amount received: US\$9980 after bank charges

Expenses:

Christmas activity for more than 700 children in Beauséjour US\$2000; 1-Nursing student: Bilourde Saint Vilus US\$1300; 2-Student of Agricultural Science Brother Wilfride François \$2500 USD; 3-Student in Agricultural Science Brother Ramongue Momplaisir US\$2500; 4-Student of Education Brother Désir Jean Raynold \$1600 USD; Total Expenses Incurred: US\$9,900



We can't find the right way to express our gratitude to all those who have raised money for the success of this formation project.

May God continue to bless you.

Brother Lozama

"Ask Father Greg" night is tonight, Friday, April 26th, at 7 PM in the parish hall. 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!

March for Life is coming up on May 9th, 2024. I plan to attend, so as to show my support for the sacredness of every human life. Maybe you will attend too? You can learn more about it at <https://marchforlife.ca/>.

I also plan to attend the annual Serra Club dinner! The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World and Permanent Deacons. Tickets normally cost \$90, but our parish may be purchasing or subsidizing tickets. If you would like to come, please contact the parish office. You may also contact serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for more details.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR OUR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1P.M. AT SOUTHBROOK GOLF CLUB, COST IS \$160 includes lunch, green fees, cart, dinner, prizes! Bring a foursome! For more information or to register, volunteer, or donate prizes please contact:
Guy Brucculeri - leafan299@gmail.com or 289-237-9584
Al Malvaso - gk14421@ontariokofc.ca or 905-979-2951
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ANNUAL YARD SALE -SATURDAY, JUNE 1 8AM TO 1PM.

It's Spring time again... time to clean out your garage and basement. Please remember to donate gently used items to this fundraiser. All proceeds to the **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**. Drop by for a burger or hotdog and go home with a new treasure!!
 Please drop off your donated items at the main parking lot, under the canopy. **Volunteers will be glad to receive your items from Noon to 6 pm on Friday, May 31. Please no electronics or clothing.**



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL LUNCH IS JUNE 2 at the Mandarin 12:15pm on Barton St.

Email: cwlwinona@gmail.com to RSVP

Next meeting May 21, this will be our memorial meeting, beginning with Mass at 7p.m.

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



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. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Please bring a Bible.



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



COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH (Grief Support : 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.**

PROJECT ANNA & SIMEON - For those grieving the loss of a loved one through Medical Assistance in Dying on **Saturday, May 25, 12 PM - 8 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@stmarysrefuge.org.** Suggested Donation: \$100

CHALICE IS COMING TO OUR PARISH! MAY 11-12. Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. **Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.**



SOCIAL ACTION: A big **THANK YOU** to all who donated to the Blue Box last weekend. This past Wednesday our wonderful group of volunteers made Meatballs and Penne. Along with the main course each guest received a beautiful garden salad with cucumbers and tomatoes, a fruit cup, coffee or hot chocolate. All of this made possible by the Blue Box donations and the time and effort of our terrific volunteers. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**



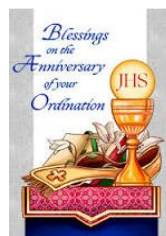
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Every Tuesday 8-9 pm from September through June. We meet in the church for a brief teaching and a period of silent meditation followed by discussion. All are welcome.
"Christian meditation...is rooted in the teaching of Jesus on prayer and his teaching on discipleship... We have 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.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024 BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are called to love", and is grounded in our Holy Scriptures: "If we love one another, God lives in us." (1 John 4:12) To learn more about Catholic Education Week in the Diocese of Hamilton, visit us at <https://www.hamiltondiocesecew.com/>



MARCH FOR LIFE—Ottawa Thursday, May 9, 2024, Departure: 6 am Expected Return Time: Between 10:00-11:00 pm the same day Location: Pick up and drop off at the West Highland Baptist Church (1605 Garth St., Hamilton, ON L9B 1X8) Free parking in the lower parking lot for the day. You must register your spot. Contact Hamilton Right to Life or call 905-528-3065 for more information. While the bus transportation is **FREE**, we gratefully accept donations for those who can help support us as we strive to promote the sanctity of human life.



FR. GREG'S FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION! Join us for cake after all the Masses next weekend (May 4/5) as we celebrate **Fr. Greg's Anniversary as a Priest!** Pray for him and give him your best wishes!



COME MAKE STUFF. CRAFT DAY! TUESDAY, MAY 7 from 1-3p.m. in the parish hall. We will be making fresh flower arrangements. Bring your own container. Cost is \$10. If you want to make a dry flower arrangement, please bring your own silk flowers and container, Cost is \$2 for the oasis. **To register, please sign the green book in the gathering space or call Adele vanTroost 905-662-7583.**

STEWARDSHIP April 21, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$3810.65
 Loose Donations: \$1184.35
 Pre-Authorized (April 15): \$3145.00
 Online (April 18): \$347.41
Total: \$8487.41

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.

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