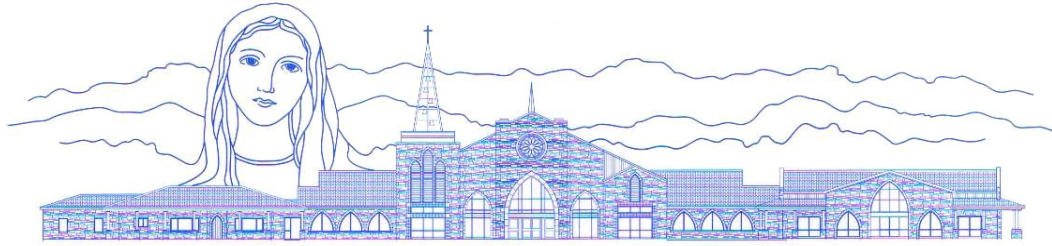


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Our Parish's Vision Statement:

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.

FR. WILLIAM TRUSZ

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PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Ilaria Paletta

YOUTH MINISTER: Billie Filice

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday to Thursday 9:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Closed: Monday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

WEEKEND MASSES: SATURDAY 5:00p.m.;

SUNDAY 9:00a.m.; 11:00a.m.; (4:00p.m Sept-June)

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday 6-7p.m.; Saturday 3:45-4:45p.m

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday & Tuesday: 10a.m. - Midnight;

Wednesday: 10a.m. to Saturday 9a.m.

BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish office to book.

Prep 1st Sunday of month (Sept-June)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Speak with Fr. Bill

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 11AM.Mass - JK to Grade 2 only. (Sept to June)

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS: Please call the Parish Office

VOCATIONS: Rev. M. King 905-528-7988 ext. 2246
visit: www.hamiltonvocations.com

SCHOOLS: Immaculate Heart of Mary 905-523-2332
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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.

HEALING VIGILS:

3rd Friday of Each Month from 7-9p.m. (Sept to June)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:

Tuesday evenings 8pm in the church (Sept-June)

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:

Tuesday evenings 6:30p.m. followed by Mass

CHOIRS:

Music Ministry Director: Teresa DiFalco

Ken Bates (Tuesday 7p.m.);

Marisa Giarmoli (11a.m. Youth Gr 3-)

Teresa DiFalco(5p.m); Luigi Visocchi (11a.m. All Ages)

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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.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

We welcome you and your family to our Parish,
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is received by the parish office. Thank you**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS ~ AUGUST 18-24, 2019
~Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish~

**Diocesan Vocation
Prayer Intention**

MONDAY	9:00A.M	† ANGELINE ROY—Silvia & Valerio DeFaveri	Rev. Jarek Pachocki
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	† ALBERT MARRONE—Family † FRED MISCIO & GINA PERRY—Family	Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	† JOHN & MARY BOICH—Branko & Dragica Pavic † DEAN JOHN FRLAN & DRAGIZA ZIZA—Family	Permanent Deacons
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	† TADEUSZ ZYCHOWICZ, CZESLAW, MARIANNA & MITCH CIURYSEK—Jadwiga † MARIUSZ GAJEWSKI—Larry & Ilaria	Rev. Adam Voisin
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ALL THE IHM BIBLE CAMPERS & VOLUNTEERS	Rev. Charles Jordan
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	† PIETRO & RAFFAELA TANGREDI—Carol & Mario DiGiantomasso † SHELDON GOMES—Family † JEAN HADER—Henrietta Wasik † ROBERTA VIQUIERA—Angelo & Anna Fidanza † SETTIMIO GIANCATERINA—Family	Rev. David Wilhelm



DEAR FELLOW PARISHIONERS;

The readings for the next three Sundays lend themselves to profitable reflection on spiritual growth. Beginning with this Sunday's second reading—a passage from the great Letter to the Hebrews—we are exhorted to see our faith as a call to participation in a life –long race. We are meant to be “athletes for the Lord.”

The time-honoured way of understanding this in our Catholic tradition is to see our spiritual growth in *three stages, three “laps” around the race track, so to speak*. The first lap has been called the **“Purgative” stage**. It is purgative because in this phase God’s spirit urges us to take seriously—perhaps for the first time—the negative affects of sin in our lives. The Spirit spurs us on to “lay aside the sin that clings to us so closely.”

The second stage of spiritual growth has been called the **“Illuminative” stage**. We have entered into a personal relationship with Jesus. We have become intentional disciples. Our minds are illuminated by the knowledge of Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and we are spurred to share the light of that knowledge with others.

In the third stage the Spirit moves us to unite ourselves with Christ’s sufferings in order to share in his resurrection. For this reason this third phase has been called the **“Unitive” phase**.

This Sunday we are on the first lap. We have looked at the Purgative Stage. Next Sunday, we will run the second lap as we reflect on the Illuminative stage. On the third, and last, Sunday we will consider the Unitive stage, which is the “final sprint.”

Are you ready to run the race? To the finish line?

More excerpts from Sister Brieger McKenna’s book, “Miracles Do Happen.” Enjoy! In my own life, while I gave my life to Jesus, there were moments of suffering, moments I had to struggle through temptation, through disappointments, rejection and misunderstanding, great challenges, and inevitable suffering. The most vivid experience of challenge to faith and of bearing my own cross came to me in the death of my father. My father was a strong man, a farmer. He died unexpectedly one winter night as he came home from visiting with friends. As he walked up the steps of his home and started to open the door, he had a stroke. All night he lay there, alone and helpless, unable to call for help, with my brother

and his family just across the street. He was discovered dead the next morning. He had frozen to death. As I thought about my father’s death, I wondered how this could have happened. I had stood by the beds of many dying people, comforting them, and helping them prepare to see Jesus. But for my own father to die as he did, alone and without family near him, with my brother’s home in full view but no one to comfort him—how could this be? Because of my faith in Jesus, I could look at death as a believer must. It is only an opening of a door. The way he died was tragic, but on the other hand, he could have been lying for years in unbearable pain. The Lord took him through the door of death more quickly than that –and took him as he lived, on his way with his key in his hand. He is now with the Lord and that is far better than anything we can have on earth. From this experience, I realized that death is like being born. When a baby is in the womb, it is safe and secure. If a baby could talk, I am sure it would say it doesn’t want to leave the womb, that it would rather not take the chance to see what the world is all about because there is no coming back. With our belief in eternal life, we can see the world as a womb, a womb preparing us for a birth into a new life. We, like the baby don’t want to go through the door of death into that other life. If is an unknown, there is no returning. Even with faith, we hesitate to take the plunge. Yet any person who has gone through the door of death into the arms of Jesus would say they would never come back. With all of that, my faith and this deeper understanding of death, it did not make my sorrow any easier. When I left home to return to the United States to start my mission to Brazil, a wave of sorrow and loneliness hit me, I remember that in Dublin, as I was waiting to leave, Fr. Kevin just sat with me as I cried. I just had to let out the sorrow. I had to be able to express this sorrow. Some people do not understand that sorrow is a natural emotion that must be expressed. Because this good friend could listen and let me cry, I felt the Lord’s strength coming to me through him as a friend believer and priest. I was able to offer this suffering to the Lord as my prayer and preparation for my ministry in Brazil. Because I was so empty, because I had to rely on him totally, because I accepted my brokenness and humanity, Jesus was able to reach His people through me in many beautiful ways.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #14421 CORNER:

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Have a wonderful summer with your family and remember to be safe and drive carefully no matter where you are. Check our website from time to time to find out what is happening starting in September.

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RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
- will begin in October, if you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, we invite you to call the parish office **905-643-1637** or email: **ihmchurch@cogeco.net**.



ONE DAY VACATION BIBLE CAMP!
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 from 9a.m. to 3p.m. in our parish hall -Grade 1 to 6, \$10. Please email: **Billie at ihm youth@cogeco.net**



SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY - This weekend the BLUE BOX will be in the narthex to accept your donations to help our parish feed the poor at The DeMazenod Door. The summer months are particularly busy as there are additional people who are able to come to the door and be fed so please be as generous as possible. Due to preparation for the Peach Festival this week the kitchen will not be available to use for The Demazenod Door so Genuine Bakery will be providing Chicken Lasagna, salad and rolls to The Door on our behalf so the poor will continue to be fed.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Group meditation on Tuesday evenings will resume in September. If you are looking for a quiet peaceful place to mediate may I suggest you visit the Adoration Chapel. Why not mediate in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



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FROM OUR PEACH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:
ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR!! Peach festival!

We are looking for help in the booth the weekend of **August 23,24,25**. There are 2 different positions, those in the booth and those on BBQ. Please consider giving back by volunteering. **See the sign up sheets at the back of the church to volunteer.**

Also, we will need help during the week leading up to the festival with, set up and take down of the booth, meatball and peach cobbler making. If you would like to help with any of these, Christian Service hours apply, **please contact Daniela Giannini at 905-966-5262 or tdjgiannini@yahoo.ca.**

Thank you in advance for your consideration and help!
Peach Festival Committee



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE—"Rest is

not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the blue sky, is by no means waste of time." (Anonymous). Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you in September. From your Executive: Adele vanTroost, Laura Mackisoc, Ilaria Paletta, Theresa Bennett, Janet Patton, Daniela Caltagirone, Charlene Brûlé-Lemmen





THANK YOU TO ALL THE LADIES WHO HAVE COME OUT FOR OUR CRAFTING SESSIONS! We will pick up again in September, please check the bulletin for dates.



COMMUNION AT THE PEW: Are you unable to walk to the front to receive the Eucharist? Please let our **USHERS** know when you come to mass and they will make sure Fr. Bill comes to you.



HELPING THE HOMELESS: In line with the spring/summer cleaning that many of us do ... We want to do a summer drive, looking for the following: **1) Men's Running shoes, good condition, no rips please, sizes 6 to 14;** **2) men's t-shirts;** **3)men's shorts;** **4) men's track pants;** **5) Spring jackets;** **6) long sleeve t-shirts.** **More importantly is they are in need of canned tuna and mayo for the men to eat. For more information, please contact Ann-Marie Schneider 905-643-4701 ext #1 , please drop them off in the gathering space.**



LOOKING FOR A SUMMER VACATION SPOT?

Book some time in our Eucharistic Chapel. This place is quiet, the company is refreshing and the blessings are unbelievable! We ask you to take a challenge and stop in for just 10mins once a week to start!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12, 5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



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