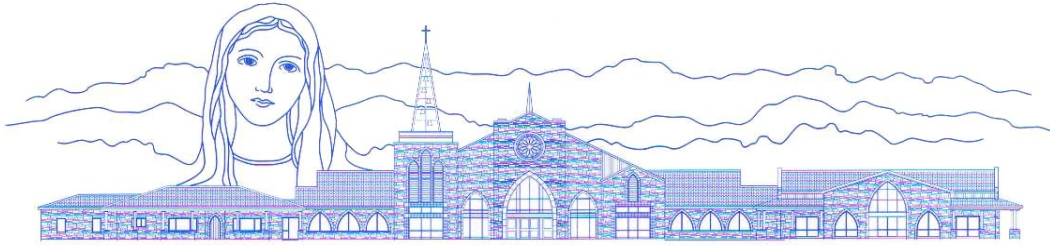


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## ***Our Parish's Vision Statement:***

*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.*

**PASTOR: FR. WILLIAM TRUSZ**

**SEMINARIAN INTERN:** Daniel Naim

**PASTORAL ASSISTANT:** Ilaria Paletta

**YOUTH MINISTER:** Billie Filice

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**Friday 9:30a.m to Noon**

Closed: Monday, Saturday & Sunday

**WEEKEND MASSES: SATURDAY 5:00p.m.;**  
**SUNDAY 9:00a.m.; 11:00a.m.; 4:00p.m.**

### **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:** 11A.M. 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](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

**SCHOOLS:** Immaculate Heart of Mary 905-523-2332  
St. Gabriel's 905-523-2468

**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(9a.m); Emidio Martino(11a.m)

**ELECTRONIC BULLETIN:** Email: [ihmchurch@cogeco.net](mailto:ihmchurch@cogeco.net)

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### **KEEP THIS PRAYER & RECITE EACH DAY:**

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,  
please introduce yourself to Fr. Bill.

To register with our Parish; kindly complete the following  
and place it in the collection basket.

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(form will be emailed to you)

**Envelopes are available from January to June only  
and will be in the sacristy the weekend after your registration  
is received by the parish office. Thank you**

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS ~ DECEMBER 1-6, 2019  
~Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish~

Diocesan  
Vocation  
Prayer Intention



MONDAY	9:00A.M	† SOULS IN PURGATORY—Jadwiga	Rev. Michael Vanderbeek
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	† TOM & JOSEPHINE IVEZIC—John & Grace Ivezic	Rev. Todd Arsenault
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ZYCHOWICZ	Diocesan Priests
Note Time THURSDAY	8:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR JANUSZ & GRAZINA	Rev. Pierre Caouette
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS—Teresa R.	Rev. Thomas Flynn
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	† BILL MOORE—Mary, Sheila & Rob † PINA FERRARA—Family † SAM GIANCATERINA—Domenic & Lillian Calcagni † FRANCO PIETRANTONIO—Remo Santini & Family † FRANK DILORETO—Larry & Ilaria Paletta † LUCILLE RANELLI & JOANN FABRIZIO—Romeo & Cindy Andreatta † ROSARIO INCADONA—Mike Sciortino & Family	Very Rev. John Van Hees

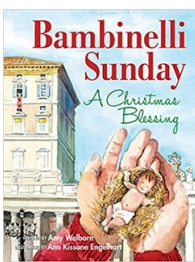


**DEAR FELLOW PARISHIONERS;** The Advent season, which begins another liturgical year, is almost with us. As it is proclaimed during the Sundays of Advent, God's Word has a special quality; notes of hope, of patient anticipation, of light in the darkness and joy in the silence echo through the Sunday readings. Over and over, the Spirit of God whispers in our hearts "God is coming", "Jesus is coming", "Come Lord Jesus!"

This Advent I would like to invite you to spend some time in meditation with Mary and the saints. Firstly, Dino Mustafa will be delivering four presentations on the four mysteries of the Advent/Christmas season (Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity and Epiphany as seen through the eyes of Mary). Some of you may recall, Dino presented a four-part lecture series on the Catholic Mass earlier this year. The venue will be in the large meeting room. Each lecture will last about 40 minutes, from 10:10a.m until 11a.m. during each of the four Sundays of Advent.

As well, I will be presenting a Sunday Homily series entitled "Advent Saints." Looking to Sts Augustine and Monica, Louis and Elizabeth, Maximillian Kolbe; Joseph and Mary and John the Baptist, we will reflect on how God's message of hope speaks from palaces and prisons, sinners and saints. Come Lord Jesus!

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**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**—For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to ALL OUR WEEKEND MASSES (DECEMBER 14/15). to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day - as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH & GIFTS:**

We invite your family to sign up during advent, the sign up sheet is in the Sacristy  
Advent begins on December 1.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #14421 CORNER:**  
[www.kofc14421.com](http://www.kofc14421.com)

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**JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL IHM CHRISTMAS PARTY IN OUR PARISH HALL!** Free snacks and drinks, bingo, and a kids section... and of course, pictures with Santa! **SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 AFTER THE 11 MASS- 2P.M.** Raffle prizes will be drawn at the conclusion of the party. See you there!

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**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SANTA CLAUS PARADE FLOAT IS READY FOR SATURDAY DECEMBER 7.** Any Knights who can come walk with us are welcome! Show your support and spread holiday cheer - wish people a Merry Christmas, wave, and hand out candy-canes.

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES** are due and can be paid by the envelope in the collection or in-person to Larry Paletta.

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We are selling Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets for \$5 each and Outdoor Signs for \$15/each, let us know if you would like to purchase them!

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Check our website from time to time to find out what is happening!

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Joe van Troost, Grand Knight ([joevantroost@Hotmail.com](mailto:joevantroost@Hotmail.com))

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**CHRISTMAS DINNER, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18!** Tickets will go on sale **the weekends of Dec. 7 & 8 and Dec. 14 & 15** for our Christmas Dinner. It is always well attended and a great opportunity to ask friends or family members to come out and enjoy this gathering of good food and friendship. Makes for a perfect gift -- it doesn't collect dust but collects moments when time is of a premium. We also look forward to congratulating our members who will receive their service anniversary pins for 2019. You can also purchase tickets at the Parish office after December 7 and during regular business hours. Catering by Marquis Gardens. **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019 - PARISH HALL. DOORS OPEN AT 6PM - DINNER SERVED AT 6:30PM. TICKETS \$25.** Menu includes: Organic Rolls with Churned Butter, Marquis House Salad-Honey Balsamic Vinaigrette (on side), Lasagna Bolognese, Grade A Turkey with all the Trimmings, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Fresh Grilled Vegetables, Gluten Free Pasta with Tomato Basil Sauce, Assorted Tarts & Squares, Coffee & Tea. As well, we will be collecting a toonie for The Elizabeth Fry Society. The Elizabeth Fry Society works with and for women and girls in the justice system, particularly those who are, or may be, criminalized.





**YOUTH MINISTRY:**

**GRADE 7 TO 12**, Interested in some food, fellowship and fun while confronting life's difficult questions and choices. **Join Us on SUNDAY'S, FEBRUARY 23; APRIL 19**, immediately following

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish's 4pm Mass. **Dinner will be provided.**

**Let's Grow Deeper, Stand Taller and be Unshakeable, let's be ROOTED in CHRIST! All three sessions are \$25 or \$10 per session.**

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**B'TWEENS: GRADE 2-6 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 FROM 7-8:30P.M.**

These sessions will be held throughout the year and the cost for all 6 sessions is \$30 or \$5 per session. Let's Stay Engaged, Excited and Craving More in Christ's Love.

**Email: Billie Filice at [ihmyouth@cogeco.net](mailto:ihmyouth@cogeco.net) to reserve your spot.**

Let's Stay Engaged, Excited and Craving More in Christ's Love.

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**SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY:** Once again this week our volunteers came together to prepare and cook a delicious wholesome meal for the needy of Hamilton who come to The DeMazenod Door. These folks have been asking when we were going to be cooking meatballs and penne so that is what they received this past Thursday and they were most thankful for this meal. As usual this was accompanied by a healthy garden salad, tropical fruit cup and hot chocolate or coffee along with a snack bag. Thank you to our parishioners for their kindness towards the poor, the marginalized and the working poor. May God bless you as we look forward to Christmas and the birth of our Saviour who continues to be with us.

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Share the **JOY OF CHRISTMAS** with those who are in need by choosing a family to assist this year from the **JESSE TREE** that will be in the narthex next weekend. Envelopes will be available for you to choose and then buy and deliver grocery store gift card and presents for those identified in the sealed envelope. Our parish was involved last Easter with a number of families and it was very well appreciated, so this Christmas will give us another opportunity to share the joys of Christmas with families in need. Please help bring some joy to our community.



**WE ARE AN ALPHA ZONE!!! Beginning on TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 until TUESDAY, MARCH 31 from 6:30-8:30p.m and every Tuesday in between we will have Alpha.** Each week we will share a meal and conversation.

Want to find out more? Do you think you are interested?

**Email: Doris LoPresti: [doe\\_18\\_4ever@hotmail.com](mailto:doe_18_4ever@hotmail.com) to register.**

**ALPHA-BITS:** "If Jesus is in your heart, please notify your face!"



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT!** Lend us your talent! You are invited to Sing, Dance or Act for our Show on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 beginning at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Hall. Call LUIGI by November 30 to register 905-643-1396.**



**EUCHRE MONDAYS!** The Immaculate Heart of Mary Euchre Club **RUNS EVERY MONDAY AT 7P.M. IN OUR LARGE MEETING ROOM.** Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship for \$3. Everyone is Welcome!!!



**THANK YOU TO:** the family who donated the Christmas Tree in the gathering space this year! **THANK YOU TO: JOHN VANTROOST, RON OGULIN, VINCE IZZO, NOEL ENNIS, FRED PUTT, STEVE MOSSEY & JOE NICOLAZZO** who cut down the tree, transported it and set it up! And to Adele vanTroost, for putting up the lights on the tree!



**TRANSITIONING FROM YEAR C TO YEAR A**

**A** - The Catholic Church uses the Liturgical Year to glorify, celebrate and understand the mystery of Christ, beginning from his birth and incarnation until his ascension,

which relates to Christ's rising from earth to heaven after the Resurrection. Certain days and seasons are set aside of each "Year" to recall and celebrate various events in the life of Christ. Our "liturgical year" does not correspond to the regular Gregorian calendar, but rather begins with the Season of Advent, the time of preparation for both the celebration of Jesus' birth, and his expected second coming at the end of time. On the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019, we will begin Year A. Our music ministry will be switching to Mass Setting A (music by Fr. Geoffrey Angeles) at the start of the Liturgical Year. Mass Setting A is found on pages 34-43 in the Celebrate in Song (red) book. The Gloria is omitted during the season of Advent. On the First Sunday of Advent, we transition from Year C to Year A, using Gospel readings from the Gospel of Matthew, and Year "A" Responsorial Psalms from the CBW III. Vatican II calls each of us to participate fully in the liturgy of the Mass. One way of doing this is by uniting our voices in song giving God praise and thanksgiving. Experience the love and joy that will fill your hearts by opening a hymnal and uniting your voice in spiritual union with one another in song. "Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." Ps. 95:1



**LOOKING FOR QUIET TIME?** Our Lord is inviting you to spend some time our Eucharistic Chapel. It 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! After all He gives us, we can spare a few minutes for Our Lord.



**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.



**GOD LIVES IN THE PRAISES OF HIS PEOPLE**  
**Join us any Thursday Evening from 7- 9p.m. In the Parish Hall for Teaching/Talk, Meditation, Intercessory Prayer. No Registration Required.**



**PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION** -Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, the Associate Director for Diaconate Formation, will be hosting an information night. Catholic Men in good standing, who are open to considering a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate or want to ask questions, are encouraged to attend.  
**Monday November 4, 2019 7pm; The Chancery Office, 700 King Street West, Hamilton Classroom A. Please RSVP: 905-528-2988 ext 2258 or email: [diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com)**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**2nd Reading:** Romans 15:4-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12



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