


CONFESSION (in the Chapel) Tuesday 6-7p.m; Saturday 3:45-4:45p.m		<h1 style="text-align: center;">IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass Intentions: December 14-20, 2020 EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Tues-Fri 10a.m-5p.m. in the church ~Please Pray for each other and for the end of the COVID-19 Virus~</p>		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
MONDAY	9:00A.M	† MITCH CIURYSEK—Jadwiga † IRENE LULIC—Matas Family	Rev. Godwin Pinto	
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	† DORA GIGLIOTTI—Family SOULS IN PURGATORY—Zlejka SPECIAL INTENTION FOR EILEEN PALMER—Brenda & Heinz	Rev. Ronald Hodara	
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	† SANDOR TALASZ—Silvia & Valerio DeFaveri SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ALICIA SNELL—Lidia Guzik	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer	
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	† STEFANIA NOWAK—Mitch & Alice Szrajber	Rev. Edward Henhoeffer	
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS—Luisa Verticchio	Rev. John Schnurr	
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	† EDDY HOBBS—Kathleen Whyte † SHELDON GOMES—Family † MIKE VALLORANI -Family † JEAN BENDO—Family † BORIS DRENSKI—Family † ANTONIO LEDONNE—Family † DIANNA MALVASO/SPECIAL INTENTION: AL & MICHELLE MALVASO—Paletta Family SPECIAL INTENTION FOR JOANNE YANTHO—Kathleen Whyte SPECIAL INTENTION FOR NOEL ENNIS & FAMILY FOR THE REPARATION OF THE SINS OF ANCESTORS OF THE OBUCINA, CVTTIC, PERCIC FAMILIES— Anna & Mario	Rev. Jacek Kryn	
SUNDAY	9:00A.M 11:00A.M 4:00P.M	† FERRUCCIO IANTORNO—Eva † IVAN TURCIC—Katerina ***** † LIVIO & GIUSEPPINA VENTRESCA, DECEASED OF CIRIELLO FAMILY † HERMIEN ZELDENRAST—Tony & Daniela Giannini † PINA & GASPARE SCIARRA—Julie † FERRUCCIO IANTORNO—Eva † ONORINA CATERINI—Emidio & Irma Tirabassi & Family ***** ANNA MARIA VARRASSO—Family	SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, DEC 20 1st Reading 2Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16 2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38	



DEAR PARISHIONERS, In a week's time our NET Team will be leaving the parish for a Christmas Break with their families, before returning to us in the New Year. I would like to take this opportunity to express a heartfelt gratitude to all of you who prepared suppers for them. They—the NET team members—told me how loved and welcomed they have felt by way of the great meals and the many kindly words of encouragement that so many included in cards that accompanied the meals. This must be what Jesus meant when he said, "if you have done this for one of my little ones, you have done it for me."



As pandemic anxiety mounts you might be asked by others; "Are we being punished by God?" It seems clear to me that we are not being punished by God. Indeed, God is our one sure source of strength and consolation in the midst of the trial. However, the matter is complicated when we continue to follow the line of questioning by asking: "if God is not punishing us, then who is?" It seems to me that because our world has strayed from God's protective love, we are prey to the forces of darkness, and it is they who know how to bring distress and suffering. What is most needed in these dark times is the peace and hope that contrite hearts can find in turning back to the light, turning back to God. During the quarantine, I gave a number of teachings on this matter as part of "Thursday afternoon Holy Hours" and they were recorded.

They can be found on our parish website on our Homepage or by clicking this link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateHeartofMaryParish> click on Playlists: Prayer Hour with Fr. Bill. I warmly encourage you to revisit those teachings, and to invite others, especially the young to visit them as well.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for God's protection over us.

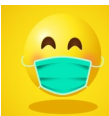


WE INVITE YOU TO LISTEN TO THE AUDIO VERSION OF OUR SUNDAY MASSES WITH FR. BILL AND DEACON JOE GIGLIOTTI.

They can be heard each Sundays at 1p.m by clicking on our link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateHeartofMaryParish>

We realize that you may not be able to return at this time. There will be televised Masses on Salt and Light (each day at 6:30a.m; 11a.m; 3p.m. and 10:30p.m.) Mass is also available online: <http://saltandlighttv.org/mass/>. Vision TV broadcasts Mass on Sunday at 8a.m.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER: 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.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT MASKS: It is mandatory to wear a mask in all public places, that includes the church and its facilities. Please wear a mask when you are coming to mass or the church building. ****IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION, THAT THE CLEAR PLASTIC HALF-MASKS ARE NOT A SOURCE OF PROTECTION . PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MASK IS COVERING YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH PROPERLY.** This is to protect yourself and those around you. We thank you for your co-operation for your safety and the safety of others.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Dear Members, this year we will not be able to get together like in the past, we miss seeing you all and enjoying each other's company and fellowship. Keep an eye out in your mail for something special!

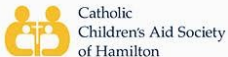


SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY: Thank you to all those parishioners who continue to support the BLUE BOX and the homeless and marginalized who live in Hamilton. All of the good that The DeMazenod Door does is only possible through your generosity and those of others who also see the same need. In addition to the meals that we are supplying this month, our volunteer cooks have also baked homemade Christmas goodies that will be given out over the next two weeks. Next weekend is BLUE BOX weekend so once again we are asking for your kindness and Christian charity in helping provide food and drink to all those who come to The DeMazenod Door.

THE JESSE TREE was a huge success this year as 32 families were given an extra bit of "goodness & heart" through your LOVE for those less fortunate. In spite of all the obstacles that go along with the coronavirus it did not stop you from reaching out and bringing a little more cheer into the lives of the 32 families that are being supported. THANK YOU and may GOD BLESS your family and those families that are being helped this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS - CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING, HAMILTON

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Midnight Mass will be preceded by a Carol Service beginning at 11:30 p.m. Both the Carol Service and the Midnight Mass will be broadcast on Salt+Light Media and shared with CHCH-TV. The Mass will be repeated on CHCH-TV at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning.



FOSTER/ADOPTION INFORMATION NIGHT is taking place **December 16, 2020 at 7pm**. This information night will be virtual and take place via Zoom. Anyone interested can contact me, Jennifer Veenstra @ 905-525-2273 or email jennifer.veenstra@hamiltonccas.on.ca to register.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.**



FROM OUR IHM PRAISE & WORSHIP TEAM JOIN PRAISE & WORSHIP—EVERY THURSDAY BEGINNING AT 7P.M. IN OUR PARISH HALL.

Please use the back parking lot for easy access to the parish hall. Please remember to wear your mask; Bring your bottle of water; your Bible, pen and note pad. Please note: COVID Protocol is in place. **PLEASE NOTE: We will break on Thursday, December 24 and will return on Thursday, January 14, 2021.**

Join us in the New Year to be refreshed!

If you have any questions, please contact Myra by e-mail at: myratjumeau@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

OUR ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE will take place starting from **December 5 until December 13**. Please drop off non-perishable food items in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support of our food drives!

BOTTLE DRIVE - We will be holding a bottle drive in January; please save your empties after the holidays and bring them here! Date to be confirmed.

CHARITY - UNITY - FRATERNITY - PATRIOTISM JOIN THE KNIGHTS and make a difference.



Our NET Team will be leaving this weekend to return home for Christmas. We ask you to pray for their safe travels.

Don't forget when they get back, they will be fully energized to bring you more activities! **Follow them on our Youth Instagram Account: ihmyouth_**



~ STEWARDSHIP ~ WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED & GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH DURING

**THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY THROUGH;
ONLINE GIVING:** This can be done 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**". You may use your credit and donation receipts are given right from this site.

**MAILING/DROP OFF DONATIONS TO THE PARISH
934 Highway #8, Stoney Creek, ON L8E 5H7
We are so grateful for everyone giving to the parish,
your generosity is most appreciated.
We continue to pray for your Health and Safety.**



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
Christmas Eve: 4p.m. (FULL); 6p.m.; 8p.m.;
12midnight

Christmas Day: 10a.m. & 12noon
We invite you to email the parish office if you wish register for one of our Christmas Masses by emailing the parish office at ihmchurch@cogeco.net.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration is mandatory or you will be turned away.

We will be offering an Online Christmas Mass on Christmas Day at 2p.m. You will be able to click on the link below to watch Mass on our Youtube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateHeartofMaryParish>

**OUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHURCH WILL BE
CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 4.
We will re-open on Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23 until TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021**