

<b>CONFESSION</b> (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 20, 2020</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass Intentions: December 21-27, 2020          ~Please Pray for each other and for the end of the COVID-19 Virus~</p>	<b>Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:00A.M	† ROSA & BERTILLO BERALDO—Maria & Franco Lucato SPECIAL INTENTION FOR DAVID ZYCHOWICZ SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE BERALDO & LUCATO FAMILIES	Rev. Janusz Roginski
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00P.M	† ANTONIO SERRANO—Carmelina & Ramiro Medina † FR. FRANK TRZUPEK	Rev. Robert Sims
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00A.M	† YOLANDA & GUERINO BOSICA—Family	Voluntas Dei Institute
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	4:00P.M  6:00P.M  8:00P.M  MIDNIGHT	† FRED MISCIO, GINA PERRY—Giroux Family † PIERINA, PIETRO SANTINI, LORENA & MICHAEL CUSIMANO—Filippo & Corrada Santini ***** † PETER IVANKOVIC—Family ***** † TOMASSINA GIANCARLO—Family ALL THE PARISHIONERS OF IHM PARISH ***** † MIKE VALLORANI, DECEASED OF ELEUTERI, VALLORANI, CICCHI, PALETTA FAMILIES † TED ZYCHOWICZ, DECEASED OF ZYCHOWICZ, CIURYSEK FAMILIES † ANTONIO & ANGELO MANCUSO—Family † FR. FRANK TRZUPEK, FR. JURI MACENAU † ELIZABETH KIEFER, CATHERINE TRUSZ † DECEASED OF SCIARRA & CASCIO FAMILIES SPECIAL INTENTION FOR FR. BILL & DEACON JOE	Rev. Michael Downey
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	10:00A.M.  12NOON	† PASQUALE MASTROIANNI—Family ***** SPECIAL INTENTION & DECEASED OF HOBBS & WHYTE FAMILIES SOULS IN PURGATORY	Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:00P.M	† GETULIO & RINA BALDELLI, MICHEL LAMADELEINE—Ivana † STEFANIA & JOSEPH BURY—Family SPECIAL INTENTION FOR JOANNE YANTHO—Kathleen Whyte SPECIAL INTENTION FOR EVA EWASKIW—Michael Cusick & Family	Rev. Martin Vallely
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00A.M  11:00A.M  4:00P.M	† ROY PATTON—Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli ***** † ESTELLE MULA—Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli † CARMELA & EMIDIO MARTINO & DECEASED OF BENEDETTI FAMILY—Family † ARMANDO VACCA, MICHAEL GIANNINI—Daniela & Tony Giannini † DONATO FIORILLO—Maria LeDonne † LUCIANO BENEDETTI—Maria & Lorenzo Lampignano SPECIAL INTENTION FOR VALERIE & ROB WISE—Lidia Guzik SPECIAL INTENTION FOR LOPEZ & APONTE FAMILIES *****	<b>SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, DEC 27</b> <b>1st Reading</b> Genesis 15:1-6; 17:3b-5; 15-16; 21:1-7 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 2:22-40



**DEAR PARISHIONERS,** 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.*

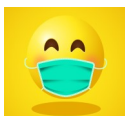


**WE INVITE YOU TO LISTEN TO THE AUDIO VERSION OF OUR SUNDAY MASSES WITH FR. BILL AND DEACON JOE GIGLIOTTI.**

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.  
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**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!

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**SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY:** This weekend is **BLUE BOX** weekend and once again we are counting on our parishioners to be generous in supporting all those who are homeless and marginalized who come to the DeMazenod Door every day. In addition to the twice monthly meals that our parish provides; in December our volunteer cooks baked home-made Christmas goodies. The guests who came to the door the past two weeks were absolutely delighted to see the wonderful baked goods, many of them eating even before eating their main meal. So **THANK YOU** very much for your thoughtfulness. The gifts provided through the Jesse Tree were also delivered and we received a very nice Thank You letter from St Patrick's Elementary School as well as our own Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary School. Many thanks to all our sponsoring families who brought the joy of Christmas to our community.

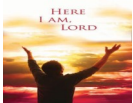
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### CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS - CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING, HAMILTON

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.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH- Parenting Tip 125** - Christmas during COVID will change many of our traditional outings and gatherings as a family, but we can still easily take part in our faith traditions. Centering our celebration on the birth of Christ is a great way to remind our children that Christmas for Catholics is the same this year as in other years. During Advent set up an Advent wreath and each week pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!) and set one up in your home; adorn the tree with symbols of the faith; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, especially on Christmas Day. The joy of Christmas is not gone because of COVID since Christmas reminds us of something that will never change, God's great love for each of us.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 105** - At the heart of every person is a desire to be known and loved for who we are. We fall in love with someone and then spend extraordinary energy and time on learning about the person. Once we marry, we can forget to keep on discovering who the person we love is becoming - because each of us is always becoming. Time and circumstance constantly change and as a result, the person changes. When the one we love stays interested in who we are, we feel secure, cared-for and loved. So spend some time asking about likes and dislikes, what bothers your spouse and what brings them joy, what is the one thing they would like to do if there were no limitations, what their favourite food is - the possibilities are endless and so is the benefit to your relationship! Make your Christmas gifts this year time and attention!



**PRAISE & WORSHIP** 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](mailto:myratjumeau@gmail.com)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to everyone who supported our food drive this Christmas. The food bank is very grateful for the items received!

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Thank you to Fr. Bill, our member Knights, and all our supporters over the past year. Merry Christmas and peaceful blessings to all the parishioners at IHM!

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**BOTTLE DRIVE** - We will be holding a bottle drive on the **WEEKEND OF JANUARY 9/10**; please save your empties after the holidays and bring them to the back parking lot of the Church!

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

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Follow them on our Youth Instagram Account:  
[ihmyouth\\_](https://www.instagram.com/ihmyouth_)



~ STEWARDSHIP ~



**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES** are ready for pick up, you may stop by on the weekend or Tuesday & Wednesday of next week, (December 22/23)

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**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.

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**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.*



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### CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas Eve: 4p.m. (FULL); 6p.m.(FULL);  
8p.m(FULL); ; 12midnight(FULL);  
Christmas Day: 10a.m.(FULL); & 12noon(FULL);  
**PLEASE NOTE:**

Registration is required. If you did not register you will be turned away as we must follow Government Guidelines for your safety that of others.

We will be offering our **Christmas Mass on Christmas Day at 2p.m.** on our Youtube Channel click the link below:  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateHeartofMaryParish>

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**NEW YEARS EVE MASS 5p.m.; NEW YEARS DAY: 10a.m.**  
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**OUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHURCH WILL be**  
**CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 4.**  
We will re-open on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

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

Thank you to **John & Adele vanTroost** for donating & setting up the Christmas trees & Nativity scene in the church and entrance. Thank you to **Ron Ogulin, Noel Ennis & John vanTroost** for setting up the Nativity scene and putting the Christmas lights on the trees outside the church. It is most beautiful in the evening.

