


<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 27, 2020</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass Intentions: December 27– January 3, 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	<b>FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH</b>	Rev. Joseph Michel
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00P.M	<b>† MICHAEL CUSICK JR—Family</b>	Rev. Kiwook Kim
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00A.M	<b>† FR. FRANCIS TRZUPEK—Elizabeth</b>	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne
<b>NEW YEARS EVE</b>	5:00P.M	<b>SPECIAL INTENTION FOR KEN BATES</b>	Rev. Arpee Urquico
<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>	10:00A.M	<b>IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS—Jadwiga</b>	Rev Pawl JAmroz
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:00P.M	<b>† PETER LAUGHLIN—Giallonardo Family SPECIAL INTENTION FOR GIALLONARDO FAMILY</b>	Bishop Douglas Crosby
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00A.M	<b>† ALL THE DECEASED PARISHIONERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	<b>SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, JAN 3</b> <b>1st Reading</b> Isaiah 60:1-6 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 <b>Gospel:</b> Mathew 2:1-12
	11:00A.M	<b>† CARLO ZAVARISE—Family † DOMENICA &amp; VINCENZO MANZELLA—Angela &amp; Mario Giannola † PETAR IVANKOVIC—Family SPECIAL INTENTION FOR APONTE &amp; LOPEZ FAMILIES</b>	
	4:00P.M	<b>PARISHIONER'S INTENTIONS</b>	



**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 re-visit 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.*



*As we come to the end of 2020, we take this time to reflect on the blessings and graces we have been given. A time where we were forced to stop rushing around and spend time with our loved ones, a time where material items were not our top priority. A time of quietness where we were able to give our attention to the one who made us! Our Lord! We reflect on the kindness, goodness and generosity of you our parishioners, who throughout this dark time, made the light still shine, you were accommodating to the changes presented to you on a monthly, weekly and daily basis. You stood by God our Father! We pray that during this most Holy Christmas Season, you are filled with the much deserved Joy of the Birth of our Lord! May your hearts swell with gladness all through this New Year!*



**WE INVITE YOU TO WATCH OF OUR SUNDAY MASSES WITH FR. BILL AND DEACON JOE GIGLIOTTI.**

**OUR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS WILL BEGIN AT 6P.M. TONIGHT**

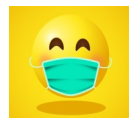
<https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateHeartofMaryParish>

As well our Sunday Masses can be seen at 1p.m by clicking on our link above

During this time of lockdown you may also watch 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.



We would like to thank the following families for their donations towards our Christmas Flowers; **The Red Poinsettias are in Memory of the Lucato & Beraldo Families, thank you to Frank & Maria Lucato. The two White poinsettias from the Visocchi and Wilk families. Our Christmas Trees have been donated by John & Adele vanTroost and family.**

**THANK YOU TO OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS and EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT FOR THE FAMILY and BAMBINELLO BLESSING ON CHRISTMAS EVE DAY!  
MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU SAFE.**



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish wish all the parishioners a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2021.

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**SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY: MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY & HEALTHY 2021.** In spite of the many difficulties associated with the pandemic our parish was able to provide over 7,000 meals to the homeless and marginalized who come daily to The DeMazenod Door. These delicious meals were made possible by your generosity. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS you and your family.

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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!

### CHRISTMAS MASS

Our Christmas Mass will be available on our Youtube Channel at 6p.m. on Christmas Eve  
click the link below:

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

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**OUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHURCH WILL be**

**CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 26.**

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



## 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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Heartfelt  
**THANKS**  
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

**DURING THIS HOLY SEASON OF CHRISTMAS WE THANK ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS** who with so much dedication and hard work keep our Church & Parish Hall immaculate and running smoothly. For keeping our flowers watered and blooming inside and out. Our Music Ministries for bringing music to our ears each week. Our Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion for spreading the good news and bringing the Lord into our hearts. For the Children's Liturgy volunteers who share the Good News with our little ones. Altar Servers who serve our Lord with a smile. Our Ushers who greet you with a smile and keep you safe during mass. To our Committees who fundraise for the good of our Church and surrounding charities including feeding the less fortunate and to you our Parishioners who support our events and parish throughout the year.

*We thank you for all you do, for without you, all that is accomplished would not be possible!*

*I wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and New Year. Fr. Bill*



### ~ 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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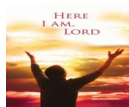
**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED & GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH DURING THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY THROUGH;**

**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.*



### PRAISE & WORSHIP

will break until **Thursday, January 28, 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)



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[ihmyouth\\_](https://www.instagram.com/ihmyouth_)