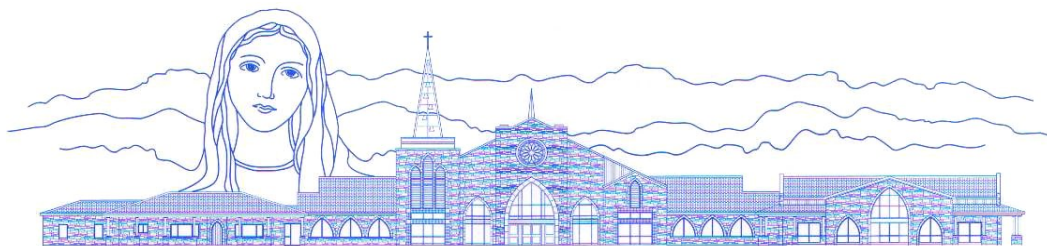


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## *Our Parish's Vision Statement:*

*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 12:30p.m.**

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)

**SOCIAL MEDIA:**  Immaculate-Heart-of-Mary-Parish



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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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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: Envelopes \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-authorized giving \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Bulletin yes/no

(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 8, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS ~ DECEMBER 8-14, 2019  
~Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish~

Diocesan  
Vocation  
Prayer Intention



MONDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR CELINA SANFORD—Walter & Teresa Rzeszotko	Very Rev. Con O'Mahony
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	† MICHELE & CRISTINA TIMPERIO—Lucia & Family † VITO & GIOVANNA COLUCCI & TOBIA & TERESA CARRIONE—Family	Rev. Felix Nwatu
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ALEXANDER KIM—Kim Family	Sisters of St. John the Baptist
THURSDAY	9:30A.M	MASS AT ST. GABRIEL'S SCHOOL	Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa
IHM School FRIDAY	9:30A.M	† DAVID ARNOTT—Family	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	† PATTY VALLERIANI—Maria Trombetta † GLORIA D'ALELIO—Marcella Ciardelli & Family † JOSEPH & MARY CIARLO—Family † ZVONKO HLCAR—Family † EMILIA CHIAROTTO—Family † AMEDEO PETRILLI—Family † FRANCO PIETRANTONIO—Luigi & Marta Visocchi † IRENE LULIC—Willy † BILL MOORE—Harrington & Ennis Family	Rev. Louis Lenssen

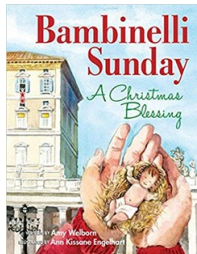


**DEAR FELLOW PARISHIONERS;** The Advent season, which begins another liturgical year, is almost with us. As it is proclaimed during the Sundays of Advent, God's Word has a special quality; notes of hope, of patient anticipation, of light in the darkness and joy in the silence echo through the Sunday 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.



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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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**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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**CHRISTMAS DINNER, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18!** Your Executive will be in the Gathering Space after Mass selling tickets 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 memories. We also look forward to congratulating our members who will receive their service anniversary pins for 2019. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish office starting December 10, 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 ihm youth@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:** What a beautiful time of the year when we can give to our hearts delight. For those who have little it is a most difficult time of the year because they have little to give but they can give their good cheer and wish a GOD BLESS to those they meet. At our parish there are a number of opportunities to give to those who are struggling or have only a few resources. There are 27 families in our community who can be helped through our parishioners generous heart through the JESSE TREE. There are envelopes in the narthex this weekend that you can pick up and through your generosity you will be able to give them food for their Christmas Dinner and gifts for their children. Sign up sheets are on the table in the narthex so once you pick up an envelope please mark it on the sheets provided giving your name and your contact information.

**BLUE BOX SUNDAY** is next weekend and you are asked to drop your monetary donation in the blue box and with that money we will be able to cook two delicious festive meals (serving over 350 people) for the folks who come to be fed and given drink at the DeMazenod Door. Remember if you want a tax receipt at year end put your donation into a plain white envelope and write your Sunday envelope number on the outside.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION;** Why not take one hour from your very busy life to meditate on Tuesday nights in the church from 8pm to 9pm. Christmas and New Years put so many demands on our time and adds a lot of stress that one hour in meditation can bring the true meaning of Christmas into our life. In silence and simplicity allow GOD WITHIN to be a part of your Christmas season. In a world of noise and ever increasing demands take one hour to breathe and enable the spirit to touch you. December 10th and 17th will be our last Christian Meditation sessions this year and we will resume on January 7th, 2020.



**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 to register.**

**ALPHA-BITS:** "The Eucharist is not an idea. It's not a Thing. It's a Person!



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 beginning at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Free will offering or canned good for Food Bank will be accepted.



**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!!!



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:  
ALL DAY CONFESSIONS:  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19  
10A.M.-9P.M. IN THE CHURCH**  
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**CHRISTMAS MASSES:  
CHRISTMAS EVE- 5P.M. & MIDNIGHT  
CHRISTMAS DAY - 9A.M. & 11A.M.  
NEW YEARS EVE - 5P.M; NEW YEARS DAY - 10A.M.**  
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**PLEASE NOTE  
OUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL  
WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 21 AT 9A.M. TO JANUARY 6.  
WE WILL RETURN TO OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE,  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6 AT 10A.M.  
THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON DECEMBER 26 & 27**  
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**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
FROM DECEMBER 20 TO JANUARY 7.**



**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.**



**VOCATIONS INTO THE PRIESTHOOD:** "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord?" If God is calling you, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988; email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com; www.hamiltondiocese.com

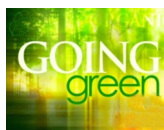


**COMMUNION AT THE PEW:** Are you unable to walk to the front to receive the Eucharist? Please let our ushers know when you come to mass and they will make sure Fr. Bill comes to you.



**SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019**  
**1st Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
**2nd Reading:** James 5:7-10  
**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11

**STEWARDSHIP — DECEMBER 1, —\$4360.00**  
The foundation of stewardship is a generous heart. Please note on the 15th & 30th of each month the pre-authorized figures are included.  
*Thank you for your continued generosity.*



**THINKING ABOUT GOING GREEN?** You may sign up for Pre-Authorized giving, fill in the form found on the front of the bulletin and we'll send you the information to sign up or visit our website www.ihmchurch.ca under Parish Info tab. **Forms must be submitted by December 20, for January start.**

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