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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.

PARISH PRAYER:

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. Amen

LORD'S DAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9a.m; Tuesday 7p.m; Wednesday-Friday 9a.m
(Please check Bulletin for modified times)

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday 6-7p.m; Saturday 3:45-4:45p.m
30 minutes before all other regularly scheduled Masses
(including Sunday Masses)

BAPTISMS

Call/Email the Parish office to book.

MARRIAGE

Call/Email the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance

R.C.I.A

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Call/Email the parish office

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.

STEWARDSHIP

"Donate to our Parish" through our website. Mail/Drop Off Donations to the Parish Office. We thank you for your generosity & support.



Scan to Donate!

FR. GREGORY MERKLEY, Administrator
Rev. Mr. Joe Gigliotti, Deacon
Ilaria Paletta, Pastoral Assistant
Billie Filice, Youth Minister
Francine Regaudie-McIsaac, Music Director

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Thursday

9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.

Friday 9:30a.m - 12:30p.m

Closed: Saturday, Sunday & Monday

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 10a.m. until Saturday 9a.m
(Building is locked at 5p.m. each day)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday evenings 8p.m in the church
(September to June)

PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays 7p.m - Parish Hall
(September to June)

PARISH FAMILY ROSARY

30 minutes before All Masses

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

Call/Email the Parish Office.

VOCATIONS

Fr. Mark Morley

905-528-7988 ext. 2341

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

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ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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Kindly complete the information below and place it in the collection basket.

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Join us in Praying the ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses		Confessions 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS: January 22-28 , 2024		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00A.M	✠ LYNN KINDREE — Arnott & Candy Families *****			Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto
	6:00P.M	CHANTED MASS			
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	✠ RENATA MEYERS – Domladovac Family ✠ MANUEL JOAQUIM LAVRADOR—Sabrina Giannini & Family ✠ ANTONIO GIANNINI —Fil & Raffaella Giannini ✠ LORENA STRAMARE—Doreen Zamperin ✠ MARKO VUKACIC —Family HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY—Mani FOR THE INTENTIONS OF IVAN STIPIC FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. BILL TRUSZ—Billie & Tony Filice FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GIGLIOTTI FAMILY—Heinz & Brenda Schlichting FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE LOPEZ FAMILY			Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	✠ MARY BANAVAGE—Jack Bidinost			Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SEBASTIAN LEE - Family			Rev. Edward Hampson
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	✠ FR. BRIAN DONNELLY - Giallonardo Family			Rev. Robert Dunn
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	✠ JEREMY FARRELL—Giallonardo Family ✠ FRANK GIMPLJ—Irma Tirabassi & Family ✠ AMALIA MARCONATO & JEAN DALBELLO —Carol & Mario DiGiantomasso ✠ DANICA MARKOVIC—Roger & Ariana Sherwood ✠ MARIO MATESIC—Family ✠ DECEASED OF THE PESSOT FAMILY — Luci & Sam Frosina ✠ JOSEPH SANTAGUIDA -Family ✠ GUNI SAPRA—Grace Ivezic ✠ SERGIO SCATTOLON—Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF NISREEN SAMPSON & FAMILY -Kathleen Whyte FOR THE INTENTIONS OF NICOLE FERNANDES			Rev. George Stortz
SUNDAY	9:00A.M	✠ DORA GIGLIOTTI, ETTORE CARLESSO & DECEASED OF GIGLIOTTI FAMILY			Scripture Readings January 28, 2024 First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Gospel Mark 1:21-28
	11:00A.M	✠ MIKE PRESTA - Family			
	4:00P.M	PRO POPULO			



Dear Parish family,

I was recently asked about the use of Latin at the Mass. The only time we currently use Latin at Sunday Masses is for the Lamb of God, or Agnus Dei. In English, you are familiar with the phrase, “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.” After that is repeated again, in English we say, “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.” The Latin version of that is Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis ... and the third time ending with dona nobis pacem.

Why do we have Latin at all in the Church? Throughout history, the Latin language has been a sign of unity of the whole Church. St. Peter was the first pope and the bishop of Rome. The most common language of the time was Latin, and having a unified language helped spread the message of the Gospel to all people and unify all the members of the Church. As time has gone on, the Roman Catholic Church has preserved the use of Latin because it is an effective means of unity. Latin is one of the 3 languages (along with Greek and Hebrew) that Pilate had written above the cross, “the King of the Jews.” It is extremely likely that our Lord Jesus Christ Himself spoke Latin (he is even depicted as doing so in the movie The Passion of the Christ). Having a shared language all around the world helps bring unity to the world. The Roman Missal says on this point, “Since the faithful from different countries come together ever more frequently, it is desirable that they know how to sing together at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin, especially the Profession of Faith and the Lord’s Prayer, according to the simpler settings.” (GIRM 41). The ‘ordinary’ of the Mass are the Mass parts that don’t change from Mass to Mass.

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) affirmed that Latin should be used in our time of worship. In fact, the council said, “steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in

Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them.” (Sacrosanctum Concilium 54) So while some people think the second Vatican council sought to remove the use of Latin, it would be more accurate to say that the council opened up more use of vernacular in Mass (the language of the people), but not in a way that was meant to remove all Latin from our worship. Also, note that the Kyrie Eleison is Greek (not Latin), and those are words right out of the Gospel, asking God for mercy! (E.g. Matthew 15:22, 17:15, etc.)

In Jesus’ time, people used one language for regular conversation (Aramaic), and a special sacred language for worship (Hebrew). Latin traditionally held the same role in the Roman Catholic Church for centuries. Of course, we can and should pray in any language. God always hears and understands us with tremendous love and care. Nevertheless, the use of Latin is something the Church highly recommends. It is a sign of unity as so many countries around the world can speak one shared sacred language. The pope’s documents and major Church documents today have their ‘typical’ editions in Latin. It is also a link to the past, reminding us of the centuries of Catholic Christians who went before us sharing the very same Catholic faith, regardless of what language they spoke outside of worship. In the Catholic Book of Worship III, number 299 has all the Mass parts in Latin, so if you wanted to follow along for the Agnus Dei when it is used, you know where to find it!

Deacon John Moss’ important visit on Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 PM will be an informative event that will help us to understand how we can joyfully worship as a family, in harmony with the mind of the bishop, as well as other helpful norms of the Church. All who have special roles before, during or after Mass are particularly encouraged to attend – all who attend will be blessed!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!
Blessings, Fr. Greg



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop Crosby 39th Annual Dinner Dance: This yearly fundraiser helped raise \$65,000 for Bishop Crosby to distribute to various local charitable needs, in 2023. Please consider being a part of this first class event, which takes place **Saturday, February 10, 2024** at Carmen's Banquet Centre, Hamilton. Tickets are \$75 per plate. It would make a great Valentines Gift, while supporting a very worthwhile cause. Look for further info on the parish bulletin boards. **Call John van Troost at 289-808-0617 for details.**

Parish Bulletin: The advertisement spaces on the last page of the parish bulletin are mainly purchased by many members of our parish. The money raised by the Knights of Columbus is distributed to many causes, such as IHM Parish, DeMazenod Door, Hamilton Right to Life, Hamilton Food Share and Christian Refugees, to name a few. Please support the people and companies that support us. And thank you for your patronage!!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All those members who pay their 2024 dues by the end of January will have a chance to win next year's membership for free. Draw will take place at the February general meeting. All ladies over 16 are invited to join the CWL.

This Sunday, January 21 is Coffee Sunday hosted by the CWL. Drop by after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses for a croissant and a coffee in the large meeting room.



IHM YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Please visit: www.ihmchurch.ca, Youth Ministry tab.

First Five Saturdays: February 3; March 2.

**Beginning with Rosary at 8:30a.m
followed by Mass at 9a.m.**

FOR DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Instagram: [ihmyouth_](https://www.instagram.com/ihmyouth_)



ST. JOSEPH'S BROTHERHOOD — Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:00pm. We will follow the "Men of the Word – The Good News" Bible study program which consists of 12 sessions that cover the overarching story of salvation: from creation to our own lives. Meetings are every Wednesday night at 7:00pm except for the second Wednesday of the month. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Please bring a Bible.



JOIN OUR PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP THURSDAYS at 7p.m. in the Parish Hall.

"Therefore I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing praises to Your Name." 2 Samuel 22:50 If you are in need of prayers, comfort, join us!



CALLING ALL YOUTH! We are looking to start a Youth choir at our 11a.m. Sunday Mass (Alternating weeks), if your child is in Grade 3 and up we want them! Grade 7 & 8's are most welcome to assist! (We will offer Christian Service hours) **Email: Music Director,**

Francine: fmcisaac0@gmail.com or call the parish office 905-643-1637

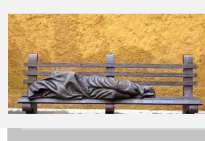


EUCHRE & TRIOMINOES Mondays at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. All levels of skill are welcome. Entrance donation \$4. Come out, enjoy an evening of fun & fellowship!



We will be making a VALENTINE FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENT on Tuesday, February 6 from 1 to 3pm in the parish hall. Please bring a mug or tea cup. The cost is \$5 for the flowers.

Email: budgie_mom@hotmail.com, if you are planning to attend. Hope to see you there!



SOCIAL ACTION: Another year begins as our parish volunteers cooked a great meal this past Wednesday for all those who come to DeMazenod Door. It has been frightening cold these last few days and the guests at The Door were extremely grateful to have a nice hot meal from our parish. This effort will be able to continue as long as our parishioners continue to support the **BLUE BOX**. This weekend, at all the masses, the **BLUE BOX** will be in the narthex to receive your donations. We are grateful that for the past 7 years you have supported this initiative, and you may take great satisfaction that your kindness is very much appreciated by all those who are fed and given drink twice a month by Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. **THANK YOU.** May God's blessings be upon you and your family. Next Wednesday another group of our parishioners will be preparing and cooking meals for DeMazenod Door.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Every Tuesday 8-9 pm from September through June. We meet in the church for a brief teaching and a period of silent meditation followed by discussion. All are welcome.

"Each time we meditate, we are like the prodigal returning home to be embraced..." Laurence Freeman OSB, The World Community for Christian Meditation.



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/the-bible-speaks-2024/> for more information.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE: Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 8-10, 2024. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2024 on Saturday, March 2nd, 9am to 5:30pm, Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building, 255 Front Street West A Grace-filled Day Celebrating God's Love with: *The Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto * Peter Herbeck * Fr. Mathias Thelan * Fr. Alex Colautti, CC * Uplifting Music * Eucharistic Healing Procession * Confession and Holy Mass * Separate Youth Event with Debbie Herbeck & Pete Burak **For Tickets/Info. www.ljhr.ca, contact@ljhr.ca**



OFFERTORY

January 14, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$3185.00

Loose Donations: \$230.00

Online (January 11): \$736.81

Total: \$4151.81

We thank you for your generosity.

2024 Sunday Offering Envelopes available for pick up! If you would like to go "Green" please visit our website: www.ihmchurch.ca click the link "Donate to our Parish" and fill in the attached form and email or drop it off to the parish office.

2023 TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE READY FOR PICK UP NEXT WEEKEND

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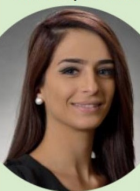


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