

CONFESSION
(in the Chapel)
Tuesday
6-7p.m;
Saturday
3:45-4:45p.m



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

Mass Intentions: January 4-10, 2020
~Please Pray for each other and for the end of the COVID-19 Virus~

Diocesan Vocation
Prayer Intention

MONDAY	9:00A.M	FOR THE VOLUNTEERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH	Rev. David Avila
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR KATHLEEN WHYTE † TOMASSINA GIANCARLO—Julie Cascio	Rev. Tony O'Dell
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	† AGNES HORNE & † MARGARET O'HALLORAN—Marie & Joe Giallonardo	Diocesan Priests
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ANIA KALUSKI	Rev. Kim Kiwook
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR JOHN & CHRISTINA USYK & FAMILY	Rev. Michal Kruszewski
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	† BORIS DRENSKI—Family † DIANNA MALVASO—Sam & Daniela Caltagirone † ANTONIO LEDONNE—Mina Vallorani & Family † DAVID BLACK—IHM Knights of Columbus #14221 † IRENE GROOT-KOERKAMP—Ian & Carol McIntosh	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera
SUNDAY	10:00A.M	† ROY PATTON—Fil & Raffaella Giannini † ETTORE CARLESSO & DORA GIGLIOTTI—Deacon Joe & Nadia † DECEASED OF SCIULLO FAMILY † ONORINA CATERINI—Antonia Lattanzi † ESTELLE MULA - Tony & Daniela Giannini	SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, JAN 10 1st Reading Isaiah 55:1-11 2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-9 Gospel: Mathew 1:7-11



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.



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!

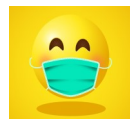


WE INVITE YOU TO WATCH OF OUR SUNDAY MASSES WITH FR. BILL AND DEACON JOE GIGLIOTTI AT 1P.M. ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL, CLICK THE LINK BELOW:

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

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.



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.



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH!
33 DAY CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH
Weekly Zoom meetings :
Wednesdays 6:30- 8:00 PM
February 15th - March 19, 2021
Introductory meeting:
Wednesday February 10th.

To register: include contact info: (name; cell or home phone), at:
pascalljobitych@hotmail.com or ihmchurch@cogeco.net

Purchase book resource EARLY at;

<https://www.fathercalloway.com/books-and-gifts/consecration-st-joseph-wonders-our-spiritual-father-or>

<https://www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/> or www.amazon.ca



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.



SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY: HAPPY NEW YEAR. To say 2020 was a challenge would be an understatement. What the year has taught us though is that there are many unselfish people especially Health Care workers, First Responders, Teachers and those working at Hospitals, Senior Homes, Schools and other facilities who have shown compassion to those who are ill. In our own parish through the generosity of our parishioners we were still able to feed the poor and marginalized who came to The DeMazenod Door. While we were not able to use our parish kitchen, we were able to have Genuine Bakery supply the meals on our behalf. The expense of doing so was 79% more than in 2019 but thankfully our **BLUE BOX** donations increased by almost 70 % thus making it possible to continue this very needed service to the community in Hamilton. While there is light at the end of the tunnel there will still be many months before we can resume cooking in our parish kitchen so our prayer is that our parishioners continue to support the BLUE BOX thus allowing us to supply meals to The Door every month as we have been doing for 4 years. **THANK YOU and GOD BLESS.**



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL: Hello dear IHM Parish community! A HUGE thank you for all your continued support of our kids and families, especially over this coming Christmas season. Your generosity with donations through the Jessie Tree, Coats for Kids from the Knights of Columbus and so much more-thank you!

Your thoughtfulness will help ensure many kids' Christmas is merry this year. Wishing God's blessings to each of you and your family for a blessed and safe Christmas. Best of health and happiness in 2021 and beyond! Vito Colella

A WALK THROUGH FRATELLI TUTTI - 'FRATELLI TUTTI': With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives." (FT#1) These are the opening words from Pope Francis in his latest encyclical, On Fraternity and Social Friendship. **Join us on Wednesday, January 27th for a 90 minute Zoom webinar to walk through of this beautiful document.** Written by Pope Francis to "all people of good will." Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry Office - register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com or by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



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

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

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!

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.

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 the parish

SATURDAY'S 12noon to 3p.m.

TUESDAY'S 10a.m to 4p.m.

THURSDAY'S 10a.m. to 4p.m.

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/DROPPING 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.



OUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHURCH IS CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 26.

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