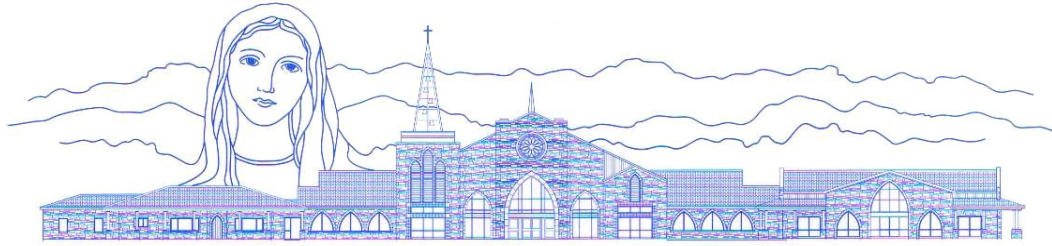


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Our Parish's Vision Statement:

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: 11AM.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

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

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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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NAME _____

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Please check one: Envelopes _____ Pre-authorized giving _____

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(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, JANUARY 5, 2020



MASS INTENTIONS ~ JANUARY 6-11, 2020
~Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish~

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MONDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR SEMINARIAN DANIEL NAIM	Rev. Piotr Golinski
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	† MARIA LUCIA TIMPERIO & ELISA MOCILE—Lucia Caruso	Rev. Andrew Czarny
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR EDGAR HOBBS—Kathleen Whyte	Sisters of St. John the Baptist
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR JOE GIGLIOTTI	Rev. John Redmond
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	† STANISLAW BIALACH & DECEASED OF BIALACH FAMILY—Elizabeth	Rev. Phillip Cook
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	† MIKE CASCIO—Gabriel Caponi & Family † PATRICIA WALSH—Sheila, Rob & Mary † EVA ERMETA—Barbara & Cliff Armes † FRANCO CALI—Giacomo Ferrara † FRANCESCO TUTTOLOMONDO—Michele & Teresa Sciortino † STEFANIA NOWAK—Mitch & Alice Szrajber	Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak



DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: PROGRESS REPORT

DEAR FELLOW PARISHIONERS, One of the highlights of the past year was our parish involvement in the Diocesan Capital Campaign. Year's end being a time for reflection on significant events, I thought it appropriate to give a brief report on the progress of the campaign in our parish.

By year's end we have raised approximately \$330,000.00 in donations and pledges. Actual money received (from pledges in process of being fulfilled) is around \$100,000.00. As well the diocese has promised us \$60,000.00 from the campaign in order to help our special situation (having to pay off the mortgage on our 10 yr old church and facilities).

Very soon we will be able to access our funds in order to address the campaign projects. One of the projects was to hire a part-time caretaker and to attend to such maintenance needs as a second furnace. Our finance committee has advised me that this should be a priority, especially in the aftermath of an expensive problem with our alarm system that occurred recently.

A second project envisaged by our campaign was to obtain more help with youth ministry in the parish and in the area. The advice of the finance committee is that we hold this project in abeyance until more money has been raised.

I've been greatly impressed with the generous response from you, dear parishioners, to the Bishop's appeal. As I've already stated to many of you ; I'd like to state to all: "May our good Lord, who will not be outdone in generosity, bless you and your loved ones abundantly and super abundantly in the year ahead and beyond."



In Christ's love,
Fr. Bill



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #14421 CORNER: www.kofc14421.com

This year we made \$1,000 Christmas donations to the Cancer Assistance Program in Hamilton, Hamilton Right to Life, Martha House, De Mazenod Door Outreach, and Christian Refugees Fund. We purchased 13 boxes of coats for children in need in the Hamilton, Stoney Creek/Winona and Niagara areas. We also supported several charities and some needs at IHM School throughout the year. Our biggest donation every year is to our church building, and we are happy to provide another \$10,000 to Immaculate Heart of Mary parish. Thank you to all our volunteers who work so hard all year during our functions to raise the funds for these worthy causes. Please continue to support our dinners, bulletin advertising, golf tournament, and other events throughout the year.

*I hope everyone had a Blessed and Happy Christmas.
Best wishes for the New Year!*

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our Annual Christmas food drive.

GENERAL MEETING—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 beginning at 7p.m.

MEMBERSHIP FEES—if you haven't given your membership fees in, please use the envelope in your 2019 box and drop it in the collection. Thank you to those who have already paid their dues!

SAVE THE DATE!! OUR PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT IS scheduled for **SUNDAY, JUNE 14** at Southbrook Golf & Country Club! Start polishing your golf clubs and join us for a day of fun, food and fellowship! This tournament is open to all parishioners, family and friends!

Check our website from time to time to find out what is happening!

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JOIN THE KNIGHTS and make a difference.**

Joe van Troost, Grand Knight (joevantroost@hotmail.com)

PARENTS OF GRADE 2 CHILDREN—Our First Communion Parent Sessions will begin on **Monday, January 13 & Tuesday, January 14 at 7p.m. in the parish hall.** You may attend either evening. If you have any questions please call the parish office 905-643-1637



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: OUR CWL FIRST MEETING OF 2020 is WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 beginning with Mass at 7p.m.—All the ladies of the parish are invited!





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.

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.

Interested in joining email: **Billie Filice at ihm youth@cogeco.net to reserve your spot.**

Let's Stay Engaged, Excited and Craving More in Christ's Love.



SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY: Thank you to all our parishioners who last year and in the previous 2 years supported The DeMazenod Door through their **BLUE BOX** donations. Your generous donations enabled our wonderful volunteers to provide over 7600 meals to the poor, the marginalized and the working poor in 2019. In addition, The DeMazenod Door Thanksgiving Dinner was sponsored by our parish for the third year in a row and there were over 80 parishioners who volunteered to help serve this dinner to those who came to be fed and given drink. Again and again our parishioners are there when there is a need. God bless each and everyone of you and please know that your actions are very much appreciated by those who benefit from your generosity.

THANK YOU to those who dropped off winter clothes for the **HOMELESS**. Know that you are keeping people warm by your donations of clothes and please pray for them as they face many struggles in their everyday lives.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Group meditation will meet again on **TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2020 AT 8P.M.** in the church.

DO YOU FEEL A CALL TO PRAY FOR OTHERS? Please, join us in a weekly prayer group, "PRAYERS FOR THE DYING" on **THURSDAY'S AT 3P.M.** in the church, Booklet will be provided.

THE APOSTOLATE FOR THE SICK, is a small group who is dedicating itself to the service of others. We would like to extend our services to our parish community. If you know someone who is homebound, hospitalized, sick and unable to attend mass and would like us to visit, bring communion, pray the rosary, **please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number and we will call to make arrangements to visit you.**



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: ihmchurch@cogeco.net**

ALPHA-BITS: "If You're a Christian and no one knows...are you?"



THE SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE OUT! When you begin using your envelopes in January please remember to write your name on them. *Thank you*



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.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 20 TO JANUARY 7.



DURING THIS HOLY SEASON OF CHRISTMAS I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE TIME TO THANK ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS who with so much dedication and hard work keep our Church & Parish Hall immaculate and running smoothly and ready for anything that comes their way, 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. To our **Ushers** who are always ready with a smile and their helpfulness to ensure you are in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. To our **Committees** who fundraise for the good of our Church and surrounding charities 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



PRAISE & WORSHIP

will resume on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 6P.M.** beginning with (Holy Hour in the church with prayer, worship and thanksgiving); followed by potluck in the hall at 7p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend!



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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!!!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17



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