



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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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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905-523-2468

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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VISIT:

www.formed.org

REGISTER WITH OUR PARISH:

We welcome you to our Parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Greg. Kindly complete the information below and place it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Please check one: Envelopes ___ Pre-authorized giving ___ (form will be emailed to you)

EMAIL: _____ E-Bulletin yes/no

Join us in Praying the ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confessions 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS: March 18-24, 2024	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00A.M 6:00P.M	INTENTIONS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY & THE TRIUMPH OF MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART—Marg ***** CHANTED MASS	Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	✠ EILEEN GIANGREGORIO— IHM Catholic Women's League ✠ IAN MCINTOSH —Mary Agnes Auer ✠ JOHN SEMENUK—Lou & Lisa Groen ✠ KATHY LUBERA, CHESTER MAZUN, MICHAEL & MARY SZBUNIA—Filippetto Family ✠ DECEASED OF LOPEZ & APONTE FAMILIES FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE GIALONARDO FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON JOE & NADIA GIGLIOTTI FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MRS DELUCA —Johnny Filice FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS—Luisa Verticchio FOR PRIVATE INTENTIONS—Grace	St. Joseph, Patron of Canada & the Universal Church
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	✠ GUNI SAPRA - Mary Soltes	Franciscan Fathers
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	✠ ROSI CAMPANELLA	Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TERESA RZESZTKO—Walter	Rev. Donald Sanvido
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	✠ MARY BANAVAGE—Vince & Josie Pucci ✠ LEONARDO & ANGELINA CORTIULA—Lillian & Family ✠ GERMAN GARZON—Family ✠ EILEEN GIANGREGORIO —Tony & Daniela Giannini ✠ JOHN KOREN —Barry Zonka ✠ MARIA LEDONNE —Arnott & Candy Families ✠ LAURA MACKISOC —Ralph & Mary Fascione ✠ KENNETH MOSEY —Family ✠ SERGIO SCATTOLON, PETER & ERMINIA GATTO—Cathy ✠ KERRI SHAW— Family ✠ GENE THERRIAULT —Fred & Chris Putt FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. BILL COMERFORD & FOR CHRISTINE ROGERS—Kathleen Whyte FOR THE INTENTION OF LINDA KENNEDY—Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DORIS LOPRESTI—Ariana Sherwood FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JADWIGA ZYCHOWICZ & FAMILY—Theresa Sapra	Permanent Diaconate Candidates SCRIPTURE READINGS MARCH 24, 2024
SUNDAY	9:00A.M 11:00A.M 4:00P.M	✠ ROBERT MACHNAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RALPH & ANTHONY FASCIONE PRO POPULO	First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7 Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel Mark 14:1-15,47



Dear Parish family,

I'd like to say thank you to John vanTroost for always keeping our building and equipment running smoothly, and to Tom Dolibog for recently installing the lights over the reconciliation room. The green light shining

over the confessional means you are welcome to come in and experience God's mercy. The red light means someone else is in there for now, but when they are finished the next person in line will be able to enter. We are blessed to have many generous parishioners who help us oversee the maintenance of our parish. May God reward them generously a thousand times over!

In consultation with the Diocesan chancery office, we have been asked to return to the use of collection baskets wherever possible during the Mass. As a result, our plan is to restore this practice which took place before the pandemic, which many other parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton have already resumed. During the *offertory* of the Mass (when the altar is being prepared for the Eucharist), it is a time when we are called to call to mind all that we want to offer the Lord. We offer Him our love, our prayers, our good works, along with our burdens, struggles, sufferings and needs. We offer God our hearts and souls, and as part of loving God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, we seek to offer God

our time, talent and treasure. From the beginning of Christianity, this has also been the time when the Christian community expressed its gratitude to God by means of its sacrificial giving, which was then collected and used for the common good of the community. In many parishes, those offerings are even brought towards the altar area as a sign of the fact that those sacrificial gifts are truly spiritually offered up to the God who cannot be outdone in generosity. We cannot thank enough those who give what God has blessed them with back to Him in a way that strengthens our community. May the Lord reward you abundantly. We hope to bring this practice back, as we've been directed to, starting this Easter. If you or someone else is uncomfortable with this method of collection, please let me know - I desire to find a solution as many people as possible can be happy with.

May the Lord abundantly bless you and your loved ones.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Greg



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
EASTER FOOD DRIVE: March 23-March 31

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 15TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT,
SUNDAY, JUNE 9 AT SOUTHBROOK GOLF CLUB

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

Our next get together is this Tuesday, March 19. We have a special guest speaker – Andrew Santos from CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association). He will up-dating us on the situation in both Ukraine and Gaza where their staff are working hard to mitigate the conditions there. All ladies are invited to come out and hear from a direct source what is happening in these areas. There will be a donation jar along with a cheque from the CWL.

COFFEE SUNDAY, MARCH 17 after the 9a.m. & 11a.m Masses!



IHM YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Please visit: www.ihmchurch.ca, Youth Ministry tab.
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 or comfort, join us!

2024 COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH: Has someone you cared about died? Are you feeling emotional, grieving the loss of a person's presence in your life? Our compassionate outreach program can help. **You are invited to participate in a Grief Support Program on Wednesday evenings at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, April 3 – May 8 from 7 – 8:30 pm.** If you feel you can be helped by this program, we urge you to attend. If you know of someone who could benefit from this, please encourage them to come. **To register, or if you have any questions, please call Daniela at 905-966-5262.**



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS LENT?

40 DAYS FOR LIFE HAMILTON invites you to pray for Hamilton's preborn children! YOU can participate in a peaceful prayer vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital, from February 14th - March 24th between 7am to 7pm. Please consider signing up for an hour or more of prayer this Lenten season! More information & SIGN UP ONLINE: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/hamilton>.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & VESPERS

Friday, March 15 – Knights of Columbus/Development & Peace
 Friday, March 22 –Praise & Worship Prayer Group



EUCHRE & TRINOES—Mondays at 6:30p.m.,
 Parish Hall, Cost \$4. All Are Invited to join!



SOCIAL ACTION: This weekend is BLUE BOX weekend and ask that you be as generous as possible as the need is great. This Wednesday and next Wednesday our wonderful group of volunteers will be cooking meals for the hundreds who come to DeMazenod Door daily to be given food and drink. Your donations are critical to our parish in ensuring that we are able to cook the delicious meals that the guests receive from IHM twice every month. Thank you and God Bless you.



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.** "There is nothing so much like God as silence." Meister Eckhart



THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD Saturday, April 13, 2024, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Saturday, April 20, 2024, St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

STEWARDSHIP

March 10, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$3160.00

Loose Donations: \$260.00

Online (March 7): \$342.39

Total: \$3762.39

Thank you for your generosity.

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 ARE READY FOR PICK UP!

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

JOIN US FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- 1:30 PM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions available
- 2:45 PM-ish – A short talk on divine mercy by myself (Fr. Greg)
- 3 PM-ish – Divine Mercy chaplet
- 3:15 PM-ish – Solemn veneration and incensing of the Divine Mercy image, and benediction
- 3:30 PM-ish – Confessions begin again as usual before the 4 PM Mass.

~EASTER LITURGIES~

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7p.m

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Passion of Our Lord 11a.m (Young Families) & 3p.m

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 at 12 Noon

EASTER VIGIL: SATURDAY, MARCH 30 at 8p.m

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: MARCH 31: 9a.m; 11a.m; 4p.m

CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE 30 mins before each Mass

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