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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.



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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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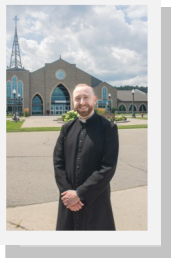
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Join us in Praying the ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confessions 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS: March 4-10, 2024		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00A.M 6:00P.M	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LOUISE KUNKEL—Kunkel Family ***** CHANTED MASS		Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	✠ FATIMA ALMAS —Theresa & Jason Candy ✠ KEN DIBARTOLOMEO—Family ✠ JOHN SEMENUK—Lou & Lisa Groen ✠ FRAN TASSONE—Tony & Billie Filice FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MANI BOPARAI FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AHED DOULEH—Mani FOR THE INTENTIONS THE GIGLIOTTI FAMILY —Giallonardo Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MRS. CALTAGIRONE—Simon Filice FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE LOPEZ FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. BILL TRUSZ—Brenda & Heinz		Rev. Timothy Higgins
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	✠ LUIGI SCALAMBRA - Family		Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF STELLA ROBINSON & FAMILY—Ralph & Mary Fascione		Rev. Michael King
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	✠ FRANK & ELEANOR KUNKEL—Kunkel Family		Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	✠ SANDRO ALBERICO—Family ✠ KEN DIBARTOLOMEO —Irma Tirabassi & Family ✠ JOE CAUCCI & DECEASED OF FORLINI & CAUCCI FAMILIES —Palmira & Family ✠ FRANCO FONTANA -Family ✠ VIRGINIA FORTINO —Dennis & Mary Anilowski ✠ JOSIE & TOM IVEZIC —Grace ✠ IAN MCINTOSH— Sam & Daniela Caltagirone ✠ FRANCES SAPRA —Paletta Family ✠ GUNI SAPRA —Micky ✠ JO-ANN SOCKETT—Bob & Mary Depew ✠ MICHAEL ALAN & IRWIN THORNE—Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY & THE INTENTIONS OF CHRISTINE ROGERS—K. Whyte FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE CALTAGIRONE FAMILY—Paletta Family		Rev. Ronald Voisin Scripture Readings March 10, 2024
SUNDAY	9:00A.M 11:00A.M 4:00P.M	✠ PIA DIGIACINTO—Tony & Daniela Giannini ✠ PETER COUTURE —Irma Tirabassi & Family PRO POPULO		First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-17a, 19-23 Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel John 3:14-21



Dear Parish family,

Update - Our Lenten Parish Mission this year will feature Fr. Gary Schlack March 16th -19th, who will preach at the weekend Masses as well as Monday and Tuesday evening. Fr. Gary is quite knowledgeable on the Shroud of Turin. He will share with us about how the Shroud of Turin can teach us about God's love for us, and inspire us to love Him even more in return this Lent. Fr. Gary is feeling better and will be able to give

the mission, in place of the original time in February which was deferred because Fr. Gary had laryngitis. Fr. Gary, like myself, didn't grow up Catholic, but powerfully experienced God in his life. His mission homily at all the Sunday Masses will be the same, and he will also preach additional extended homilies on the Eucharist and Confession during the evenings of Monday, March 18th and Tuesday the 19th, at the usual scheduled Mass times (6 PM and 7 PM respectively).

I have a personal website that may be of interest to you, www.fmerkle.com. There, I post homilies and there is other information that may be useful, including a *resources* page that has helpful websites or apps to help you grow closer to the Lord. I used to update the website more regularly, but often having been too busy throughout the years, I haven't always had the time to give it the upkeep I'd like. That said, I figured it is up to date enough for you to use and perhaps find some helpful content on! It includes a link to my testimony of how I came to follow God, many of my homilies, frequently asked questions, and other helpful resources. My hope is to continue to improve the website over time.

Bishop Crosby's Lenten Letter is excellent, and is available in the gathering space. Please give it a read!

"Ask Father" night will take place on March 8th at 7:30 PM. This will be a night where I can give a short talk, and then people are welcome to ask questions about anything, including our Catholic faith in general or things in our parish. My hope is to offer this type of night on a regularly scheduled basis so that we can grow in our faith together.

On Fridays in Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross and Evening Prayer (from the Liturgy of the Hours). They will begin at 7 PM each week, except for March 8th, when we will start earlier at 6:30 PM before "Ask Father" night begins at 7:30 PM.

The Lenten Bingo cards have been very popular! How is your Lent going so far? Will you win a prize through Lenten Bingo? I hope you do!

Monthly Men's Recollections which have started in the last couple of months. Where did they come from, and why are they here? For a long time, these monthly recollections have already been in place and were happening at the Cathedral of St. Catherine's under the direction of Fr. Ben Weber, the rector of the Cathedral (and a good personal friend of mine). Given that many men who attend these evenings are from Hamilton, I was asked if I could take them over, and I accepted the request. As the poster on our bulletin board notes, they occur monthly on Monday nights and include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk for men, confessions, and benediction, among other things. *(Next Dates: March 11, April 15, May 13, June 10, July 15, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9)*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us to have the best Lent yet!
Peace and Blessings,*

Fr. Greg



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 15TH ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT, 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
The CWL will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday March 1st. We encourage all members to attend as part of their Lenten preparation.

Reminder of our ecological friendly fundraiser TruEarth. Buy your laundry supplies through: <http://tru-earth.sjv.io/CWLWinona>



IHM YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES
 Please visit: www.ihmchurch.ca, Youth Ministry tab.
First Five Saturdays: 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:**

fmcsaac0@gmail.com or call the parish office 905-643-1637



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 1 – Catholic Women's League

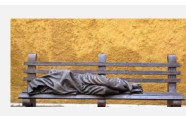
Friday, March 8 – RCIA (6:30p.m start time)

Friday, March 15 – Knights of Columbus/Development & Peace

Friday, March 22 –Praise & Worship Prayer Group



JOIN US! Tuesday March 12, 1-3pm in the parish hall. We will be decorating St. Patrick's Day cookies.



SOCIAL ACTION: With Easter coming early this year the guests at DeMazenod Door are hopeful that this year will be one that turn their lives to the better. We can only hope and pray that the good Lord will give them the graces needed to live in harmony with their neighbours and to help them cope with their homelessness, addiction, unemployment and other issues with the dignity they deserve.



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 MUSIC RETREAT The Liturgy Office is pleased to offer a Ministers of Music Retreat on Saturday, March 16th, 2024, at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish in Hamilton from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Dr. Glenn CJ Byer will lead the retreat with the theme of **Near Occasions of Grace.** Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

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.



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT COLLECTING CLOTHING FOR THE MEN'S STREET MISSION. At this time we are putting a hold on collections as we sort through the items that have been donated. If you have anything else to donate, we suggest that you bring the items directly to the Grimsby Benevolent Fund. We work closely with this organization and they provide amazing support directly to the surrounding community. Thank you for all of your support. Steve Schneider, Men's Street Mission.

STEWARDSHIP

February 25, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$4302.00

Loose Donations: \$420.00

Online (Feb 23): \$462.54

Total: \$5184.54

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 ARE READY FOR PICK UP!

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.



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

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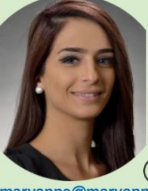

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