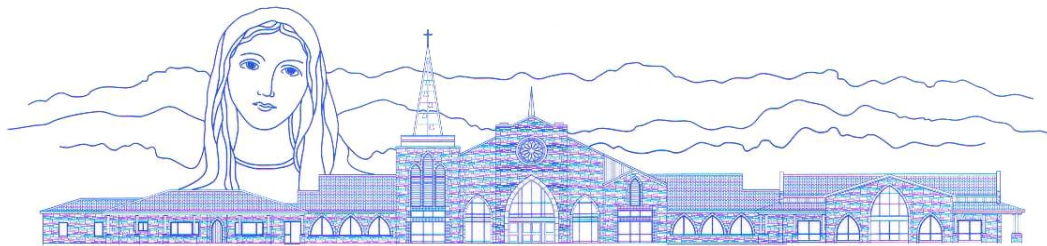


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Our Parish's Vision Statement:

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.

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PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Ilaria Paletta
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday to Thursday 9:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
Friday 9:30-12:30p.m.
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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: 11A.M.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
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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.

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 (Sunday 9a.m & Tuesday 7p.m);

Marisa Ciarmoli (11a.m. Youth Gr 3-)
Teresa DiFalco(5p.m); Luigi Visocchi (11a.m. All Ages)

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN: Email: ihmchurch@cogeco.net

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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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(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, MARCH 31, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS ~ MARCH 31-APRIL 6, 2019 ~Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish~			Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
MONDAY	7:00P.M	~Parish Mission~ †BILL NEEDHAM—Ian & Carol MacIntosh	Rev. Philip Reilly
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	~Parish Mission~ †ANTHONY KUFTA—Larry & Laura Mackisoc	Rev. David Walter
WEDNESDAY	7:00P.M.	~Parish Mission~ PARISHIONERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans)
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MATTHEW ZYCHOWICZ—Babcia	Rev. George Stortz
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS—Jadwiga	Rev. Pat Aiello
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	†JOHN JULIEN—Larry & Laura Mackisoc †IRENE LULIC—Willy †VITTORIO D'INTINO—Ada DiIorio †TOM VOLPE—Nuccitelli Family †WALTER VLASIC—Tony & Lisa DiBussolo †PAT PALETTA—Larry & Ilaria Paletta †BORIS DRENSKI—Family †RITA VELEZ—Sam & Daniela Caltagirone	Rev. Robert Stainsby



DEAR FELLOW PARISHIONERS; The news is out; **Deacons Vivek Trindade and Gregory Merkley** have received their call to the priesthood! Please pray for them and reserve the date of May 4 at 11a.m. at the Cathedral in Hamilton.



We are all grateful to God and to our church for giving us the season of Lent, a season of grace par excellence. During Lent we relive the spiritual dimension of the 40 years that the Chosen People spent in the wilderness, a time that prepared them to enter the Promised Land. We join in spirit our Lord Jesus and his 40 days in the desert, a time of inner preparation for the inauguration of the Kingdom of God. This Lent we invite you to participate in a wide assortment of opportunities for prayer and spiritual preparation.

A LECTURE SERIES ON THE HOLY MASS: Organized by seminarian Peter Robinson, this series features five Sundays beginning **March 10 in the large meeting room, beginning at 10a.m. and leading to the 11a.m. Sunday Mass.**

THE PARISH MISSION: Based on the theme: *“What is the Spirit saying to the Churches?”* our mission will be held from **SUNDAY, MARCH 31 UNTIL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3.** All services begin at 7p.m. A special feature of the mission will be our ensemble of speakers. *We will hear from Deacon Vivek Trindade (Sunday), Deacon Greg Merkley (Monday), Seminarian Peter Robinson (Tuesday); and Deacon-in-formation Joe Gigliotti (Wednesday).* Confessions will be available on each night of the mission from 6-7p.m. and from 8-9p.m.

ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 (Wednesday of Holy Week). **From 10a.m. to 9p.m.** there will be at least one priest, (sometimes two or even three) available to hear confessions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS/EVENING PRAYER: Starting at 7p.m. on the Friday evenings of Lent. April 5, April 12.

LENTEN SUNDAY HOMILY SERIES: based on the theme “the Spirit of Lent” Father Bill will preach on the essential role of the Holy Spirit as seen through the unique perspective of Luke’s Gospel.

Join us for one or all of the Lenten activities.



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KOFC CORNER: EASTER FOOD DRIVE next weekend and the weekend after. Please leave non perishable goods in the cardboard boxes in the narthex and they will be delivered to HAMILTON FOOD SHARE to help the many people who are in need of good food. Easter is GOOD NEWS and as such we need to give our fellow Hamiltonians a taste of that Good News by sharing what we have with them.. Be generous as I know you will.

Our GOLF TOURNAMENT slated for June 9th has been CANCELLED due to a number of conflicts and scheduling issues. Not too worry though, it will be back in 2020 and we hope you will give it your support.

Coming in May will be our famous KOFC CHARITIES LOTTERY with 500 prizes totalling \$ 500,000 with a top cash prize of \$200,000. Other prizes such as a Ford Mustang Convertible, Chevy Crew Cab 4WD, Stryker 17' Boat with a Mercury 60 ELPT motor, Chevy Cruze LT, Jayco Jay Sport Camping Trailer and many cash prizes. Tickets are \$5 each.

Look on our website for other upcoming events such as General Meeting Dates, Pierogi Dinner, Spring Cleaning and June Garage/Yard Sale. Also look at the SCHEDULE OF EVENTS on the bulletin boards in the church.

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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2019
APRIL 25 - JUNE 13

Every Thursday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.



IHM invites you to join The Life in the Spirit Seminar if you would like to: deepen your relationship with God; learn to yield to the action & grace of the Holy Spirit in your life, so that you can experience His presence; begin to experience Him working in you and through you; and make use of effective means of growth in your relationship with God.

REGISTRATION \$15/PERSON

Please sign up in the gathering space or call the office: 905-643-1637



PRAY FOR OUR GRADE 7 CONFIRMANDI who will be Confirmed on **SUNDAY, MARCH 31 (IHM) & SUNDAY APRIL 7 AT 4P.M. (ST. GABRIEL)**



JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP! Calling all children grades 2 to 6. Session Dates: April 26, May 24 from 7-8:30p.m. We will meet once a month for some fun rooted in Christ. Email: ihmyouth@cogeco.net
Don't forget to Bring Your Friends!



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE THE EXECUTIVE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO CAME OUT TO OUR LENTEN RETREAT. Rosanna



did an excellent job with the flow, Q&A and reflections on the Seven Sorrows of Mary. It was so well received that it was proposed this be an annual Lenten Retreat. Many thanks as well to our ladies who participated in the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 22. A total of 22 members attended. We received very positive feedback on "Mary's Way of the Cross". A special mention to our reader, Isabel Grguric who did an excellent job even though she was under the weather.



SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY: THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS who were available to prepare, cook, deliver and clean up this past Wednesday to help The DeMazenod Door feed the Hamilton hungry. It was quite a feast as we prepared and delivered 23 trays of Homemade Meatballs & Penne, 10 trays of mixed Salad and 240 fruit cups. We also provided Hot Chocolate for 200 people plus extra Meatballs and Sauce so they could give out Meatball sandwiches on Saturday. So THANK YOU IHM VOLUNTEERS for all that you do to help those in need. To all those parishioners who give to the BLUE BOX, you make this all possible with your generous contributions so many thanks.



EASTER GIVING TREE will be initiated in our parish to help those families who wish to have a wonderful celebration at Easter. Based on the **JESSE TREE** model that is used at Christmas in many parishes we thought on this **GREATEST FEAST of all, EASTER**, that those families in need

should also be able to celebrate without having to worry about buying food and gifts for their children. We are fortunate in this parish that neither of our Elementary Schools require this kind of assistance so we have asked the administration at St. Patrick's School (DeMazenod Door) for a list of families in need. **Next week there will be envelopes in the narthex for people to choose a family who needs help. The envelope will contain the number of family members and the respective ages of the children.** Families from IHM will be asked to provide food (Ham, potatoes (whole or boxed scalloped), vegetables and rolls and Easter gifts of eggs, chocolate or age appropriate gift for each member of the family. If you could wrap the children's gifts that would be great. If you can deliver the BOX to the individual family on Wednesday of Holy Week or on Holy Thursday that would be nice but if you cannot deliver then bring it to the church and we will arrange delivery.



SAVE THE DATE: The Catholic Women's League will celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel with a beautifully prepared breakfast by our Knights of Columbus. The date is **SUNDAY, APRIL 28, AFTER THE 11:00 AM MASS, IN THE CHURCH HALL.** Tickets will go on sale the weekends of April 6/7 and April 13/14. Price: \$15. Deluxe breakfast will include: Eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, pancakes, hash browns, fruit, juice, tea, coffee and 1 mimosa per guest. Bring a friend. It's an excellent way to get to know your fellow members and extend gratitude to our patron saint. Thank you and God bless. Charlene Brulé-Lemmen. President.



LOOKING TO DEEPEN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH:

You are invited to drop into our meeting room following our Tuesday evening Mass to learn more about our Catholic Faith



ARE YOU FEELING A CALL TO PRAY FOR THE DYING? Please join our prayer group, Apostolate for the Dying, in our prayers "Holy Hour: A Devotion for the Dying", **EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 3P.M IN THE CHURCH.** We look forward to seeing you there.



ARE YOU STRUGGLING, SICK OR EXPERIENCING DIVISION IN THE FAMILY.....? Join us any Thursday Evenings from 7- 9p.m. In the Parish Hall (Teaching/Talk, Meditation, Intercessory Prayer)
No Registration Required.



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you celebrating your 25, 40, 50, 60 or more of Marriage in 2019. You are invited to attend an anniversary mass on **SUNDAY, JUNE 9 at 1:30p.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the King.** To register, please call or email the parish office, 905-643-1637; ihmchurch@cogeco.net



COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH (A Bereavement Support Ministry)

Has someone you cared about died? Are you feeling emotional, grieving the loss of a person's presence in your life? Are you wondering if these feelings and reactions are normal? **You are NOT alone!** Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Francis

Xavier Parishes are hosting a Grief Support Program on **Thursday evenings from April 25 to May 30, 2019 from 7:30 – 9:00pm.** This 6 week program will be hosted at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in the Meeting Room.** If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us. If someone you know of has lost someone encourage them to come. **To register or if you have any questions, please call Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish 905-643-1637 or email: ihmchurch@cogeco.net**

(There is no fee for this program.)



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE POSTPONING THIS WEEK UNTIL APRIL 9, DUE TO OUR PARISH MISSION.



STUEBENVILLE, TORONTO— YOUTH CONFERENCE JULY 12-14, 2019 -Are you going into Grade 9 or are in Highschool? "See what love the Father has bestowed on us, that we may be called children of God." -1 John 3:1 At the core of our being is a desire for

meaningful connection and authentic relationship. We long to love and be loved, but how often do we just feel lonely? As we search for ways to escape these feelings of isolation, there comes a small, quiet whisper that pierces through to the depths of our heart: "You are never alone, because you are Mine." Come and experience His overwhelming love for you. **YOU BELONG HERE! The Cost is \$280 this includes: Transportation, Conference Fees, Accommodations, All Meals, T-Shirt. Bus leaves from our parish. The location is the University of Ontario Institute of Technology Oshawa, Ontario. Once you attend you will always want to go! Call the Parish Office to reserve your seat before MAY 30, 2019 & ask your friends!**



SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

2nd Reading: 2Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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