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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
Seminarian Timothy Kulakowsky

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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www.formed.org

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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: _____

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

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS: May 13-19, 2024		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	SOULS IN PURGATORY — Jadwiga ***** CHANTED MASS		Rev. Marko Stefanec
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	✠ MIKE CASCIO — Julie ✠ ELLEN CUSICK — Cusick Family ✠ PETER MCLEAN — Pat, Harold & Patricia ✠ GUNI SAPRA & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF STELLA MANCUSO — Tony & Billie Filice FOR INTENTIONS OF JOHN C. FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KAY MATIJASEVICH & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARIE GIALONARDO & THERESA SAPRA — Julie Cascio IN THANKSGIVING - Z.N		Rev. Joseph Akanbi
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	✠ ALBINO & PIERINA DEFAVERI & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MIRANDA BERALDO		Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. PETER JURZYK—Jadwiga		Rev. Charles Jordan
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	✠ LAURA MACKISOC — Larry & Family		Rev. Lourdy Dorismond
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	✠ FRANCESCO & TERESA ALAMPI — Attard Family ✠ ISRAEL CERIDONIO — Family ✠ KEN DIBARTOLOMEO — Mirella Paletta ✠ ANNE-MARIE CUSIMANO-JOHNSTON –Maddalena D'Ignazio ✠ IAN MCINTOSH — Theresa Sapra ✠ ROBERT MOSSEY — Family ✠ ANNA NERI — Family ✠ HAROLD O'HAGAN — Rosemary Chalupka ✠ MARY PALERMO —Tony & Daniela Giannini ✠ LEAH PASCALL — Family ✠ GIOVANNA SANTINO — Luigi & Marta Visocchi ✠ MARY & RICHARD WALLACE — Lillian Cortiula & Family ✠ MIKE VALLORANI — Family ✠ DECEASED OF HOBBS & WHYTE FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY — Kathleen ✠ CORRADA, PIETRO & PIERINA SANTINI, LORENA & MICHAEL CUSIMANO — Filippo FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. PIOTR JURZYK		Rev. Jarek Pachocki, SCRIPTURE READINGS May 19, 2024
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	PRO POPULO ✠ MARY & ALOJZ GRGURIC - Family ✠ CIRO & ALMA BEDIN — Family		First Reading Acts 2:1-11 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 Gospel John 20: 19-23



Dear Parish family,

As we continue celebrating the Easter season, we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ for the 50 days of Easter!

This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. This feast is so important that, in Canada, it is transferred from Thursday to Sunday so that more can celebrate it liturgically.

The Ascension took place forty days after Easter Sunday, when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven, and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. It is significant as it shows that He has returned to Heaven after completing his mission on Earth. Yet from there He continues to guide and watch over us.

Our parish will be blessed to host the Diocesan Young Adult Group gathering next month. Young adults (those aged 18 to 39 definitely qualify) are invited to join us on Saturday, June 1st beginning at 6:30 PM in the parish hall for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and live music! Bring your friends and get ready to make new ones!

This weekend we celebrate our beloved mothers! We pray that our spiritual Mother Mary will continue to pray for our earthly mothers. May God bless you for being a beacon of light and love for your families.

Chalice weekend is this weekend. For those who don't know what Chalice is, Chalice is a Catholic international aid charity focused on child, family, and community development. They work closely with lay people, religious missionaries, and local communities to provide care for the many children and families caught in the dehumanizing grip of poverty. Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to see how you can help. May God reward you!

This month of May is the month of Mary. In a special way, we think during this month of Mary's virtues, her example, her Motherhood and maternal care for each one of us. Mary is often *crowned* in May, and we are called anew to pray her rosary with love and devotion as way of drawing closer to Christ through her. What is a Marian resolution you can make for this month? Some Marian devotions and sacramentals that may be of interest to you are Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary (such as through the materials created by St. Louis Marie de Montfort or Fr. Michael Gaitley in *33 Days to Morning Glory*), the five first Saturdays (from Mary's Church-approved private revelations in Fatima, Portugal), Marian pilgrimages, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, novenas, the miraculous medal, and wearing the brown scapular. If you have any questions about these, please feel free to let me know!

The talks from Fr. Gary Schlack's Lenten parish Mission have been uploaded and can be accessed through my homilies podcast, which is accessible at www.frmerkley.com.

May God bless you and your loved ones in this Easter season, and always!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Fr. Greg



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR OUR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1P.M. AT SOUTHBROOK GOLF CLUB, COST IS \$160 includes lunch, green fees, cart, dinner, prizes! Bring a foursome! For more information or to register, volunteer, or donate prizes please contact:
Guy Brucculeri - leafan299@gmail.com or 289-237-9584
Al Malvaso - gk14421@ontariokofc.ca or 905-979-2951
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SOCIAL ACTION: Next weekend, May 18/19 is BLUE BOX weekend so please donate if you are able so that our parish can continue to prepare and cook delicious meals for DeMazenod Door. For the first 4 months of 2024 the number of meals being served is up 16.9% vs last year. The need continues to be great so **THANK YOU** for your ongoing support of our parish's effort to help feed the poor, working poor, homeless and marginalized in Hamilton. This coming Wednesday 9May 15th our parish volunteers will be preparing a Roast Pork Dinner along with Roasted Vegetables and Potatoes.



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. *"The desire to see God is what urges us to love solitude and silence. For silence is where God dwells."* Robert Cardinal Sarah



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT — SATURDAY, JUNE 1 AT OUR PARISH! Join us for Holy Hour & Arrival 6:30-7:30p.m; Social with Food 7:30-8:00p.m; Live Band Divine Praises 8:00-9:00p.m. Compliment Night Prayer 9:00p.m. This is a great evening out, make more friends.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL LUNCH IS JUNE 2 at the Mandarin 12:15pm on Barton St.
Email: cwlwinona@gmail.com to RSVP

NEXT MEETING MAY 21, this will be our memorial meeting, beginning with Mass at 7p.m.
 If you are not receiving emails, please let us know by **emailing: cwlwinona@gmail.com**



MESSAGE TO CATHOLIC FAMILIES FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON NATIONAL FAMILY AND LIFE WEEK MAY 13 TO 19, 2024



ST. JOSEPH'S BROTHERHOOD — Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7pm. 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. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Please bring a Bible.

Dear Catholic families, National Family and Life Week (NFLW) this year will take place from 13 May to 19 May 2024. The theme for this year is "Love hopes all things," which is taken from Saint Paul's hymn on love in 1 Corinthians 13.7: "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." This description of love is also at the heart of Pope Francis's reflection on the dynamics of spousal and family love in the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, chapter 4. Through this theme, families are encouraged to cultivate, deepen, and renew Christian hope by drawing on scriptural reflection, family prayer, and the Sacraments. The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life and its corresponding Office have developed a pastoral toolkit specifically designed for the "domestic church." Each day of the NFLW 2024 celebrates a specific theme, accompanied by prayers and activities for different ages, cultures, and circumstances, **they can be found on our website: https://ihmchurch.ca/fr-gregs-desk (Daily Prayers & Activities for NWL 2024).** May the Holy Spirit lead us into a "Love [that] hopes all things" during this Week. May our thoughts, words, and actions be inspired by the same Spirit, and may God hear the prayers of our Catholic families and grant them the hope that only He can give.



PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP THURSDAYS at 7p.m. in the Parish Hall.



HAMILTON RIGHT TO LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: CHANGE FOR LIFE Mother's Day – Father's Day Our church is once again partnering with Hamilton Right to Life through their 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Baby Bottles will be available to take after the Worship Service / Mass on Sunday May 12th, Mother's Day, and you are asked to return them on Sunday June 16th, Father's Day. Please take a bottle and fill it up with your coins, paper money or cheque. Hamilton Right to Life needs your support to raise money to educate, advertise, and get the message throughout the City of Hamilton of the devastating effects of abortion and other life-threatening issues. Please pray for families affected by abortion today. **You can learn more about Hamilton Right to Life at www.HamiltonRightToLife.org or by calling 905-528-3065.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Rev. William T. McGrattan
 Bishop of Calgary
 President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

PROJECT ANNA & SIMEON - For those grieving the loss of a loved one through Medical Assistance in Dying on **Saturday, May 25, 12 PM - 8 PM**, St. John the Compassionate Mission, 155 Broadview Ave., Toronto. This retreat aims to provide comfort and support to individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one through MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying). The day will include shared meals, insightful talks from experienced speakers, small group discussions and opportunities for continued support. Overnight accommodations are available upon request. **For more information and to register, please contact outreach@stmarysrefuge.org.** Suggested Donation: \$100

STEWARDSHIP May 5, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$3616.00
 Loose Donations: \$999.00
 Online (May 2): \$67.42
 Pre-Authorized (April 30): \$1965.00
Total: \$6647.42

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.
Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

CHALICE IS COMING TO OUR PARISH! MAY 11-12. Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. **Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.**

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