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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)

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

Call/Email the Parish Office.

SCHOOLS

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905-523-2468

VOCATIONS

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905-528-7988 ext. 2341
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ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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VISIT:

www.formed.org

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

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ROSARY
30 mins
before
All Masses

Confession
30 mins
before All
Masses

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024
MASS INTENTIONS: May 20-26, 2024

Diocesan Vocation
Prayer Intentions

MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL KUNKEL — Kunkel Family ***** CHANTED MASS	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	✠ MARY PALERMO — Joe & Isabelle Grguric ✠ ERICA VIOLIN — Lou & Lisa Groen ✠ HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY — Mani ✠ ANTONIO MANCUSO & JOHN & SARA WILSON — Billie & Tony Filice ✠ LAURA MACKISOC, EVA JUSEK, ROSEMARY MASTROIANNI — IHM CWL FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG — Marcel & Charlene Lemmen FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. JEFF OEHRING — Therese Domladovac FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SEMINARIAN TIM — Doreen Zamperin FOR INTENTIONS OF JOHN VAN TROOST	Rev. Hanh Van Tran
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY & THE TRIUMPH OF MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART	Congregation of the Resurrection
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	✠ SOPHIE & DAVID COLTERMAN - Kunkel Family	Rev. Adam Voisin
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	✠ GUNI SAPRA — Brenda & Heinz Schlichting	Rev. Jeffery Oehring
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	✠ EILEEN GIANGREGORIO — Lea Marrone ✠ ANNA & JOSEPH GUSTIN - Family ✠ MARIA LEDONNE — Tony & Daniela Giannini ✠ ANNA NERI — Family ✠ GENE THERIAULT — IHM Peach Festival Committee ✠ ROSINA ZANTE — Filippo Santini & Family ✠ MARIA ZANCHETTI — Enrico & Anna Dalla Pasqua ✠ GALIANO ZAMPERIN & FRANJO JURINCIC — Doreen Zamperin FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CARL SCHMIDT FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KEN BATES FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ELIZABETH CASCIANO — Roger & Ariana Sherwood FOR THE INTENTIONS OF NICOLE GOODFELLOW — Mike & Theresa Schneider	Rev. Francesco Cucchi SCRIPTURE READINGS May 26, 2024 First Reading Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Second Reading Rom 8:14-17 Gospel Mt 28:16-20
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	✠ ROBERT MACHEY—Tony & Daniela Giannini FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PAUL & ASHLEY FASCIONE — Ralph & Mary PRO POPULO	



Dear Parish family,

This Sunday, we joyfully celebrate Pentecost, a pivotal feast in our liturgical calendar marking the conclusion of the Easter Season. The name "Pentecost" derives from the Greek word *Pentēkostē*, meaning "fiftieth," signifying the fiftieth day after Easter. It commemorates the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, filling them with divine strength and wisdom, as described in Acts 2:1-4. This extraordinary event is

often said to mark the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission to spread the Gospel to all nations.

Pentecost calls us to be open to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "the Holy Spirit is the principal agent of the whole of the Church's mission" (CCC 852). This feast is a reminder of our continuous need for the Holy Spirit's guidance and gifts, which include wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (CCC 1831).

May this Pentecost be a time of spiritual renewal for each of us, empowering us to live out our faith with courage and conviction. Let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and be transformed, just as the Apostles were, to boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Two new sanctuary lamps now frame our tabernacle, helping us to honor the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. From the tabernacle, the flames of the Holy Spirit shoot out to spark our spiritual life and bring new fire to our love for God and neighbour. Regarding the tabernacle, you might be interested in this excerpt from a book called *Ceremonies of the Modern Roman Rite* by Bishop Peter Elliot, widely considered an expert on Catholic liturgical matters.

Among many things, he writes, "*whatever form the tabernacle takes, it should be veiled as the primary sign of the Real Presence. The veil may be white or preferably the color of the day or season, but never black. The veil represents the holy tent of the Lord, especially in the form of the canopy which covers a freestanding tabernacle. It is*

thus a paradoxical sign of mystery, revealing by concealing the sacred Presence of Emmanuel who "tabernacles" among us. The lamp (or lamps) perpetually burning before the Eucharistic Lord should be a living flame fed by oil or wax, but obviously not a volatile fuel. A natural flame is preferable because it signifies an offering as well as light."

He also references the 1980 instruction *Inaestimabile Donum* approved by St. Pope John Paul II which notes in section 25 that, "*The tabernacle should be solid, unbreakable, and not transparent. The presence of the Eucharist is to be indicated by a tabernacle veil or by some other suitable means laid down by the competent authority, and a lamp must perpetually burn before it, as a sign of honor paid to the Lord.*" You may find it interesting to know that the veil that is currently over our tabernacle is at least 40 years old, and has probably been here in the parish since the 1960s. It was found as we were cleaning our storage rooms and going through items kept here at the Church. May the Holy Spirit help us to honor the Risen Lord truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist!

A mission appeal will take place next weekend on May 25th and 26th. Sister Febe will share with us about the Teresian Association and the programs they run to help so many. Please read the bulletin insert for this week on this topic!

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.

Thank you to those who attended the annual Serra Club Dinner! It was a fantastic night out – everyone said they would love to come again. Perhaps you will join us next year!

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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ANNUAL YARD SALE -SATURDAY, JUNE 1 8AM TO 1PM.

It's Spring time again... time to clean out your garage and basement. Please remember to donate gently used items to this fundraiser. All proceeds to the **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**. Drop by for a burger or hotdog and go home with a new treasure!! Please drop off your donated items at the main parking lot, under the canopy. **Volunteers will be glad to receive your items from Noon to 6 pm on Friday, May 31. PLEASE NOTE: clothes, books and electronics are not being accepted**



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

NEXT MEETING MAY 21, this will be our Memorial Mass & meeting, beginning at 7p.m.

Memorial for Eva Jusek, Laura Mackisoc & Rosemary Mastroianni

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL LUNCH IS JUNE 2

at the Mandarin 12:15pm on Barton St.

Email: cwlwinona@gmail.com to RSVP or sign up after Mass

COFFEE SUNDAY—MAY 26 after the 9a.m. & 11a.m Masses.

If you are not receiving emails, please let us know by **emailing: cwlwinona@gmail.com**



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.



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.**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED "CHALICE" Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization. From last weekend's appeal, parishioners sponsored 13 children! What a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. If you missed last weekend, **please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.**



SOCIAL ACTION: This weekend (May 18/19) is BLUE BOX weekend. Please be generous as you always are, so our parish may continue to prepare and cook meals for the poor, working poor, homeless and marginalized who come to

DeMazenod Door for their DAILY BREAD. As mentioned previously, the number of people who come to DeMazenod Door increases every month so your help is very much appreciated. This past Wednesday our volunteers made Roast Pork, Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables plus fruit cups along with Coffee and Juice. This coming Wednesday the volunteers will be making Meatloaf in addition to Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables so another great meal.. **THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO MONTH IN AND MONTH OUT FEED THE INCREASING NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO NEED A MEAL.**



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. Compline Night Prayer 9:00p.m. This is a great evening out, make more friends.



PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH The data continues to grow on the dangers the internet can pose to children and on the benefit of time spent in play, both indoors and outdoors. For younger children this means play that uses their imaginations and does not include the internet. For older children, it may include such things as playing board games, doing puzzles and hiking. Whatever the age of your children, time without the internet supports good growth. So, spend time playing as a family and you will see the positive benefits for your children!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH The statement 'Families that pray together stay together' is not just a cliché, but also a fact that has research data to prove its impact. To those of us with faith it makes sense, but we sometimes neglect to undertake what we know will be helpful to us. So, take the time to pray as a couple: first thing in the morning, before meals, before going to bed, at Mass and/or any other time you can. It is an easy way to connect and strengthen your relationship. Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 (ext. 2250)

RELICS OF ST. BROTHER ANDRE BESSETTE visit Hamilton Diocese. The major reliquary of St. Andre Bessette (Brother Andre of Montreal Oratory) will visit the Diocese of Hamilton **May 17-24, 2024.** The relics of Brother Andre start their tour at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King and finish at Holy Family, Hanover. **See the diocesan website, Saint Brother André in the Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com) for dates and times.** This is a wonderful opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our own Canadian Saints. We are truly blessed to have the relics of St. Andre Bessette visit our Diocese.

STEWARDSHIP May, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$4059.15
 Loose Donations: \$854.85
 Online (May 9): \$414.75
Total: \$5328.75

Thank you for your generosity.

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Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

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