



# 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.*

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## 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  
**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/>

## SCHOOLS

Immaculate Heart of Mary

905-523-2332

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## ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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## VISIT:

[www.formed.org](http://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

ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	<b>SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024</b> MASS INTENTIONS: May 6-12, 2024		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	GUNI SAPRA — The Irvings ***** CHANTED MASS		St. François de Laval Patron of the Bishops of Canada
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 PM	✠ LUCY GRAMINGA — Pat & Rosa Ciarmoli ✠ CELIA PARRA — Family ✠ O.J SIMPSON — Matteo Gigliotti ✠ SOULS IN PURGATORY — Lou & Lisa Groen FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHELLE — Matteo Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BRENDA KUNKEL—Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL MCLEOD — Cusick Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON JOE & NADIA — Kathleen Whyte FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SEMINARIAN TIMOTHY		Very Rev. David Wynen
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 AM	✠ LIZ LUKACS - Silvia & Valerio DeFaveri		Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY & FOR THE TRIUMPH OF MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART		Rev. Mark Morley
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. BILL — Kathleen Whyte		Very Rev. Adrian Lee
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:00 PM	✠ BIANCA CRABOLEDDA — Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli ✠ KEN DIBARTOLOMEO — Palmira Caucci ✠ HELEN DIDOMENICO — Aceti & Esposito Families ✠ RINO GABRIELE — Family ✠ EILEEN GIANGREGORIO — Lillian Calcagni ✠ MARIA LEDONNE — Brian & Janet Patton ✠ LAURA MACKISOC — Malcolm & Dorothy Spence ✠ RUWANDA HANNA NISSAN — Paletta Family ✠ LILIANA ROGANO — Bruno & Linda Boromello ✠ GENE THERIAULT—Tony & Daniela Giannini ✠ ANNA & TONINO TUTTOLOMONDO — Family ✠ JANINA SZPAKOWSKI & JANINA WACLAWCZYK — Family ✠ MARGARET WADE — Harold & Patricia ✠ DAVID BLACK, JOAN MARTINELLO, INTENTIONS FOR PAT BLACK & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG — Kathleen Whyte		Rev. Fadi Rizk
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	ETTORE CARLESSO, DORA GIGLIOTTI & DECEASED OF GIGLIOTTI FAMILY SERAFINA CANCI — Irma Tirabassi & Family PRO POPULO		<b>SCRIPTURE READINGS</b> <b>May 12, 2024</b> <b>First Reading</b> Acts 1:1-11 <b>Second Reading</b> Ephesians 1:17-23 <b>Gospel</b> Mark 16:15-20



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 I celebrate 5 years since my ordination to the priesthood on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. I**

thank God for the gift of my vocation to the ministerial priesthood, which is an incredible joy. It is an unspeakable blessing to be a priest, and I am

grateful to have been called by God to serve the people He has brought me to throughout these last 5 years. In one sense, the last 5 years can feel like a lifetime, and yet God-willing, it is just the beginning. I ask you to please pray for me that I be a priest after the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and for the Holy Spirit to guide me in everything I do. I deeply appreciate your prayers for these intentions.

**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](http://www.frmerkley.com).

The March for Life is coming up on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. I plan to attend, so as to show my support for the sacredness of every human life. Maybe you will attend too? You can learn more about it at <https://marchforlife.ca/>.

I also plan to attend the annual Serra Club dinner! The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World and Permanent Deacons. Tickets normally cost \$90, but our parish may be purchasing or subsidizing tickets. If you would like to come, please contact the parish office. You may also contact [serrahamilton1965@gmail.com](mailto:serrahamilton1965@gmail.com) for more details.

**Bishop Crosby has approved the placement of a seminarian here at our parish during the summer, seminarian Timothy Kulakowsky.** He has moved in to the parish, and will remain with us until the end of August! He is looking forward to meeting you, so please say hello to him!

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**  
**IHM Parish Office - ihmchurch@cogeco.net or 905-643-1637**  
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**SOCIAL ACTION:** A big **THANK YOU** to all who donate to the Blue Box. All the meals we cook are made possible by the Blue Box donations and the time and effort of our terrific volunteers. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**



**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



### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024 BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024.

The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are called to love", and is grounded in our Holy Scriptures: "If we love one another, God lives in us." (1 John 4:12) To learn more about Catholic Education Week in the Diocese of Hamilton, visit us at <https://www.hamiltondiocesecew.com/>



### 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**  
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**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](mailto: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.



**MARCH FOR LIFE—Ottawa Thursday, May 9, 2024,** Departure: 6 am Expected Return Time: Between 10:00-11:00 pm the same day Location: Pick up and drop off at the West Highland Baptist Church (1605 Garth St., Hamilton, ON L9B 1X8) Free parking in the lower parking lot for the day. You must register your spot. Contact Hamilton Right to Life or call 905-528-3065 for more information. While the bus transportation is **FREE**, we gratefully accept donations for those who can help support us as we strive to promote the sanctity of human life.



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

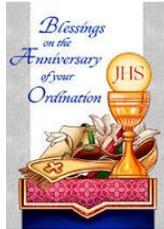


### HAMILTON RIGHT TO LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: CHANGE FOR LIFE

**Mothers 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](http://www.HamiltonRightToLife.org) or by calling 905-528-3065.**

**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](mailto:outreach@stmarysrefuge.org).** Suggested Donation: \$100

**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](http://chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.**



**FR. GREG'S FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION!** Join us for cake after all the Masses next weekend (May 4/5) as we celebrate **Fr. Greg's Anniversary as a Priest!** Pray for him and give him your best wishes!

**COME MAKE STUFF.**

**CRAFT DAY! TUESDAY, MAY 7 from 1-3p.m.** in the parish hall. We will be making fresh flower arrangements. Bring your own container. Cost is \$10. If you want to make a dry flower arrangement, please bring your own silk flowers and container, Cost is \$2 for the oasis. **To register, please sign the green book in the gathering space or call Adele vanTroost 905-662-7583.**

### STEWARDSHIP April 28, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$3128.65  
 Loose Donations: \$923.35  
 Online (April 18): \$939.63  
**Total: \$4991.63**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

If you would like to go "Green" please visit our website: [www.ihmchurch.ca](http://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.**

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