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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

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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<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

ihmchurch@cogeco.net

VISIT: www.formed.org

SOCIAL MEDIA: @ihmchurchsc

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

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, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: September 8-14, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY		The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†ANDREW DONNELLY - Giallonardo Family †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU - Family †JESUS GARCIA TOVAR - Family †MARIA ROMANO SOULS IN PURGATORY — Joe Kiefer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DAVID BLAIS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GRACE & JANUSZ FOR THE INTENTIONS OF NICK ROMANO & FAMILY		Rev. David Perrin
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†LUCIANO & LUIGI LUCATO — Lucato Family		Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARISA CIRIELLO - Kunkel Family		Catholic Teachers
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†ANDREW KOWALSKI & DECEASED OF KOWALSKI FAMILY		Rev. Franjo Sprajc
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†AUDREY BELLAI - Doreen Zamperin †SLOBODAN CULINA—Andrea Molinaro & Jason Baird †DAVID HABERMAS - Nancy †STELLA NARDINI — Filippo Santini & Family †GIUSEPPE PROFETTO — Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli †NIKOLA STARCEVIC — Falasca Family †MIKE VALLORANI — Family		Rev. Matthew Durham
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†HENRY STACHURSKI — Family †GERMAN GARZON - Family PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

As fall approaches, many ministries in our parish prepare to begin again! I want to encourage you to learn more about what activities take place in our parish, and which ones you can get involved in! I propose that to fully develop our faith, as important as it is to merely attend Mass each weekend, we should also really strive to be involved in at least one

ministry or additional activity in the parish. Please take a look at our events and stay tuned, asking the Holy Spirit what He is inviting you be a part of!

Last weekend we were blessed to have Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) and a world expert on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, come and speak after Masses the weekend of August 30th and 31st. Alex shared about people being pressured into MAID as well as upcoming legislation (2027) regarding MAID for mental illness. As disciples of Jesus who follow a Biblical worldview, we believe that each and every human life is sacred, and therefore we wish to protect vulnerable persons from the pressure to end their own lives. As a result, I am personally pledging to match at least \$1,000 to help support this organization and the great works they do. If you'd like to help with this cause, please make use of the envelopes that were attached to the August 30-31 bulletin. We should always compassionately care for those who are suffering, seeing Christ in each one of them, rather than send the message that their life is not worth living!

Our parish's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program will begin on September 30th - if you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about becoming Catholic, we would absolutely love to hear from them! Questions are always welcome, and I love meeting with anyone with questions about our faith or becoming Catholic!

On September 20th, our parish will be very blessed to have a special presentation from Nestor Buendia (Lay Oblates of Divine Mercy) about the Divine Mercy Devotion given to the Church through St. Faustina and St. Pope John Paul II. I am very pleased that this is being offered at our parish, and I strongly encourage anyone who is able to attend this very informative day. Many Catholics still do not know much about St. Faustina, a Polish nun from the 1930s to whom Jesus revealed many things. St. Pope John Paul II said that canonizing her and spreading the devotion to the Divine Mercy was the greatest event of his life. You can also learn more about this by watching Fr. Michael Gaitley's "Divine Mercy" on www.formed.org. It is an incredible part of our faith in the last 100 years. Please try your best to come to this event and learn more! Come for whatever portion of the day you can, and the event begins with a special Mass at 9 AM!

I previously shared how I really enjoyed watching the film *Permission* by Kevin Dunn about Fr. Bob Bedard, and now we will be blessed to have it at our parish! On September 24th at 7 PM, we will have a screening of the film where Kevin Dunn himself and other priests will join us. [Please join us for this film](#), it is powerful and will help you to welcome God even more deeply into your life! Considering inviting your friends and family to this wonderful event!

One more reminder that our chant Masses are now monthly, coinciding with our monthly men's recollection evenings. Our next monthly chant Mass and recollection dates are September 15th, October 13th, November 10th, and December 15th!

Please note that the Diocesan young adults' jubilee year pilgrimage is on September 27th (which I'll be going on too), and the 40 days for life program begins September 24th.

May God bless you abundantly,
Fr. Greg Merkley

UPCOMING EVENTS: See next page for all our exciting events!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Visit: kofc.org/join (Council # 14421)

GOLF TOURNAMENT: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14! \$160/

Golfer at South Brook Golf & Country Club Shot Gun Start: 1p.m Rain or Shine. Includes: lunch, green fees, cart, dinner, door prizes and lots of fun! Start putting your 4somes together! We are also looking for prizes, please Email: Guy, leafan299@gmail.com; Al, GK14421@ontariokofc.ca; ihmchurch@cogeco.net



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

OUR FIRST MEETING in the fall will be **September 23**. It will be our memorial mass and tree dedication. All ladies invited.



PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Will start up again on **Thursday, September 11 at 7p.m.**

CHOSEN - Season 4 — Saturdays at 6:15p.m.

Meeting Room 1, **we will break on September 13** and start with Season 5 on September 20! Join us!



PARISH PEACH FESTIVAL NEWS: Thank you to everyone who supported our booth/parish by purchasing items!

We are so blessed by our Parish Community! Want to see behind the scenes of our prep, check out our website:

www.ihmchurch.ca click on the History tab!



UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

Sept 6th - 6:15 PM—Chosen Season 4, Meeting Rm 1
Sept 8th - 6:30 PM – Card Group, Parish Hall
Sept 9th - 1 PM—Crafter's Corner, Parish Hall (No registration, All Welcome)
Sept 10th - 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus meeting, Parish Hall
Sept 11th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
Sept 12th - 6:30 PM—Youth Group, Parish Hall
Sept 13th - NO CHOSEN Tonight, starts Sept 20, Season 5!
Sept 13th - 6:15 PM—Young Adults Night, Church/Parish Hall
Sept 14th - 1 PM — Parish Golf Tournament, Southbrook (Book Now!)
Sept 15th - 6 PM—Chant Mass/Men's Recollection
Sept 15th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
Sept 15th - 7 PM —SSVP Meeting, Meeting Room 1
Sept 18th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
Sept 20th - 9 AM-3:30 PM — Divine Mercy Presentation Church/Hall
Sept 20th/21st - Blue Box Collection Weekend
Sept 20th - 6:15 PM—Chosen Season 5, Meeting Rm 1
Sept 21st - 3-7 PM— Live Music for Life Concert By 40 days for life Hamilton
Sept 22nd - 6:30 PM – Card Group, Parish Hall
Sept 23rd - 7 PM - CWL Meeting/Tree Dedication
Sept 24th - 7 PM Permission by Kevin Dunn about Fr. Bob Bedard, Parish Hall
Sept 24th - 40 Days For Life Program
Sept 25th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
Sept 27th - The Diocesan Young Adults' Jubilee Year Pilgrimage
Sept 20th - 6:15 PM—Chosen Season 5, Meeting Rm 1
Sept 30th - 7:45 PM - RCIA begins



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SOCIAL? WANT TO CRAFT OR NOT?

We are starting up our Crafting Tuesday and Social, join us on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 from 1-3p.m, parish hall!** Even if you don't craft, just come out and have a coffee/tea and socialize!

All are welcome!



TELL ALL SOULS ABOUT MY MERCY: Divine Mercy Presentation: **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 9AM**, followed by presentation in our parish hall ending at 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please see the bulletin board for more information.



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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION MEETING: will resume Tuesday October 7 at 8pm in the church."



BISHOP CROSBY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY

ORDINATION—His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the 50th anniversary with the Eucharist on Saturday, September 27th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall following Mass. All are welcome.



STRUGGLING IN YOUR MARRIAGE? FIND HOPE

WITH RETROUVAILLE – Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples who are struggling to restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and aids couples to reconnect. Join us for our upcoming weekend Oct. 17 (evening), 18 and 19th because no marriage is beyond hope. For more information visit www.retrouvaille.org; email: 1013r@helpourmarriage.org, or call 905-664-5212.



JOIN US FOR MUSIC FOR LIFE CONCERT

hosted by 40 days for life for an evening of amazing music at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, September 21st from 3-7pm!** Get ready to groove to the beats of local talented Catholic artists. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to support live music and have a blast with friends and family. There will be pizza, games and a silent auction. Suggested Admission is \$5 and kids under 12 are FREE! Pay cash at the door or register ahead to save your families spot at [bit.ly/musicaforlife](https://bit.ly/musicaforlifebit.ly/musicaforlife)



DESIGNER PURSE BINGO! FRIDAY OCTOBER 3,

2025 @ St. Naum's Banquet Hall, 1150 Stone Church Rd. E. Doors Open: 4:30p.m. Regular Ticket: \$55 Includes: Bingo cards, dabber, door prize ticket, buffet dinner and Cash Bar. VIP Ticket \$75—email for list of extras! 2 Grand Prize Games: Jimmy Choo & Prada. For more information or to order tickets-email: pursebingoforssvp@gmail.com



JOIN US FOR A FREE SCREENING OF KEVIN DUNN'S NEW

DOCUDRAMA FILM PERMISSION: FR. BOB BEDARD'S VISION FOR THE CHURCH on **September 24 at 7PM** at our Parish. Following in the footsteps of Fr. Patrick Peyton and Venerable Fulton Sheen, the late Fr. Robert Bedard, founder of the Companions of the Cross order, emerges as a modern-day hero of the Catholic Church and priesthood. Affectionately known to thousands—perhaps millions—around the globe as "Fr. Bob," his life of holiness, passion, and his cause for canonization might soon be opened. Produced by DunnMedia in association with the Companions of the Cross.

STEWARDSHIP AUGUST 30/31

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
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