



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

**FR. GREGORY MERKLEY**, Pastor  
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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

Immaculate Heart of Mary  
905-523-2332  
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905-523-2468

## VOCATIONS

Fr. Mark Morley  
905-528-7988 ext. 2341  
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

## ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

[ihmchurch@cogeco.net](mailto:ihmchurch@cogeco.net)

**VISIT:** [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

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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

## 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. E-Transfer: [ihmchurch@cogeco.net](mailto:ihmchurch@cogeco.net) (Offering)

We thank you for your generosity & support.



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## ✂----- 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.

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Bulletin yes/no \_\_\_\_\_

ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	<b>SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025</b> <b>MASS INTENTIONS: July 21-27, 2025</b>		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:00 AM  6:00 PM	† WILLIAM STANLEY JOHNS ***** <b>CHANTED MASS</b>		Rev. David Mowat
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 PM	† CZESLAW CIURYSEK - Jadwiga † PAT STEWART—John & Family † SOULS IN PURGATORY — Kathleen Whyte <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. BILL            FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTHEW MATTINA            FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JADWIGA ZYCHOWICZ            FOR PRESERVING THE DEPOSIT OF FAITH, UNSPOILED BY HERESY AMONG THE SHEPHERDS OF THE HOLY            CHURCH</b>		Rev. Harry Reitzel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 AM	<b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CLAUDIA ARMSTRONG —</b> Walter & Teresa Rzesotko		Society of Christ
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 AM	† JEANNETTE MAZZA — Jeannine & Tony Falasca		Rev. Raymond Reitzel
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:00 AM	† IRENE KIEFER — Joe Kiefer		Rev. Florian Stasinski
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:00 AM  5:00 PM	<b>FAMILY CATECHISM GROUP MASS</b> ***** † JENNIFER ARRUDA AQUIAR, MARIA GRACE FERREIRA † MICHAEL BARKER — Kathleen Whyte † BRUNO BORTOLOTTI † SOPHIE & DAVID COLTERMAN & HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY — & Nancy Rivero † DINO GIUDICE — Smart Family † VINCENZO LOPRESTI — Mirella Paletta † ADELE MANGIONE & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE BASOLINI FAMILY — Larry & Ilaria Paletta † CARMELO VINCENT SCIME — Palmira Caucci † MIKE VALLORANI — Family <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG - Vince &amp; Marisa Ciriello            FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTHEW MATTINA            FOR THE INTENTION OF NANCY DEVRIES            FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KIERAN MCISAAC</b>		Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	† ANTONIO PICCIRILLO - Christina & John Usyk † CHANTEL SORDELLO-SANTINI - Rita & Leo Santini <b>PRO POPULO</b>		



My dear parishioners,

**Here's an important update! On July 26<sup>th</sup>, our parish will have our *second annual parish picnic* with a Mass at 9 AM for those interested, and then picnic 10 AM – 2 PM.** Fr. Pawel (at St. Francis Xavier) will celebrate the 9 AM Mass, as he also helps with the Family Catechism group. Last year the Family

Catechism group organized this gathering, and this year it will take place again outside just behind the church. All are welcome! Please feel welcome to bring something to share if you would like to! Why have a parish picnic? It's a great way to build community, get to know other people, and make new friends. It's also nice to get outdoors and enjoy the beauty of God's creation! We'll keep the tradition going!

**Here is a message from seminarian Salvatore Parise who is staying with us at the parish during the summer (and we also await seminarian Giuseppe's return at the end of the month!):** Hello, my name is Salvatore Parise and I am studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Hamilton. I have the honor of staying with Father Greg at IHM for the month of July. People ask all the time, "what was my calling?" I can say it started at 3 years old. I always said to my parents that one day I was going to become a priest. But the call really came to me right after highschool. I was sitting in my basement playing video games when I had the urge to open and read my Bible. This was after 4 years of not really practicing my faith. After reading a few chapters from the Gospel of John, I felt an overwhelming sense of peace within me. And after that day the word seminary was at the forefront of my head. Day after day for 3 years I was pushing it to the back of my head until one day I realized that this was not leaving me. So I contacted the vocations office and met with the vocations director. I attended a discernment group and got to meet amazing people along the way. Thank you to Father Greg, Father Mark Morley and to everyone who has made my journey so far unforgettable.

**Our monthly youth night will be replaced by the Jubilee Year youth event organized by the Diocese of Hamilton!**

**A while back I shared how I watched the film *Permission* by Kevin Dunn about Fr. Bob Bedard, and I have good news!** On September 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

**In the Gathering Space, we have a number of votive candles for sale which you can take home.** All the proceeds support our parish – thank you in advance! Each candle can be purchased for \$3. However, if you buy 10, you can just pay \$25! Moreover, you can also buy 30 for \$70. Thank you to those who helped make this possible, and if you need any candles blessed, please feel free to ask me! There is a power to praying with blessed candles in your home!

**Our parish social media accounts are very active, so please be sure to follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and now on YouTube, X and TikTok!** If there is something you'd like to see on our parish social media, please let us know – we are always continuing to try to improve whatever we do here at the parish!

**The Winona Peach Festival approaches, so please keep your eyes open for volunteer signup sheets and please be generous in helping continue our parish's involvement in this community event!**

**Formed.org is a great resource, which our parish has a subscription to.** I encourage you to sign up for [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), and explore the incredible content there! They have great reflections, movies, documentaries, kids' shows, and much more!

May God bless you,  
Fr. Greg Merkley

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





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**  
Visit: [kofc.org/join](http://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!  
Email: Guy, leafan299@gmail.com; Al, GK14421@ontariokofc.ca ihmchurch@cogeco.net

**Enjoy a Safe & Restful Summer!**



#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

**Sunday, July 27 (9am; 11am; 4pm)** we will be holding a summer social after all Sunday Masses. There will be popsicles for the children and the usual coffee for the adults.



#### PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

**Will break for the summer and start up again on Thursday, September 11 at 7p.m.**



**CHOSEN - Season 4** — Saturdays at 6:15p.m.  
Meeting Room 1, Join us!



#### READ, WRITE, MATH WITH ART CAMP: SK to Gr 6

This camp focuses on reading, writing, and math using art and inquiry based on learning!

**CAMP DATES & TIME: July 21-25 & August 18-22 9AM to 12:30 PM**  
**at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

Register: [daniella.albano123abc@gmail.com](mailto:daniella.albano123abc@gmail.com)

Cost: \$175 per student/week



**PARISH PEACH FESTIVAL NEWS:** The Peach Festival is around the corner and we will be looking for volunteers to help with food prep at the parish, set up and serving at the festival. **We will begin prepping the week of August 18-24 including the Festival days.**

Save the dates if you are looking to help out!

**You can now email us: [ihmpeachfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpeachfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com)**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

**July 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1  
**July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9:30 AM** - St. Patrick's Cooking Team, Parish Hall  
**July 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 9 AM -12:30 PM** - Read, Write, Math, Art Camp, Mtg Rm 1  
**July 26<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM - 12 Noon** Catechism Family Picnic @ IHM School Grounds  
**July 26<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1  
**July 26/27<sup>th</sup>** - World Day of Grandparents & Elderly  
**July 27<sup>th</sup>** - Coffee Sunday (9am; 11am; 4pm)  
**Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1  
**Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1-7 PM** - Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage Day @ Basilica Of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph  
**Aug 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Young Adults, Church/Parish Hall  
**Aug 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Men's Recollection  
**Aug 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - 11 AM -2 PM** - Read, Write, Math, Art Camp, Mtg Rm 1  
**Aug 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>** - Peach Festival Week (Prep & Park)  
**Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM** — Parish Golf Tournament, Southbrook  
**Sept 15<sup>th</sup> -7 PM** — SSVP Meeting



**PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS UNTIL AUGUST 29, 2025.**  
**We will be open Tues to Thurs 9:30AM-4:30PM**



help us to serve the homeless, poor, working poor and marginalized in Hamilton.



**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION MEETING:** will break for the summer and will resume **Tuesday October 7 at 8pm** in the church."



#### WHEN LIFE CHANGES – HAS SOMEONE YOU CARED ABOUT DIED?

Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese offers two six-week grief programs for your support. Part one will be offered later in the fall and registration will be up soon. For those who have taken part one, the second part of the program will be offered from **September 10 to October 15, 2025**, from 7:00-8:30pm, at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. To register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under upcoming events on the home page.

**JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE DAY THE OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY** is excited to welcome young people in grades 7-12 to join us for a Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage Day on August 3rd, 2025 hosted at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The pilgrimage day will run from 1:00pm – 7:00pm. Those interested in attending are encouraged to register with a parish group! For more information and to register please visit: <https://bit.ly/youthpilgrimage2025>



[Grandparents and the Elderly.mp4](#)

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY (WDGE)** 2025 will be celebrated on **Sunday, July 27, 2025**, close to the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope." (cf. Sirach 14:2). Let us take this opportunity to uplift grandparents and the elderly, cherishing them as blessings in our faith community. [CCCB Video World Day for](#)



**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.



**PARISH OUTDOOR PICNIC EXPERIENCE:** Join the family catechism group for the second annual IHM parish picnic on **Saturday, July 26, 11a.m to 2p.m.** at the small park by the back parking lot of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and school. If you'd like, feel free to bring a dish to share. Feel free to invite friends and other families. Family Catechism classes officially begin again on Sept 28th at the Immaculate Heart of Mary school."

#### STEWARDSHIP JULY 13, 2025

Envelope Donations: \$4568.80

Loose Donations: \$856.20

Canada Helps: \$144.75

Pre-Authorized Giving (15th/30th): \$0

E-transfer: \$175.00

**Total: \$5744.75**

**Thank you for your continued support & generosity.**



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