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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
St. Gabriel
905-523-2468

VOCATIONS

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

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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VISIT: 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.

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 (Offering)

We thank you for your generosity & support.



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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: May 5-11, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG ***** CHANTED MASS - MEMORIAL MASS FOR POPE FRANCIS	Rev. Michael King
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	† CARLO MALTESE - Theresa Sapra SOULS IN PURGATORY—Joe Kiefer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MANI B FOR THE INTENTIONS OF HAIDIE DRIZ FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTEO GIGLIOTTI - Kathryn Arnott FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FERNANDO GIGLIOTTI FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON JOE & NADIA GIGLIOTTI—Kathleen Whyte FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RICK LABEL & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JADWIGA ZYCHOWICZ—Theresa Sapra FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ROGER SALDAT & DECEASED OF SALDAT FAMILY	Rev. Veselko Kvesic
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BRENDA KUNKEL — Kunkel Family	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	† JAN & HANK LANNIGAN — Family	Rev. Bradley Markus
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS AND PROTECTION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	Rev. Khalid Karomi
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	† SANDRO ALBERICO — Family † MARIA ATTARD - Teresa & Joe Sorrenti † RAFFAELE CARUSO —Family † ADELINA FERRERA—Family † LUCIA, PAOLO & CONCETTA LEOMBRUNO † JEAN MEEK—Kathryn Arnott & Family † AGOSTINO PACIFICI, MARY PALERMO— Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli † BRENDA PIDSADNY - Armes Family † ANNA & ANTONINO TUTTOLOMONDO — Family † STANISLAW & FRANCISEK DOBOS, WANDA & TADEUSZ WILK, JANINA & GEORGE WYGENDACZ - Wilk Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LUIGI LEOMBRUNO & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARCUS GIGLIOTTI —Marcus & Gloria IN HONOUR OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS & INTENTIONS OF THE DZOYA FAMILY	Rev. David Reitzel
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	† FULVIA SALCICCIOLI — Tony & Daniela Giannini † EMIDIO TIRABASSI — Family PRO POPULO	



My dear parishioners,

On Monday, May 5th at 6 PM, we will celebrate a memorial Mass for Pope Francis. It will be our usual Monday night “chant Mass”, but with special prayers and a homily appropriate for this special purpose. It will be a chance for our parish community to honor the memory of Pope Francis in an intentional way, and to

prayerfully entrust Him to the merciful one who is risen and lives forever and ever, our Lord Jesus Christ!

Soon I and about 25 others will go to Rome for a jubilee year pilgrimage, where we also hope (God-willing) to see the new pope! While I am away from May 11th to the 23rd, all Masses and confession times will stay the same, and we are grateful to the priests who will fill in while I am away. Seminarian Giuseppe will also be here to help them as well, along with Ilaria who does so much excellent work. The other pilgrims and I will bring you with us spiritually and look forward to sharing updates from the trip!

Our next youth and young adult nights are May 9th and 10th respectively! Our youth night (10-18) will be a chance for some food, a rap by yours truly, some outdoor activities and making gifts for the mothers in our life. The young adults night (18-39) will feature the usual adoration, confessions, pizza and refreshments along with a talk on who the Pope is, and what he has to do with God’s calling in our lives!

“The Chosen” season 3 continues Saturday nights – if you’ve never watched it, I encourage you to try watching the series which I think you’ll find extremely moving and very thought-provoking! While the writers take some creative license, still the series offers profound insights into the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. It helps many to reflect on the Gospels and apply it to their lives.

We celebrated First Communions for Immaculate Heart of Mary on April 26 and May 3rd at 5pm for St. Gabriel school. Guidelines from the Diocese of Hamilton envision First Communions as ideally taking place at regularly scheduled weekend Masses. This is an expression of home, school and parish all coming together in a meaningful way. Please generously pray for them, and congratulations!

Seminarian Giuseppe Njalem continues to enjoy his time here at the parish, and will be with us for most of the summer. Please continue to pray for him, support him, and greet him when you see him!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!
Peace and God bless you,
Fr. Gregory Merkley

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





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

PARISH BULLETIN ADVERTISERS 2025! Many are the same as previous years, however there are several new advertisers. Practically ALL are members of our Parish Community and many are from surrounding businesses. While we are all more aware of BUYING CANADIAN these days, we ask you to please support these local businesses. Thank you to our advertisers for supporting our Parish!

YARD SALE JUNE 7 - If you are doing Spring Cleaning, please consider donating any gently used items to the Knights Annual Yard Sale. Watch this space for future announcements regarding when and where do drop off items.

If you haven't paid your **MEMBERSHIP DUES**, you can drop your envelope off in the collection basket at the weekend Masses.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Mother's Day is around the corner. Why not gift her a CWL membership? Check the bulletin board for details.



PRaise & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

THURSDAYS 7p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are invited to attend for intercessory prayer, worship, healing and fellowship.



ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP: will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30p.m. in Meeting Room 1. All men are invited to join. (Please note: they do not meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month)



EUCHRE & TRIOMINOES — Mondays beginning at 6:30p.m. in our parish hall. All levels of skill are welcome. Entrance donation \$4. Join us!



CHOSEN SERIES - Season 3 — Saturdays at 6:15p.m. to Saturday, June 14, join us in Meeting Room 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

- May 3rd - 5 PM — St. Gabriel School First Holy Communion
- May 3rd - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series Meeting Rm 1
- May 5th - 6 PM — Memorial Mass for Pope Francis
- May 5th - 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 6th - 8 PM — Christian Meditation, Church
- May 7th - 7 PM — St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Room 1
- May 8th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship - Parish Hall
- May 9th - 6:30 PM — Youth Group - Parish Hall
- May 10th - 6:15 PM — Young Adults - Parish Hall
- May 10th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series Meeting Rm 1
- May 12th - 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 12th - 7:15 PM - Men's Recollection Church/Meeting Room 1
- May 13th - 8 PM — Christian Meditation, Church
- May 14th - 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus Meeting—Parish Hall
- May 15th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship Parish Hall
- May 17th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series Meeting Rm 1
- May 19th - 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 20th - 8 PM — Christian Meditation, Church
- May 21th - 7 PM — St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Room 1
- May 22th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship - Parish Hall
- May 24th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series Meeting Rm 1

STEWARDSHIP

April 27, 2025

Envelope Donations: \$4486.60

Loose Donations: \$2382.40

Online (April 17): \$0

E-transfer: \$50.00

Total: \$6919.00

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

**If you requested Envelopes or are still using visitor ones, please check the table for your set.



SOCIAL ACTION: THANK YOU for contributing to the **BLUE BOX** last weekend. Your generosity is amazing as its has been since our parish first began this outreach to the poor in Hamilton back in 2017. With your donations we are able to provide 2 meals a month (in spite of rising food prices) to the poor, working poor, homeless and marginalized who come to The Door for their daily bread. Our parish prepares and cooks 700 to 800 delicious meals a month due to your kindness. God Bless.

Last week some students at IHM school presented 4 mats that they weaved for the homeless. The mats mean the homeless do not have to sleep on the bare ground. The mats were given to DeMazenod Door who distributed them to individuals who were in need. **Thank you to these IHM students for putting your FAITH into ACTION.**



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. "...what we are doing in meditation is paying pure attention... We are simply 'being'.

The Christian can understand this as pure prayer because it is being with God, not thinking about God, not speaking to God, but being with God." Laurence Freeman OSB. World Community for Christian Meditation.



JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025—The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this **Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!"** Part of the Jubilee experience is to make a pilgrimage to sacred places, where prayer is offered, the Sacraments are celebrated, and a plenary indulgence can be obtained for the remission of punishment due to our sins. **In our Diocese Bishop Crosby has designated six pilgrimage churches, St. Basil (Brantford), Immaculate Conception (Formosa) St. Andrew (Oakville), Basilica of Christ the King (Hamilton), Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (Guelph), Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows (Kitchener).** Visit: www.hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee/pilgrim-churches-in-the-diocese



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Spring 2025 Mother's Day to Father's Day May 11 – June 15 Please support our Baby Bottle fundraiser to help raise funds to educate and promote the message throughout the City of Hamilton

of the devastating effects of abortion. Please help those who have no voice to be heard! Place your change, bills, or cheques (made payable to: Hamilton Right to Life) in the bottle and return to your church on June 15th. If you would like a tax receipt for your donation (\$20 or more), please fill out the form attached (print clearly), and return it with the bottle. Tax Receipts will be mailed in February 2026. Thank you.



LOTTERY • 1 ST PRIZE - \$2,000.00 • 2 ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00 • 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th PRIZE - \$500.00 tickets - \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00 draw date: FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025, 9pm

at the 17th Annual Dinner Dance at Michelangelo Banquet Centre (Tickets \$80/person), 1555 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton. **For information or tickets call Anna Lemmen 905-869-1445. All proceeds to Help Neighbour in Need.**

Why Should We Take Part in the Mass?

The Mass is the best means we have: To render **God** the highest form of Worship; To Thank **Him** for all **His** blessings; To make reparation for all our sins; To obtain all the blessings we desire; To help poor souls in purgatory and to shorten our own time there.




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