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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.

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ihmchurch@cogeco.net

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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

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Kindly complete the information below and place it in the collection basket.

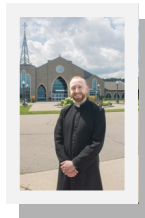
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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: July 28-August 3, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JANUSZ - Grace ***** CHANTED MASS		Rev. Philip Reilly
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†DECEASED OF BOZICEVIC, LOJIC & PUCIC FAMILIES †BRUNO & IOLANDA CAMPORESE - Maria & Frank Lucato †MARIA CRACCHIOLO - Colin Bowen †MARIO & ELISA DIMARTINO — Family †TIM & GERALD PUTT - Family SOULS IN PURGATORY — Kathleen Whyte FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SLADANA BOZICEVIC FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JULIE CASCIO FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MR. KOLENKO — Johanna Martin FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE PUTT FAMILY		Rev. Pawel Jamroz
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†ALBERT MARRONE — Lea Marrone & Family		School Sisters of Notre Dame
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†FR. JURI MACENAU — Jadwiga Zychowicz		Engaged Couples
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS		Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†ROSA BUONOPANE — Rob Bortolotto †GIUSEPPE & LUCIA CAPOBIANCO —Tony & Daniela Giannini †RENO CORTIULA - Family †MICHAEL ALAN THORNE & CHARMAINE KHAN — Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY & ILARIA PALETTA FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE SISTERS STRIVING TO BE SAINTS IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY		Rev. Stephen Gilbert
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†SAMANTHA BORTOLOTTI - Family †EMIDIO TIRABASSI - Family PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

This Sunday (July 27th) we celebrate World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. In his message for the day, Pope Leo says, “In the Bible, God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his

people free when he was already eighty years old (cf. Ex 7:7). God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope.” Let us continue to honor those who are more experienced in life and celebrate them, affirming for them the great value they hold for us!

It will be a privilege for our parish to have Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) and world expert on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, come and speak after Masses the weekend of August 30th and 31st. Alex will briefly share stories of people being pressured into MAID as well as the upcoming legislation (2027) to allow MAID for mental illness. As disciples of Jesus who follow a Biblical worldview, we believe that each and every human life is sacred, and we wish to protect vulnerable persons from the pressure to end their own lives. Therefore, 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, there will be envelopes attached to the August 30-31 bulletin.

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 in Guelph 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 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!

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!

As the Winona Peach Festival approaches, please be generous in signing up and helping to continue our parish's involvement in this annual 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, 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 (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 DATE & TIME: August 18-22 9AM to 12:30 PM
at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Register: 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.**

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE OUT! CHECK THEM OUT!

You can now email us: ihmpeachfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

July 26th - 9 AM - 12 Noon Catechism Family Picnic @ IHM School Grounds
July 26th - 6:15 PM - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1
July 26/27th - World Day of Grandparents & Elderly
July 27th - Summer Social Sunday (9am; 11am; 4pm)
Aug 2nd - 6:15 PM - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1
Aug 3rd - 1-7 PM - Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage Day @ Basilica Of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph
Aug 10th - 6:15 PM - Young Adults, Church/Parish Hall
Aug 10th - 6:15 PM - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1
Aug 11th - 7:15 PM - Men's Recollection
Aug 17/18th - Blue Box Collection Weekend
Aug 17th - 6:15 PM - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1
Aug 18th - 22nd - 11 AM - 2 PM - Read, Write, Math, Art Camp, Mtg Rm 1
Aug 18th - 21st - Peach Festival Prep Week
Aug 22nd - 24th - Peach Festival, Winona Park
Aug 23rd - 6:15 PM - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1
Aug 27th - 9 AM - IHM/Demazenod Door Cooking Team, Parish Hall
Aug 30/31 — The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Appeal
Sept 14th - 1 PM — Parish Golf Tournament, Southbrook (Book Now!)
Sept 15th - 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



SOCIAL ACTION: THANKS to all who donated to the BLUE BOX last weekend, your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated by all those who come to DeMazenod Door. **GOD BLESS.**



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 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>



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 Grandparents and the Elderly.mp4](#)



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 20, 2025

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Loose Donations: \$992.05
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