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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.

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905-523-2468

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

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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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.

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"Donate to our Parish" through our website. Mail/Drop Off Donations to the Parish Office. E-Transfer: ihmchurch@cogeco.net (Offering)

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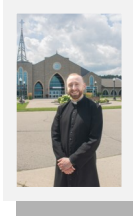
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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: June 30-July 6, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARIE GIALONARDO — Jadwiga ***** CHANTED MASS		Rev. Brendan McGrath
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†ANA DI IORIO — Cynthia, John & Regina †ENZO MARTINO — Family †DAVID DIDIODATO - Family †SOULS IN PURGATORY †GRACE, CHRISTINA, BOB, LEON & JERRY - Grace & Janusz †DECEASED OF THE GARCIA & ANDRADE FAMILIES - Alberto & Iliana Fernandez FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHELLE JANJIC—Matteo Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOSEPH, STEVE, JOHN & CECILIA CHENG FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED INCLUDING POPES, CARDINALS, BISHOPS, PRIESTS, MONKS, NUNS & ALL CHRISTIANS		Rev. Robert Love
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY & ILARIA - Jadwiga		Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTHEW ZYCHOWICZ — Family		Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - Teresa Rzesotko		Rev. Edward Hinsperger
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†JENNIFER ARRUDA AQUIAR & MARIA GRACE FERRERA †ROSA BUONOPANE —Maria Caucci †RENO CORTIULA - Family †ETTORE DIBACCO - Family †GRACE HOFFMAN — Tony & Daniela Giannini †PETER & FLORA MENEGALDO - Grace Ivezic †LOUIS ZURINI - Larry & Ilaria Paletta IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY		Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†CORNELIA & ATHELSTAN PASCALL — Charlene Jobity †GIORGIO & ANGELA NASSO - Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

This weekend we will celebrate our patronal feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Whenever a parish's feast takes place, for that parish, it is elevated to the rank of Solemnity, the highest level of celebration in the Church. To celebrate we will enjoy coffee and perhaps some small treats after all the Masses this weekend!

This Friday (June 27th) we also celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus! The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the theme of the month of June. Each month as its theme, and so it is good for us to take these opportunities to strengthen our relationship with God and those He has given us to help us on our spiritual journey. I definitely recommend you to look more into the story of how Jesus revealed the devotion to His Sacred Heart (particularly to St. Margaret Mary), and to read the 12 promises of Jesus to those who honor His Sacred Heart! You can read them here: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/12-promises-of-the-sacred-heart-13683>

My participation in the production of a *docudrama* about the Canadian Martyrs is something I've shared with you in the past. If you want to learn more about the project, and see a trailer which includes myself, please check out <https://ofbloodandwater.com>. I have the honor to play St. Isaac Jogues, and was cast likely both because I am friends with the producer (Kevin Dunn), and even more so as I apparently look a lot like the saint! May St. Jean Isaac Jogues and all the Canadian Martyrs pray for us!

Here are some other cool new things have taken place lately at our parish. We've had our parking lot lines repainted and brought up date. We've also seen substantial improvements to our grounds including grass, new planters, and other garden improvements. Furthermore, a St. Joseph statue was placed on the wall in meeting room 1, helping us to stay close to this great saint who loved the Immaculate Heart of Mary so much.

After some prayerful discernment, our Monday night chant Masses will become monthly beginning September, coinciding with the monthly men's retreats ("recollections") taking place here. That said, they will remain weekly for the months of June, July and August!

Our parish has applied for and received a summer job grant from the Canadian government, and so this summer we expect to have a young lady named *Rain* helping us here at the parish with various tasks. We will be grateful for her presence and assistance – please make her feel very welcome when you see her!

Our summer seminarian Giuseppe will be away visiting his home and family in Cameroon for the month of July. We wish him a safe and blessed trip, and look forward to his return at the end of July to stay with us for August! That said, we are also happy to have seminarian Salvatore Parise with us, who will be entering St. Augustine's seminary this upcoming fall. Giuseppe will return for the month of August. Let us continue to pray for and support vocations to the Holy Priesthood!

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) is in need of funds to support their efforts to uphold the dignity of every human life. Alex Schadenberg, who does great work with the EPC, is helping save lives and oppose efforts by many to make euthanasia a more regular occurrence in society. 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 \$1000 to help support this organization and the great works they do. If you'd like to help with this cause, please let us know in the office.

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!

Thank you to all our volunteers and various committee members for their dedication to our parish; you make amazing this happen! A special thank you to all those who helped make our Corpus Christi procession possible!

May our Eucharistic Lord abundantly bless all of you with the graces flowing from His Sacred Heart,
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:
Wishing you a Blessed Summer!
See you in September!



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!



LEARN TO SPEAK ITALIAN OR FILIPINO! Immaculate Heart of Mary School will offer Italian & Filipino classes July 2 to 26, Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact Mary at anilowskim@hwcdsb.ca



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
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!

UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

June 28th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1
June 28/29th - Coffee Weekend, celebrating Immaculate Heart of Mary
July 1st — Parish Office Closed
July 5th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1
July 11th - 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
July 12th - 6:15 PM — Young Adults, Church/Parish Hall
July 12th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1
July 16th - 9:30 AM — St. Patrick's Cooking Team, Parish Hall
July 23rd - 9:30 AM — St. Patrick's Cooking Team, Parish Hall
July 21st-25th— 9AM—12:30 PM - Read, Write, Math, Art Camp, Mtg Rm 1
July 26th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1
July 26/27th - World Day of Grandparents & Elderly



SOCIAL ACTION: There is a bin with a red lid in the hallway just off the gathering space, if you wish to drop off "MOST WANTED ITEMS" for DeMazenod Door. Please ONLY provide the items listed: Folger's Medium Roast Ground Coffee, Coffeemate Coffee Creamer, Canned Diced Tomatoes, Nutrigrain Bars, Cereal (Cheerios), Instant Oatmeal, Hot Chocolate, Dried Fruit, Canned Beans, Raisins, Individual Sugar Packets, Individual Sweetener Packets. See the list posted just above the bin.



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



ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM - This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of you life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will be offered once again this fall and is held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration will be on line soon so to register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail: familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT IN JULY—Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, July 5th at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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JUNE 22, 2025

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