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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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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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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.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Please check one: Envelopes ___ Pre-authorized giving ___ (form will be emailed to you)

EMAIL: _____ E-Bulletin yes/no

ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 7-13, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS ZACREK MATTEO ***** CHANTED MASS		Rev. Deaha (John) Kim
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	† ELENA ANDRADE - Alberto & Iliana Fernandez † ERWIN HINTERDORFER - Daniela Giannini † FRANCISCO & MONSERRAT RUBIO — Teresa & Danny Civiterese † JAMES BEATON & DECEASED OF BORTOLOTTI, JONES, SEMENUK, MASTROLUISI FAMILIES — L & L Groen † ANTONIO SGRO — Marcel & Charlene Lemmen † SOULS IN PURGATORY — Joe Kiefer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MANI B FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ASHLEY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JULIE & ADRIAN CASCIO — Mary Agnes Auer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTEO GIGLIOTTI — Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli IN THANKSGIVING TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS & IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY—Sylvester & Arlette		Rev. Marian Gil
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BEN & AIDA		Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	† PIERLUIGI TESTA - Valerio & Sylvia DeFaveri		Rev. Jan Wadolowski
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF WALTER RZSEZOTKO - Teresa Rzeszotko		Rev. Lajos Angyal
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	† TONY DEPAOLO — Family † NINO FAVERO — Family † PINA FERRARA — Family † WILLIAM, DAVID & SOPHIE COLTERMAN, FRANK & ELEANOR KUNKEL, JAMES W. KING, HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY — Kunkel Family † LUCIA, PAOLO & CONCETTA LEOMBRUNO—Family † AGOSTINO PACIFICI & MARIA DANIELI—Tony & Daniela Giannini † HENRY STACHURSKI — Larry & Ilaria Paletta † MIKE VALLORANI — Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTEO GIGLIOTTI — Tom & Elizabeth Dolibog FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LUIGI LEOMBRUNO IN HONOUR OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE DZOYA FAMILY & GODCHILDREN		Rev. Joseph Durkacz
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	† DORA GIGLIOTTI - Deacon Joe & Nadia Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RALPH & MATTHEW FASCIONE - Family PRO POPULO		



Dear Parishioners,

Easter flower offerings of \$20 will make a beautiful gift in memory of loved ones this Easter. At Christmas, we offered the opportunity to donate flowers in memory of deceased loved ones, and this worked out better than anyone expected! We've decided to do the same for Easter as well. If you'd like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office; the names will be listed in the

bulletin and placed on a visible list as we did for Christmas! It is a very fitting honor as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord at Easter!

The Easter Food Drive carried out by the Knights of Columbus takes place April 5-13th. This is one of many ways our parish community supports those who are less fortunate than we are. May the Lord grant us to be generous, mindful that everything we have is a gift from Him!

“Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded” (John 13:5). If you are willing to let your feet be washed at the Holy Thursday Mass (7 PM, Thursday of Holy Week), please let the office know!

Are you interested in helping provide a weekly experience of Children’s liturgy of the Word? Many parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton offer a program each weekend for children during the Sunday Mass called “Children’s liturgy of the Word.” If you’re interested in helping to offer this program, please let us know.

Outside our adoration chapel is a board with prayer intentions for each week. I want to thank Charlene Jobity and Jadwiga Zychowicz for their work in putting this together and helping us to have a focus on each day of the week during Lent. Even a Hail Mary for those daily intentions will be powerful. If you'd like to sign up for an hour in the adoration chapel, please call Jadwiga at 905-537-0453!

With Holy Week coming up please note that on Good Friday and Holy Saturday confessions will not be available as usual 30 minutes before the liturgy begins. I am always happy to offer this Sacrament whenever I can (including spontaneous requests if I am able to), but I've also experienced how right before these more involved liturgies, it is helpful to the liturgical ministers for me to be available so we can prepare well and begin in a timely way.

On Divine Mercy Sunday (Sunday after Easter) we'll have a Divine Mercy Sunday service in the afternoon – don't forget to start the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday!

I look forward to attending the annual Serra Club vocations dinner on April 30th. It is honestly one of my favorite events of the year, where you will see our Bishops, many priests, deacons, religious, and laypeople from all across the diocese. The dinner is a fundraiser to support the Serra Club, which in turn does incredible work encouraging men and women to hear God's call to the priesthood and religious life (for example as monks, brothers, sisters, and nuns). I'd really love for you to come to the dinner with me! Please contact our parish office about tickets!

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)

EASTER FOOD DRIVE: Saturday, April 5 to Sunday, April 13

Please bring non-perishable 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:

WE ARE COLLECTING EASTER CHOCOLATES

for the DeMazonod door. Look for the specially decorated box.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 26, during the Lady of Good Counsel Lunch.

Beginning with Mass at 10a.m. Sign up sheets in gathering space. Cost \$10

We are still collecting **Membership dues**, you are welcome to drop your envelope in the collection basket.

Email: cwlwinona@gmail.com



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)



THE CHOSEN: SEASON 2 every **Saturday** at 6:15p.m in Meeting Room 1, all are invited to join!



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



LOOKING TO DRAMATICALLY CHANGE YOUR HEART THIS LENT SEASON? 40 Days for Life is inviting YOU (young and old) to participate in a peaceful prayer vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital, happening each day until April 13) from 7am to 7pm. This is our opportunity to pray for the voiceless and save their parents from the suffering abortion will bring. We have already helped mothers host two baby showers! **SIGN UP IN THE ONLINE CALENDAR TODAY VIA: <https://bit.ly/40dayshamilton>**



CRAFTER'S CORNER: Join us on TUESDAY, APRIL 8 from 1-3p.m. We will have a paint day! (Tulips in a Vase pictured) **Cost: \$10 all supplies & refreshments included!** Sign up in the green book in the gathering space!

STEWARDSHIP

March 30, 2025

Envelope Donations: \$3586.15

Loose Donations: \$968.85

Pre-Authorized: \$1965.00

Online (March 20): \$217.18

E-transfer: \$80.00

Total: \$6817.18

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

IF YOU HAVEN'T PICKED UP YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES, they're waiting for you! **If you asked for Envelopes or are still using visitor ones, please check the table for your set.

Our 2024 P&L is available on the table in the gathering space and on our website <https://ihmchurch.ca/fr-gregs-desk> (News & Information)

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.



SOCIAL ACTION: PLEASE NOTE! that due to Easter Celebrations the 3rd Sunday of April the **BLUE BOX** will be **postponed to the weekend after Easter (April 26/27)**. Thanks for your continued support of our parish's ministry to feed those who come to DeMazonod Door



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. "...silence is the greatest of teachers. It heals, refreshes, energizes, inspires, sharpens, clarifies. It simplifies. It is the medium of truth." Laurence Freeman OSB. The 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

UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

Apr 4th – 7 PM – Stations of the Cross - Praise & Worship Group

Apr 5/6th – Share Lent Collection

Apr 8th – 1-3 PM – Craft Day - Paint Day, Parish Hall

Apr 8th – 6-9 PM – Confessions Fr. Jeff Oehring

Apr 8th – 8 PM – Christian Meditation, Church

Apr 9th – 7:30 PM – Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall

Apr 10th – 7 PM – Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

Apr 11th – 7 PM – Stations of the Cross - RCIA

Apr 11th – 6:30 PM - Youth Group (10-18 yrs) Parish Hall (See Poster)

Apr 12th – 6:15 PM - Young Adults (18-39 yrs) Church/Parish Hall (See Poster)

Apr 12/13th - Palm Sunday Masses

Apr 14th – 2 PM — Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton

Apr 14th – 7:15 PM – Monthly Men's Retreat ('Recollection') Church, Mtg Rm 1

EASTER LITURGIES

Apr 17th – 7 PM – Holy Thursday (No Morning Mass is permitted in parishes)

Apr 18th – 11AM – Good Friday — Family Liturgy

Apr 18th – 3 PM – Good Friday

Apr 18th - Needs of the Church in the Holy Land Collection

Apr 19th – 12 Noon — Blessing of Easter Food

Apr 19th – 8:15 PM – Easter Vigil Mass (No Mass earlier this day. This Mass is beautiful, but longer than usual) Adoration Chapel closes at 11p.m. until Easter Monday at 10a.m.

Apr 20th – 9 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM — Easter Masses

Apr 15th – 8 PM – Christian Meditation, Church

Apr 16th – 7 PM – St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Room 1

Apr 26th – 10 AM — CWL Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass/Luncheon/Meeting

Apr 26th – 5 PM — IHM School First Holy Communion

Apr 27th – 2 PM Divine Mercy Sunday

Apr 30th – Serra Club Vocations Dinner (Fr. Greg is going) – Let us know if you'd like to come!



EASTER FLOWERS — you are invited to remember your loved ones at Easter by making a donation of \$20 to be put towards our Easter Flowers. We display the names on the wall of the sanctuary steps. If you would like to participate, please call or email the parish office **before Tuesday, April 15**. Donations can be made through e-transfer: ihmchurch@cogeco.net or by dropping off an envelope at the parish office. Please include the name of your loved one.




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