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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

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905-523-2468

VOCATIONS

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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. **NEW:** 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, OCTOBER 27, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS: October 28 — November 3, 2024

Diocesan Vocation
Prayer Intentions

MONDAY	9:00 AM	✠ FR. BRIAN DONNELLY — Giallonardo Family *****	Rev. Thomas Manninezthath
	6:00 PM	CHANTED MASS	
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	✠ ELISA & MARIO DIMARTINO - Pat & Rosa Ciarmoli SOULS IN PURGATORY - Grace FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG - Pat & Rosa Ciarmoli FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. BILL TRUSZ - Theresa Sapra FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PAT & ROSA CIARMOLI - Joe & Carmela Nicolazzo FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RENATO TUATON FOR THE INTERCESSION OF ST. THERESE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY & FOR THE TRIUMPH OF MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART	Rev. Grayson Hope
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	DECEASED MEMBERS OF KAROL & VERONIKAS FAMILIES	Consecrated Virgins
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS ANDREYI RZSEZOTKO - Walter & Teresa Rzsztoko	Very Rev. David Reitzel
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - Jadwiga	All Saints Day
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	ALL SOULS' DAY MASS *****	
	5:00 PM	✠ RENO CORTIULA — Family ✠ ILARIO NOCITA — Family ✠ EMIDIO TIRABASSI — Family ✠ LIVIA MENEGALDO-MURETA — Grace ✠ STANISLAW & PIOTR SZYDLOWSKI - Family ✠ TERESA VERTICCHIO - Falasca Family ✠ DECEASED OF ALBERICO & MERCUI FAMILIES ✠ DECEASED OF LEECE & BURN FAMILIES ✠ JOE CAUCCI & DECEASED OF CAUCCI & FORLINI FAMILIES — Palmira & Family ✠ DECEASED OF KUNKEL & COLTERMAN FAMILIES & ANNE ZONKA — Kunkel Family ✠ SOULS IN PURGATORY & DECEASED OF HOBBS & WHYTE FAMILIES - Kathleen Whyte ✠ DECEASED PRIESTS, BISHOPS & DEACONS OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
	9:00 AM	✠ MARY & ANGELO EVANGELISTO - Tony & Daniela Giannini	
SUNDAY	11:00 AM	✠ ANDRZEJ WSZCZESNIAK — Jadwiga Zychowicz	
	4:00 PM	PRO POPULO	



Dear Parishioners, praised be Jesus Christ! Here are some updates:

• **The Ex Corde Foundation** has recently granted our parish an additional grant of \$20,000 for the purposes of installing a new sound system. We are extremely grateful to the foundation, which was established by Bishop Crosby in 2011, and “provides financial assistance to parishes and other Catholic charities within the Diocese of Hamilton and across

Canada” (from the *Ex Corde Foundation* website – www.excordefoundation.com).

- Our parish’s sound system is scheduled to be installed this week. Please pray for a successful installation process!
- **Beginning Saturday, November 9th, and going to December 28th, *The Chosen* will be shown in meeting room 1 beginning at 6:15 PM.** This powerful and critically acclaimed series is a moving visual meditation on the events in the New Testament that can help people draw closer to Jesus. Father Greg will watch the episode with all who wish to join, answering questions afterwards. Each session will end by 7:30 PM.
- I strongly encourage you to sign up for the Hamilton Diocese’s e-mail newsletter, found at the bottom of the Hamilton Diocese website - www.hamiltondiocese.com !
- Our parish is extremely grateful to an anonymous donor who covered the costs of new chairs in our adoration chapel!
- October is the month of the Rosary, so I strongly encourage you to pray the rosary daily, and to come early before our Masses to join us in this very powerful prayer! October is also the month of vocations in Hamilton Diocese. The diocese asks us to pray this prayer for vocations:
O Mary, who raised your Divine Son with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intercede for all young people, especially those clouded by doubt about their vocations. May the light of grace pierce their hearts so they may answer your Son’s call, especially those whom He is inviting to the priesthood and consecrated life. Amen.

- **On All Saints Day (November 1st)** we will have 9 AM Mass, and I’ll also be present for the special Mass and Saint relics exhibit beginning at 7 PM at St. Francis Xavier!
- **On All Souls’ Day (Saturday, November 2nd)** we will have an additional 9 AM Mass. During November, a month where we pray for all the deceased, we will have our *Book of Remembrance* where you can write names of those who have passed. We pray for all those named in the book.
- **With grateful hearts,** we celebrate that our parish donated \$1500 to buy turkeys to feed those in need at the *De Mazenod Door* for Thanksgiving! See the letter on our Bulletin Board.
- **The Saint Vincent De Paul Society** is an excellent ministry, and they are offering an information night here on Tuesday, October 29th at 7:30 PM in the parish hall. All are invited!
- **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** continues on Tuesday nights at 7:45 PM and ends around 9 PM.
- **Our parish is currently in efforts to improve our digital media presence.** Follow us on our current social media platforms *Facebook* and *Instagram*. Let us know if you can help!
- **The next Ask Father night will take place on November 22nd in the hall at 7 PM.** Father will give a short talk, a rap, and answer your questions about God, the Church, and our parish
- **On Saturday, January 11th,** we plan to host a young adults (18-39) event here titled “Jesus, AI, and you.” I will give a talk (and definitely a rap) on the topic - more information to come!
- **On Wednesday, January 22nd,** at 7 PM, we intend to have a parish town hall meeting (also called “*synodal gathering*”) to discern more about how we can continue to make our parish even more vibrant! Join us!

We thank God for the abundant life and wonderful things happening here at our parish!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!
Fr. Gregory Merkley



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IS BACK! We are looking for new items for the raffle. Please bring donations to the parish office or contact John van Troost (905-662-7583), by Friday, November 22. **Draw to take place in the parish hall on Tuesday, December 17 following the 7p.m. Mass. Join us for Refreshments.**

STONEY CREEK SANTA CLAUS PARADE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 2P.M. we are looking for children who would like to sing on our float! Please call John 905-662-7583 **Interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus? Visit: kofc.org/join (Council # 14421)**



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CHRISTMAS MARKET & BAKE SALE —SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16. Boxes for the bake sale are available after mass in the gathering space. Please help us by making some treats. Look around your home for Christmas items including gently used toys that could be part of our white elephant table. They can be dropped off at the church. The CWL executive thanks you in advance for your support.



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)



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 (Sept. 25-Nov. 3) from 7am to 7pm. This is our opportunity to pray for the voiceless and save their parents from the suffering abortion will bring. **SIGN UP IN THE ONLINE CALENDAR TODAY VIA: <https://bit.ly/40dayshamilton> OR CALL 905-962-2864.**



ORIENTATION/INFORMATION SESSION Tuesday, October 29, 7:30pm in our Parish Hall. Are you interested in helping families in need in your community and beyond? Are you interested in **PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION?** If so, come and learn about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and consider joining the team. Stop by the Orientation Meeting!



DO YOU HAVE GENTLY USED MEN'S WINTER JACKETS? If you do, please drop them put them in bags and leave them in the hallway across from the meeting rooms. We thank you in advance for your kindness.



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

STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 20, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$3399.05
Loose Donations: \$995.95
Online (Oct 10): \$359.05
Pre-Authorized (Oct 15): \$3,270.00
Total: \$8024.05

If you would like to go "Green" please visit our website: www.ihmchurch.ca click the link "Donate to our Parish" and fill in the attached form and email or drop it off to the parish office. We now have e-transfer! Thank you for your continued support & generosity.



SOCIAL ACTION: Thank you to all who donated to the **BLUE BOX** last weekend and to our two groups of volunteers who prepared and the cooked the meals the last two weeks. The guests thoroughly enjoyed the meals. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



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. *"The desire to see God is what urges us to love solitude and silence. For silence is where God dwells."* Robert Cardinal Sarah



MINISTERS OF THE WORD IN THIS WORKSHOP, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The cost is \$30 and includes lunch. **Saturday, November 9, 2024, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hamilton, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming events/Workshops. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/02/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-2/> If you are interested, please register and let our parish office know.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION. This workshop is for parishioners new to this ministry or considering it and a good refresher for experienced ministers. Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The cost is \$30 and includes lunch. Workshops are offered on **Saturday, November 16, 2024, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington, ON, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m;** Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/02/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-2/> If you are interested, please register and let our parish office know.

THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS DAY MASS at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00pm. The principal celebrant will be Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

WHEN LIFE CHANGES is the title of a training session for the new grief program being offered by the Diocesan Family Ministry Office. The two-hour on-line session on **Thursday, November 7 (3-5 p.m.) is followed by a one day in-person session on Wednesday, November 27 (9:30-3:30 p.m.).** Dr. Bill Webster, the writer and creator of the program will provide the training. Sponsored by Arbor Memorial, the program is free. Parishes are invited to encourage interested parishioners to register for the session.



JOIN ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH (304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek, ON) on Friday, November 1, 2024, at 7:00 PM for a special All Saints Day Mass. After the Mass, explore a remarkable exhibit featuring 130 sacred relics of the saints. This is a unique opportunity to walk among the saints and spend time in prayer with relics of great spiritual significance, including the Passion Relics: The True Cross, the Crown of Thorns, the Holy Spear, and the Holy Nail of Jesus Christ. The exhibit will also feature a fragment of the Blessed Virgin Mary's veil and St. Joseph's cloak. Don't miss this powerful chance to draw closer to our faith through these holy treasures. **If you are unable to attend the Friday evening event, there will be a short viewing of the relics on Saturday, November 2, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Please come and celebrate the saints with us!**

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