

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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PASTORAL TEAM

FR. GREGORY MERKLEY, Pastor **Rev. Mr. Joe Gigliotti**, Deacon **Giuseppe Njualem**, Seminarian **Ilaria Paletta**, Office Administrator

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 ihmchurch@cogeco.net

VISIT: www.formed.org

SOCIAL MEDIA: @ihmchurchsc

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.

—————— 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.

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ADDRESS:______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, JUNE 8, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: June 9 —15, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ************************************	Rev. Francisco Cruz Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	 †FRED & CAROL CUNNINGHAM — Walter & Patricia Tymchuk † ERNEST GOMES — Gomez Family † LIVIO & GIUSEPPINA VENTRESCA, ALBERICO & ANGELA CIRIELLO — Vince & Marisa Ciriello † ANGELA & VINCENZO D'ASTICE, CAROLE MONACO - Family SOULS IN PURGATORY — Joe Kiefer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF IAN & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ZELIKA & IVO, IN THANKSGIVING FOR 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LISA RIDDELL — Tony & Bernadette Delville FOR PRIESTS, BISHOPS, NUNS, DEACONS BOTH LIVING & DECEASED 	Rev. Murray McDermott
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR PRIESTS WHO LACK FAITH IN THE POWER OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE PRIESTHOOD	Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	† PETER & MARIE LAUGHLIN — Giallonardo Family	Rev. Stefano Lee
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	† WILLIAM COLTERMAN — Kunkel Family	Rev. Paul Voisin
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	 +HAZEL ADOLPHE - Family +LEANNE DEVINE — Kathleen Whyte +BENITO DICLAUDIO — Maria Caucci +GERMAN GARZON — Family + JOSIE & TOM IVEZIC — Grace Ivezic +HENRY LAFRATTA — Reanna & Michael Crea & Family +REGALADO MINDO — Family +ROSE-AIMEE MORGAN — Robertson/Morgan Families +AGOSTINO PACIFICI — Tony & Daniela Giannini +MARTIN PADDOCK — Luisa Verticchio +MIKE VALLORANI & LARRY PALETTA SR — Family + MICHAEL SZPAKOWSKI & JANUSZ ZAGRODZKI - Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANTE CEPO - Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JANET PATTON 	Rev. Gianluca Roso
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	 FULVIA SALCICCIOLI — Tony & Daniela Giannini JOE CAUCCI & DECEASED OF CAUCCI & FORLINI FAMILIES — Palmira Caucci PRO POPULO 	



Dear parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, which many of us have also experienced in a personal way at our Confirmation. We all need the power of the Holy Spirit to fully respond to Jesus' call to "follow me" and to put Him at the center of our life.

Are you over 14 years old and have not been Confirmed? If so, please contact the office and we would love to work with you to prepare you to receive that Sacrament. This very important Sacrament often marks the completion of initiation into the Catholic Church.

Where is the Holy Spirit speaking to me today? What is He inviting me into? How does He want me to know and feel that I am loved by Jesus? How does the Holy Spirit want to help me respond to Jesus' call to love God with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and to love my neighbour as myself?

We can sometimes be afraid like those first apostles were, locked away and in hiding. Hiding from the demands of the Gospel, hiding from others, hiding from ourselves, and hiding from God. But the Holy Spirit gives us the grace to "be not afraid" and to "go and teach all nations" the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel is the Good News, that Jesus Christ loves us, died and rose for us, and offers us a life of peace, love, joy and happiness in the next life and even a great foretaste of it in this life.

I'll return from my annual priest workshop on Friday, June 13th. I am really getting a lot out of the classes and talks we have each day, and also enjoying the chance to catch up with other priests and meet new ones, as we strive to be ever better priests in our ministry.

Note that on June 14th and 15th, Sister Noeline Nakakeeto from Uganda will share with us about the work her community is doing and invite us to be collaborators with that work as we participate in this missionary co-operative endeavor.

We will soon celebrate Corpus Christi, a solemnity in the life of the Church where we reflect on the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith as the Catechism says. Jesus Christ gives us Himself to strengthen us.. The Church encourages parishes to have an outdoor Corpus Christi procession on this day, and so we will plan to have a simple outdoor Corpus Christi procession around the Church.

Mary must have received her Son in the Most Holy Eucharist with tremendous fervor, love and devotion. May we imitate her and ask the Holy Spirit to form us more and more after the hearts of Jesus and Mary, who exemplify what we and the Church are called to be.

From Seminarian Giuseppe: Hello everyone! My name is Giuseppe Njualem, and I am a Seminarian at Saint Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario. I belong to the Diocese of Saint Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. I'm originally from Cameroona country that, like Canada, is bilingual, with French and English as its two official languages. In addition to these, there are over 600 native languages spoken across the country. I come from a family of five siblings—two boys and three girls—and I'm the youngest. All of my family members still live in Cameroon, except for my older brother who moved to Texas some time ago. From a very young age, I've always wanted to become a priest. This desire is probably rooted, first of all, in the deeply religious nature of my family. But more importantly, it comes from the love I developed for the teachings of Jesus Christ, the joy it brings, and the kind of person they inspire me to be. That love for Jesus led me to enter the Minor Seminary at just nine years old. Since then, I've continued to discern my vocation and am now in the Major Seminary, following the path I believe God is calling me to. I pray that, if it is His will, I may one day become a good priest. You are always in my prayers, and I humbly ask you to keep me in yours as well. Also, Immaculate Heart of Mary is a very welcoming parish with some of the friendliest parishioners I have met. It's a great honour to be among you, and to pray together!

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





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

YARD SALE: SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 8AM TO 12NOON: If you are doing Spring Cleaning, please consider donating any gently used items to the Knight's Annual Yard Sale. This is a great community building event and we invite everyone to drop by to find your next treasure! PLEASE NO: Clothes or electronics. Drop off your donations at the main parking lot entrance on FRIDAY, JUNE 6 1PM TO 5PM.

GENERAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 beginning at 7:30P.M in the parish hall.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: END OF YEAR MASS & SOCIAL, Tuesday, June 10 at 7p.m. Join us!



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: No meeting 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. Coming up! Chosen Season 4—Saturday, June 21

CRAFTER'S CORNER: Tuesday, June 10 from 1-3p.m., AKE Parish Hall. Join us and make a Canada Day Craft. TUFF Please sign Green book in the gathering space, cost \$5

UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

June 6 th - 1-5 PM—Yard Sale Drop Off, Back Parking Lot (No clothes/electronics)
June 7 th – 8AM - 1 PM— Yard Sale, Back Parking Lot (KofC)
June 7 th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series, Meeting Rm 1
June 7 th - 6:30 PM — Diocesan Young Adults Night, Here
June 9 th - 7:15 PM – Men's Retreat/Recollection
June 9 th - 6:30 PM – Card Group, Parish Hall
June 10 th - 1-3 PM – Craft Day, Parish Hall, RSVP
June 10 th - 8 PM – Christian Meditation, Church
June 11 th - 7:30 PM – Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
June 12 th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
June 13 th - 6:30 PM—Youth Group, Parish Hall
June 14 th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series, Meeting Rm 1 (Last Night)
June 14/15 th — Missionary Co-Op Weekend
June 14/15 th — Blue Box Weekend
June 14/15 th — Hamilton Right to Life Baby Bottles Due Back
June 17 th - 5 PM — St. Gabriel Grade 8 Graduation, Church
June 19 th - 5:30 PM — IHM Grade 8 Graduation, Church
June 21 st /22 nd — Chalice Weekend
June 23 rd - 6:30 PM – Card Group, Parish Hall
June 24 th - 8 PM – Christian Meditation, Church
June 25 th - 7:30 PM – St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Rm 1
June 26 th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
June 30 th - 6:30 PM – Card Group, Parish Hall



SOCIAL ACTION: Next weekend (June 14/15) the BLUE BOX will be in the narthex to receive your monetary donations to help our parish continue to prepare and cook over 700 hot delicious meals a month for the poor, working poor, homeless and marginalized who come to DeMazenod Door each

day for breakfast and lunch. While the number of guests rise during the summer months our parishioners continue to meet those needs. Thank you for your kindness and ongoing support of this vital service to our community members in need. God Bless you.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Every Tuesday 8-9pm 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.

"Meditation is the missing dimension of much Christian life today. It does not exclude other types of prayer and indeed deepens reverence for the sacraments and scripture." Laurence Freeman OSB. World Community for Christian Meditation.



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 905-528-7988 contact Sarah at ext. 2249. or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.



THE HWCDSB OFFERS IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SUMMER CLASSES TO ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN FREE OF CHARGE. NO previous knowledge of the target language is necessary. Classes run once a week for 2.5 hours. To view the languages offered, sites, and how to register, please visit www.stcharles.ca Immaculate Heart of Mary School will offer Italian July 2 to 26, Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. If you are interested in instructing a language, contact St. Charles at 905-577-0555 Ext 3225. We are currently looking for Filipino and Polish

instructors. If you are interested, please contact Mary at

anilowskim@hwcdsb.ca

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Please return your baby bottle by GHT tolle Sunday, June 15. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP JUNE 1, 2025 Envelope Donations: \$3641.25 Loose Donations: \$993.75 Canada Helps: \$236.43 Pre-Authorized Giving: \$2115.00 E-transfer: \$250.00 Total: \$7236.43

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

