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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

ihmchurch@cogeco.net

VISIT: www.formed.org

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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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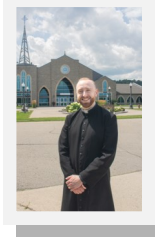
SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 28-May 4, 2025



Diocesan Vocation
Prayer Intentions

MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	† CLAUDE COTÉ - Boris & Luanne & Family ***** CHANTED MASS	Rev. Francis Noranha
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	† JERRY GROZEK † ANNA & FRANK LUKCAS - Family † CELESTINA MEDEIROS — Christina & Roman Meilko † ANTONIETTA MORRONE-MARCHIONDA — Family † ANTONIO SGRO - Deacon Joe & Nadia FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MANI B FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE KIEFER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG — Kathleen Whyte FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTEO GIGLIOTTI — Joe Kiefer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FERNANDO GIGLIOTTI FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIELLE KLOOSTRA & CAROLINE LAPRISE — Bernadette & Tony Delville FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED INCLUDING POPES, CARDINALS, BISHOPS, PRIESTS, MONKS, NUNS & CHRISTIANS	Rev. Shajymon Mandapathikunnel
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	† STANLEY SZEWC — Ed & Sharon & Family	Permanent Deacons
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	† FR. BRIAN DONNELLY — Giallonardo Family	Rev. Michael Isabelle
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - Teresa Rzeszotko	Rev. Alberto Ferreira
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	† JENNIFER ARRUDA AQUIAR, MARIA GRACE FERREIRA † RENO CORTIULA - Family † PIOTR SZYDLOWSKI — Family IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE ST. GABRIEL FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN & FAMILIES	Rev. Gary Schlack
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE SHAW-STACHURSKI FAMILIES † EMIDIO TIRABASSI — Family PRO POPULO	



My dear parishioners,

Happy Easter! Thank you to all those who helped with the Easter liturgies: musicians, sacristans, altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, and more! Thank you to all our beloved parishioners for your impressive and necessary continued support of our beautiful parish. Thank you to the ladies who came out on Tuesday and cleaned the

inside of the church in preparation for the Sacred Triduum. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus for washing all the windows at the front of the church, and to those who help maintain our parish’s grounds. Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones. Easter is a season that lasts 40 days, ending on Pentecost. It is even longer than the “40 days” of Lent. We are blessed! Thank you also to all those who gave me kind cards and gifts on the occasion of Easter – may God reward you!

The passing of Pope Francis on Easter Monday surprised all of us, and we are united in prayer for him and for the Church. We have placed a picture of Pope Francis in the sanctuary to honor his memory and remind us to pray for him. At the encouragement of our Diocesan chancery, we will have a memorial Mass for Pope Francis here on Monday, May 5th at 6 PM (our usual chant Mass will become the memorial Mass), at which I will share some thoughts on Pope Francis’ life. We also pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the college of cardinals at the upcoming conclave as they prepare to elect the next pope.

On Divine Mercy Sunday (always the Sunday after Easter Sunday) we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday! The outline for the afternoon is 2 PM - Exposition of the Holy Eucharist with confessions available, 2:45 PM - Talk by myself on Divine Mercy, 3 PM – Divine Mercy chaplet, 3:15 PM – Solemn veneration of the divine mercy image (including incensing), benediction and reposition. Following this, 3:30 PM confessions and 4 PM Mass will take place as usual.

We celebrate First Communions on Saturday, April 26 and May 3 at 5pm for Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Gabriel school respectively.

This means our usual 5 PM Mass will be blessed with many additional families and friends celebrating this milestone – which the whole parish will join in celebrating! Guidelines from the Diocese of Hamilton envision First Communions as ideally taking place at regularly scheduled weekend Masses. This is an expression of the home, school and parish all coming together in a meaningful way. Please generously pray for them and welcome them! Congratulations!

Congratulations also to our newest Catholics, Rhiannon, Tyler, Linda, Christine, Nicolas and Ian!

We are also blessed to have with us seminarian Giuseppe Njualem, who will be with us for the summer. May the Lord bless him as he journeys towards the priesthood, and may our parish support him on his journey!

Voting is top of mind for many as elections draw closer. Some helpful information for Catholics regarding voting is available in booklets provided by the Diocese, which you can look at in our parish’s shrine library.

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)

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YARD SALE JUNE 7 - If you are doing Spring Cleaning, please consider donating any gently used items to the Knights Annual Yard Sale. Watch this space for future announcements regarding when and where do drop off 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 INVITE ALL LADIES TO JOIN US SATURDAY, APRIL 26 AT 10AM FOR A SPECIAL MASS in honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

This Sunday is coffee Sunday after morning Masses.
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)



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, April 26 at 6:15p.m. to Saturday, June 14, join us in Meeting Room 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

- Apr 26th - 10 AM** — CWL Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass/Luncheon/Meeting
- Apr 26th - 5 PM** — IHM School First Holy Communion
- Apr 26th - 5 PM** — Mass for New Catholics at the Cathedral of Christ the King
- Apr 26th - 6:15 PM** — Chosen Series Meeting Rm 1
- Apr 27th - 2 PM** Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr 29th - 8 PM** — Christian Meditation, Church
- Apr 30th - 7 PM** — St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Room 1
- Apr 30th - Serra Club Vocations Dinner (Fr. Greg is going)**
- May 1st - 7 PM** — Praise & Worship Parish Hall
- May 3rd - 5 PM** — St. Gabriel School First Holy Communion
- May 3rd - 6:15 PM** — Chosen Series Meeting Rm 1
- May 5th - 6 PM** — **Memorial Mass for Pope Francis**
- May 6th - 8 PM** — Christian Meditation, Church
- May 7th - 7 PM** — St. Joseph Men's Group in Meeting Room 1
- May 8th - 7 PM** — Praise & Worship - Parish Hall
- May 9th - 6:30 PM** — Youth Group - Parish Hall
- May 10th - 6:15 PM** — Young Adults - Parish Hall
- May 10th - 6:15 PM** — Chosen Series Meeting Rm 1
- May 13th - 8 PM** — Christian Meditation, Church
- May 14th - 7:30 PM** — Knights of Columbus Meeting—Parish Hall
- May 15th - 7 PM** — Praise & Worship Parish Hall

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: HAPPY EASTER! Last Wednesday our parish volunteers made another great meal for DeMazenod Door. Roast Pork with gravy, roasted vegetables and potatoes, Fruit Cocktail cups, and a beautiful garden salad. The guests really enjoyed the meal. This weekend the **BLUE BOX** is in the narthex and you are asked to be as generous as possible, so we can continue this wonderful work of feeding the poor of Hamilton. **THANK YOU** for your charity. **Remember the BLUE BOX is this weekend April 26 & 27.**



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

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: What we choose to allow into our children's lives will have lifetime implications for how those things will function in their lives as adults. What media (of all types) do we allow them to engage with? What after school and weekend activities do we allow them to take part in and how much do we support their efforts? Is getting into the outdoors important to your family? Do we engage as a family in the faith by attending Mass, praying at meals and before bed, saying the Rosary and other prayers? What we bring into the lives of our children will be impacted as much by our engagement as theirs. Think about what you believe will matter to their physical, mental and spiritual health in the future and then bring those into your child's life. What we choose for them can help them choose well when they are making their own decisions.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: Life is busy, sometimes so busy that we forget to make time every day to connect with our spouse. Demands on our time can make it seem impossible, but it is necessary to help love thrive. We must make a choice to put our couple relationship into our agendas. Spend time at the beginning or end of each day to touch base on what is going on in our lives, pray together each day, book date nights (at home and/or out of the home), enjoy a coffee together, take a walk, just the two of you. Relationships of any kind need both quality and quantity time; make sure you have both to keep your marriage strong.

STEWARDSHIP

April 20, 2025 (Easter)

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