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Tuesday to Thursday
9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.
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Monday 10a.m. until Saturday 3p.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)

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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.

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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

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 One year 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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We welcome you to our Parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Greg.
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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: November 9-15, 2026	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	**9:00 AM**	**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARCUS KIDDER** - Mario & Louise Castellani	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
TUESDAY	**7:00 PM**	**MEMORIAL MASS FOR PARISHIONERS WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST YEAR**	Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo
WEDNESDAY	**9:00 AM**	✝**NINO FAVERO** — Family	Deceased Consecrated Brothers & Sisters
THURSDAY	**9:00 AM**	**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIELA GIANNINI**	Rev. Stipe Rotim
FRIDAY	**9:00 AM**	**SPECIAL INTENTION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**—Z.	Rev. Stipe Gale
SATURDAY	**5:00 PM**	✝**DAVID BLACK**—Pat Black ✝**SALVATORE DIBUSSOLO**—Paletta & Vallorani Families ✝**GUIDO D'ACHILLE, GIOVANNI CALTAGIRONE, GIUSEPPINA PETITTI** - Family ✝**PETER PASZYNSKI**—Family ✝**ANTONIO PICCOLI**—Sam & Luci Frosina ✝**ELSA PIETRA**—Mara & Joe Pellegrino & Family ✝**LIDIA PUTIGNA**—Rose Pretto ✝**FILIPPO SANTINI, PAMELA STEELE**—Irma Tirabassi & Family ✝**JEFF TOOLE**—Gino & Vilma Nuccitelli ✝**MARIO & IDA VERTICCHIO, NINO & TERESA VERTICCHIO**—Luisa **SOULS IN PURGATORY** **IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH**—Mary Agnes Auer **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ELAINE MICHALICKA**—Family **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIEL & EDWARD SZYDLOWSKI** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CARLYLE VILLANUEVA**—Family	Rev. Ilija Petkovic
SUNDAY	**9:00 AM** **11:00 AM** **4:00 PM**	✝**RITA SERAFINI**—Rita & Leo Santini ✝**ANTONIETTA & BASIL PACENZA**—Family **PRO POPULO**	

My dear parishioners,

This upcoming Wednesday is *Remembrance Day*, and so we honor all those who sacrificed their lives so that we might have peace. May the Lord grant our world the peace so many fought for, and may they rest in eternal peace.

During November, we'll also have our *Book of Remembrance* allowing us to write down the names of deceased family, friends, or those we wish to pray for. As usual, it will be kept at the front as a clear reminder that we are continuing to keep them in our prayers, and bringing them to God at all our Masses.

"Red Wednesday" takes place November 18th; it is an annual day when Christians unite in praying for persecuted Christians around the world. Our faith has sadly been persecuted since the beginning, and so we recall those who still suffer for our faith and pray especially for them all around the world. On Wednesday, November 18th we'll pray a rosary before Mass for these brother Christians, and anyone attending is invited to wear red to this special Mass. Information about Red Wednesday has also been sent out to all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Our adoration chapel is in desperate need of additional adorers. As you know, it is essential that there is always at least one person in the adoration chapel any time the Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration. If you are willing to help cover any hours in the adoration chapel, please contact Jadwiga who coordinates the chapel, or reach out to the office. From my own experience, any hour in the adoration chapel (day or night!) is a great blessing and brings with it many special graces from the Lord.

At a recent priest convocation, the Diocese of Hamilton (in response to a question submitted to the Church), has asked clergy to refrain from giving blessings during Holy Communion. The announcement provided from the Diocese reads as follows:

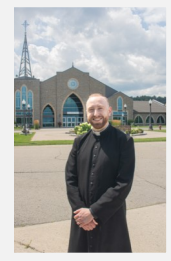
When non-Catholics and others who are not receiving Communion come forward during the Communion Procession, it has been the custom for them to cross their arms. They are to be acknowledged by the Priest or Extraordinary Minister and may be greeted with the words, "Christ be with you." In accord with instructions received from the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, they do not receive a blessing at this time. They receive a blessing with the entire community at the conclusion of the Mass.

We have started a new series for our Wednesday faith nights, *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*. It's a great chance to learn more about who Jesus really was and the historical circumstances of his life. Come and join us on any Wednesday night from 7:15-8:30 PM, and see our poster!

Have you noticed the poster on the bulletin boards about Anna, who is in need of a liver transplant? Please do look and pray for the family. If you know someone who could help, that would be most appreciated!

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley



Knights of Columbus: General Meeting: Wednesday, November 11 beginning at 7:30p.m. in the Parish Hall.
***Pierogi Dinner: Tuesday, November 24** beginning at 3PM
***Santa Claus Parade: Saturday, December 5** at 2p.m. King St, Stoney Creek
***Raffle Prizes Needed:** For our Christmas Raffle drop off at the office by November 27. Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Women's League: Thank you to all who donated to our October Scarf and Mitten Drive for the Good Shepherd! Our November charity drive will be for any gentle used or new Winter Sweaters and Winter Clothing for women, men or children. It will be going to Bakhita House and the Good Shepherd Family Centres in Downtown Hamilton.
***General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 8PM in the Parish Hall.**
***IHM CWL is celebrating 70 years!** Please join us in celebrating with us at our Christmas Social on **December 6 at 1 PM at the Powerhouse Restaurant. For Tickets email: cwlwinona@gmail.com.**
***The CWL will be selling Advent Candles on the weekend of November 21/22 and November 28/29.** For a bundle of 4 Advent taper candles (12"), $15. All proceeds go to our CWL to support our church community and social justice initiatives.
***Christmas Bake Sale:** After all Masses on **November 21 and 22 in the parish hall.** Love to bake? We would be delighted to have your treats! Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space.
***Membership $45.** Payment accepted by e-transfer: cwlwinona@gmail.com, cash or cheque. **Contact President, Lucia Marchionda for more information cwlihmpresident@gmail.com**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

November 7th/8th—SSVP Collection
November 8th— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Mtg Rm 1)
November 9th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
November 10th—10 AM—3 PM—Confirmation Retreat, Parish Hall
November 10th—1-3 PM—Crafter's Group (Mtg Rm 1)
November 10th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
November 11th—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
November 11th—7:30 PM—Knights of Columbus Meeting (Parish Hall)
November 12th—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)
November 13th—6:30 PM—Youth Night (Parish Hall)
November 14/15th— Blue Box Collection
November 14th—8 AM—COR Men's Group (Mtg Rm 1)
November 14th—7 PM—Young Adults (Church, Parish Hall)
November 15th— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Mtg Rm 1)
November 15th— 4 PM—Chant Mass
November 16th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
November 16th— 7 PM—SSVP Meeting (Mtg Rm 1)
November 17th — 9 AM—Mom's Group (Parish Hall)
November 17th— 7 PM—CWL Mass/Meeting (Church, Parish Hall)
November 17th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
November 18th— Red Wednesday—Prayers for the Persecution & Justice suffered by Christians, Wear Red, 8:30 AM Rosary
November 18th— Parish Office Closed
November 18th— 9 AM—DeMazenod Door Cooking
November 18th—7 PM—Confirmation—St. Gabriel School
November 18th—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
November 19th—7:30 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)
November 20th—10:30 AM—IHM School Mass
November 21/22—CWL Bake Sale (Parish Hall)
November 24th—3 PM—Pierogi Dinner/TakeOut

Stewardship - October 31/November 1, 2026

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
$4177.05	$1575.95	$590.00	$269.69	$0	**$6612.69**

Thank you for your Generosity!



Social Action: Next Sunday (November 14/15) is BLUE BOX weekend. Please be as generous as you are able. Remember every dollar you give is turned into a delicious hot meal that is served to our guests who come to De Mazenod Door. "Behind every meal is a person, someone who is providing a meal to someone who is in need of a meal." Blue Box donors are at the beginning of this wonderful chain that keeps on giving. Last month IHM volunteers prepared close to 700 delicious meals. Overall, De Mazenod Door served 15,923 meals, an average 514 meals a day. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU for your kindness.

If you or someone you know is in need of support, please don't hesitate to reach out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are here to help members of our community facing difficult times. All requests are handled with care and confidentiality. **Contact us: 289-799-2314 or by email: ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com. Next Collection: November 7/8**, please make cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

SSVP Collection: Reusable Grocery Bags: Our IHM Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting reusable grocery bags for De Mazenod Door to help support those in need. If you have any reusable grocery bags to donate, please bring them to the church and place them in the collection box located under the coat racks. Thank you for your generosity and support

Marriage Enrichment — Healthy marriages matter and marriage enrichment helps keep them strong! Keeping your marriage healthy and strong requires love, but also time spent fine tuning your relationship and reconnecting. Join us on **Saturday, November 21** at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown for a day to reconnect for our enrichment day: Discovering New Paths for Your Married Love. We will share new ways to deepen your relationship and give you time with the one you love! Registration can be found online at hamiltondiocese.com, under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

AI and Human Dignity – The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us as we explore Pope Leo's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas and our call to protect human dignity in an age of technological revolution. It will take place on **Wednesday, November 25th, 2026 (1:00 – 3:00pm)** at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. Registration and more information can be found here: https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/ai-andhuman-dignity-workshop.

We are happy to announce that we are starting a Catholic Moms Group at our parish. We are holding two sessions. We have one in the morning for the retired moms, moms who stay at home, and for those on maternity leave. Kids are welcome to come. We have an evening session for those that can't make it in the morning due to work and commitments. **Our first morning session will be on November 17 at 9am. The first evening session will be on November 23 at 7pm. Please register using this link: https://bit.ly/47ZgXTO**

The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, November 14 at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be watching the sixth video in a series by Dr. Brant Pitre, "Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Session 7 – The Crucifixion of Jesus", followed by a discussion and fellowship. The purpose of our group is to prayerfully explore our Catholic Faith over coffee and donuts. All men of the parish are welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.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