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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 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)

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

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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

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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Kindly complete the information below and place it in the collection basket.

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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses		Confession 30 mins before All Masses		SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: October 5-11 , 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions	
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SISTER SOFIA FAUSTINA				Rev. Anton Sebamalai	
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†VICTOR ANDREGO — Family †JOE & MICHAEL AUER, JOE ULRICH —Mary Agnes Auer †BRUNO GIRO — Family †FRANK & ELEANOR KUNKEL — Kunkel Family †ANNA & FRANK LUKACS — Family †LARRY PALETTA SR — Family †GASPARE & PINA SCIARRA—Julie Cascio †CAMILLO TRAVAGLINI— Pat & Rosa Ciarmoli †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU — Family SOULS IN PURGATORY - Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTION OF RODNEY & KAREN DORWIN — Pat & Rosa Ciarmoli FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FRANK KUNKEL - Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF STAN REBEJKO FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LIZ VON BRAUN—Ralph & Mary Fascione				Rev. Leszek Szczygiel	
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FAUSTINA LESZCZYNSKI — Family				Consecrated Virgins	
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MYRA JUMEAU				Rev. Mark Sullivan	
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY LADNIAK— J.Z				Rev. David Wilhelm	
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†ROSALIE CICCHI —Larry & Ilaria Paletta †ANGELINA CORTIULA — Family †ANTONIO GIANNINI — Family †DONATO IACOZZA — Tony & Daniela Giannini †AUDREY JOHNS—Family †ANNA LEDONNE—Family †CONCETTA, LUCIA & PAOLO LEOMBRUNO—Family †VITTORIA MAZZETTI—Benito & Maria DiFlavio †IAN MCINTOSH — Family †TONY PAIANO —Luigi & Marta Visocchi †GIUSEPPE PALERMO— Family †LIVIO TAM — Theresa Bennett & Adele vanTroost †JEFF TOOLE & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE TOOLE FAMILY — Falasca Family SOULS IN PURGATORY— Joe Kiefer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY				Rev. Paul Patrick	
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†ANTONIO GIANNINI - Tony & Daniela Giannini †JOE CAUCCI & DECEASED OF FORLINI & CAUCCI FAMILIES — Palmira & Family PRO POPULO					

My dear parishioners,

October is the month of the *rosary*, and in our Diocese, it is also a month of reflection on *vocations*. As a result, you are encouraged to take up the rosary with even more effort this month, and experience the power of this prayer which is deceptively simple and yet infinitely deep. Even the greatest spiritual masters cannot fully unpack the power and depth of the rosary. If you are looking for something to pray for, please consider offering prayers for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, as well as for me and for our parish, so that God’s will may be done perfectly in all of us with the help of Mary our Heavenly Mother!

Beginning October 11th, our parish will begin offering *Children’s Liturgy of the Word*, a program during Mass for young people. For now, it will start at the 11 AM Sunday Mass, and be offered for children aged 4 to 8 years old - I understand this is about the age range that is common in our Diocese. Children attending the program must be able to go to the washroom by themselves. While our wonderful and well-trained volunteers are properly screened according to the Diocese’s guidelines, I understand that taking the children to the washroom is not something they are allowed to do at this time. The children will be called forth near the beginning of the Mass, and then go to meeting room 1 for an age appropriate opportunity to reflect on the Word of God and apply it to their lives. They will return to their families around the time of the apostle’s creed and the petitions, and remain with them for the rest of the Mass. Please let us know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions so that we can continue to work to make this program the best it can be!

The schedule of our monthly chant Mass will be changing from Mondays to the *third Sunday of the month at 4 PM*. Having prayed about this and discerned it with the help of spiritual direction, I feel this is a healthier and more balanced approach to when we offer the monthly chant Mass. This means that Sunday on which the chant Mass lands will include more singing of the Mass than usual - anyone who has been to a chant Mass before will know what to expect! Our last regularly scheduled *Monday chant Mass* is *October 12th*, at 6 PM. Please let me know if you have any questions at all!

October 4th is *Life Chain*, which takes place from 2:30-3:30 PM at Highway 8 and Gray’s Road. Even the UN human rights code notes that all humans have a *right to life*. Pope Leo the 14th has highlighted this is the most foundational human right. Human life is sacred, for as Scripture reminds us, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you” (Jeremiah 1:5). God’s love and mercy are for all, including precious human life that is still unborn, as well as their family members.

Every Wednesday night we have our Faith Nights, which include a video, small group discussion, and a chance for Q/A. We’re scheduled to begin at 7:15 PM and end by 8:30 PM. This program can welcome anyone wherever they are on their spiritual journey. You are welcome to come, and bring a friend! Also, if you miss an episode, you can still watch it on www.formed.org by using our parish subscription!

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley





Knights of Columbus: Thanksgiving Food Drive — October 3-11, please bring non-perishable food items, hygiene products. Thank you for your generosity.



Catholic Women's League: IHM CWL Marian Retreat: Friday, October 30, 2026, following 9 a.m. Mass.

Christmas Bazaar: November 20 & 21, 2026. Interested in volunteering, email cwlihmpresident@gmail.com or sign up using the sheet in the gathering space.

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 @ 8pm Parish Hall

Membership dues \$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)

September 23-November 1 - 7AM—7 PM — 40 days for Life Prayer Vigil, Main St & Broadway, Hamilton (Hamilton Right to Life)

October 3/4—SSVP Collection

October 3-11—Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 3rd— 9:30 AM— Blessing of Pets (Outside front of church)

October 4th— 2:30-3:30 PM Life Chain, Highway 8 & Grays Rd, Stoney Creek

October 5th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)

October 6th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)

October 7th—7:15 PM—The Search Program (Mtg Rm 1)

October 8th—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)

October 9th—6:30 PM—Youth Group (Parish Hall)

October 10th— 8 AM—COR Men's Group (Mtg Rm 1)

October 10th— 6:30 PM—Young Adults (Church/Parish Hall)

October 11th— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Church/Mtg Rm 1)

October 13th— 1-3 PM—Crafter's Group (Parish Hall)

October 13th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)

October 14th—7:15 PM—The Search Program (Mtg Rm 1)

October 15th—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)

October 17th—8 AM—Our Lady of Victory Pilgrimage (see Bulletin Board)

October 19th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)

October 18/19th— World Mission Sunday Collection

October 18/19th— Blue Box Collection

October 19th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)

October 19th—7 PM—SSVP Meeting (Mtg Rm 1)

October 20th—7 PM—CWL Meeting (Church/Parish Hall)

October 20th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)

October 21st—9 AM—DeMazenod Door Cooking Team (Parish Hall)

October 21st—7:15 PM—The Search Program (Mtg Rm 1)

October 22nd—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)

October 23rd—10:30 AM—IHM School Mass

October 24th— 8 AM—COR Men's Group (Mtg Rm 1)

October 25th—2 PM—Family Catechism (IHM School Gym)

October 26th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)

October 27th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)

October 28th—7:15 PM—The Search Program (Mtg Rm 1)

October 28th—9 AM—DeMazenod Door Cooking Team (Parish Hall)

October 29th—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)

October 30th—9 AM—CWL Retreat (Church, Parish Hall)



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, October 10 at 8:00am in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be watching the fifth video in a series by Dr. Brant Pitre, "Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Session 5 - The Kingdom of God and the Messiah", 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.



Social Action: Many thanks to all the parishioners who support the BLUE BOX donations on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Your donation enables our parish volunteers to prepare and cook over 350 meals twice a month to De Mazenod Door. That works out to 8400+ meals a year. This is not just a statistic, but these are meals being served to individuals; PEOPLE who love the delicious meals and look forward to the days that IHM COOKS FOR THEM. Your generosity means a lot to each of those reviving a meal. God Bless you all.



Men's Clothing Drive — ONLY MEN'S ITEMS Clean & Gently Used: Track pants, Hoodies, Sweaters. Please drop them off in the bin Marked Men's Clothing Drive. NO Women's Or Children's Items, please. Thank 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: October 3/4**, please make cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



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Preparing for World Mission Sunday: "One in Christ" Today Jesus speaks of a vineyard entrusted to tenants (Mt 21:33-43). The Church is that vineyard. Pope Leo XIV's theme for World Mission Sunday, two weeks away, begins here: we are one in Christ before we are sent. The Alleluia verse says, "I have chosen you from the world to go and bear fruit that will remain." This week, pray for the unity of our parish and of the whole Church. Mission begins when Christ lives in us.

Message From Mission Co-operative Program—A sincere thank you for your participation in the 2026 Diocesan Missionary Co-operative Program, your parish donation of \$1690 was given to the Diocese of Kurunegala (Sri Lanka) is gratefully acknowledged.



No matter how much you are hurting, no marriage is beyond hope. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, there is RETROUVAILLE! The next weekend is October 16-18. The best kept secret for helping marriages. **For more information call 905-664-5212 or email: hamilton@helpourmarriage.org.**



We want to start a Catholic Moms Group here at IHM to minister to moms from all walks of life. We know how important it is to have an authentically Catholic community for moms, as life can sometimes be isolating. However, we need your help to ensure we are able to serve you the best way possible. Please take the time to fill out a survey form that will be on one of the tables in our gathering space or by using this link or QR code: <https://bit.ly/4hq8GxD>



Blessing of Pets: You are invited to bring your family pets to the church outside, **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 at 9:30 AM.** Invite friends and family with their pets to join us!

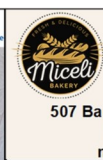
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