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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 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.



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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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Please check one: Envelopes ___ Pre-authorized giving ___ (form will be emailed to you)

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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: April 27-May 3, 2026	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	†MARY KLEIN—Joe Kiefer	Rev. Robert Kiffman
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†ROSALIE CICCHI - Family †SANDRA GAZZOLA — Silvia & Valerio DeFaveri †RITA GONZALES - Margaret †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TYLER CASSIDY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANGELA HOFFBAUER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ROMEO PINSONNEAULT— Tony & Bernadette Delville FOR THE BLESSINGS & GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR HUSBAND & SONS — Grace	Rev. Francis Noronha
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF NADIA GIGLIOTTI - Lou & Lisa Groen	Order of St. Augustine
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	SPECIAL INTENTION TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS	Rev. Alberto Ferreira
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - Teresa Rzeszotko	Rev. Michael King
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†RAFFAELE CARUSO - Family †ROSALIE CICCHI - Mirella Paletta †RENO CORTIULA - Family †SETTIMIO DELUCA — Klaas & Anna Egbers †FELICE FERRARA — Luigi & Marta Visocchi †RITA SERAFINI — Carmine & Assunta DiBartolomeo †PIOTR SZYDOLWSKI — Family †EMIDIO TIRABASSI — Family †MARIA TONELLOTTO — Romeo & Cindy Andreatta SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MONICA MARKO FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SIVAKAMI MURUGAN	Rev. Gary Schlack
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY †ROSA BUONAPANE — Family PRO POPULO	



My dear parishioners,

We look forward to celebrating the First Holy Communion of Immaculate Heart of Mary School students at the 11 AM Mass this Sunday, April 26th! Let us pray for our young people at both our schools that they will have a beautiful experience of their First Holy Communion and that this experience will draw them and their

families ever closer to God in our parish community. We are happy to warmly welcome everyone for this special celebration!

This past week I was at Pope Leo XIV's childhood home in Chicago, and it was a profound symbol of how so often in life, greatness in the spiritual life begins with little things. God calls us to be faithful, and to find Him in the ordinary circumstances in our life. As we make time each day for prayer and continue deepening our relationship with God, He guides us and blesses us, leading us in ways we could never have imagined! In this Easter season, we continue seeking to put Christ at the center of our lives and thereby find the true freedom and joy Christ brings!

Officially starting on April 29th, our parish will have a new "parish assistant" working in the office alongside Ilaria and myself! In consultation with the Diocese and our own parish finance council, we have hired Candice Tolentino who will assist in the office for approximately 20 hours a week. Mindful that the neighbouring parishes already have even more staff and priests than our parish does, this will be a very welcome help to our parish! For the past 5 years, Candice has been the office administrator at Mount Mary,

and will be able to assist both Ilaria and myself in various facets of parish life. We look forward to warmly welcoming her to our parish!

We also look forward to welcoming seminarian Peter Hoan to our parish, since he plans to move in on May 4th! As one priest put it, our parish will "lose one Peter and gain another." That said, we are happy to still have Peter Hoffbauer in our community! Peter Hoan will be ordained a deacon in June, meaning he will be able to preach to us during Mass and also carry out many other special duties as a result of receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Deacons are able to preside over weddings, funerals, and baptisms, and to preach, bless homes, and expose the Blessed Sacrament - among other things. Let us keep Peter Hoan in our prayers and warmly welcome him!

On May 9th our parish will have a beautiful evening of sacred music by a new group called *Conversatio Christo!* I encourage you to come for an event that will include adoration, confessions, and beautiful polyphonic sacred music. Invite your friends - you will certainly not be disappointed!

May God bless you abundantly as we continue celebrating the Easter season,

Fr. Greg Merkley



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

Family of the Month - Giannini family - Tony, Daniela, Juliana and Natalia - are very involved with IHM church life, helping in weekly services, special events, and the Peach Festival. A truly remarkable family - we are blessed to have them in our parish! A donation will be made on their behalf to the Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ in Hamilton.

Yard Sale -Saturday, May 30 from 8a.m to 12Noon. If you have items you wish to donate, drop off is Friday, May 29 at the back doors from 1-3p.m. Please note: no clothes, books or electronics.

Golf Tournament! Sunday, June 7 at Southbrook Golf & Country Club, Shotgun Start at 1p.m. \$160 includes: lunch, prime rib dinner, cart, green fees, prizes and much more! **To register email: ihmchurch@cogeco.net; leafan299@gmail.com; r.a.malvaso@gmail.com**
All funds raised go towards charities and our parish

Notice of change to meeting date: the June meeting has been moved from June 10th to June 17th.

Assistance needed - there is an opportunity to assist our church with hall rentals on the weekends. Please let the church office know if you can help!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for us.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

- Apr 25th — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Apr 25/26th — SSVp Lottery Ticket Sale
- Apr 26th — 11 AM — IHM School, First Holy Communion
- Apr 26th — 12 Noon — CWL—Our Lady of Good Counsel Lunch
- Apr 26th — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- Apr 27th — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- Apr 28th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Apr 29th — 6 PM — Serra Club Dinner, Call/Email Parish Office for Tickets
- Apr 30th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- May 2nd — 11 AM — Priestly Ordination, Cathedral of Christ the King
- May 2/3rd — SSVp Collection
- May 4th — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 5th — 1-3 PM — Crafter's Group
- May 5th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- May 7th — 12Noon — St. Gabriel's School Mass
- May 7th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- May 8th — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
- May 9th — 6:30 PM — Young Adults, Conversatio Christo, All Welcome!
- May 11th — 6 PM — Chant Mass
- May 11th — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 11th — 7 PM — Men's Recollection
- May 12th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- May 13th — 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
- May 14th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- May 16th — Speed Dating Event, Parish Hall
- May 16/17th — Blue Box Collection

STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 18/19, 2026

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$4522.75	\$2422.25	\$130.00	\$312.38	\$2245.00	\$9632.38

Thank you for your Generosity!



SOCIAL ACTION: Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Blue Box. By your generosity, our volunteers here at Cooking Team at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish are able to prepare delicious meals for the less fortunate at the DeMazenod Door.

We are well know for our meals and those who visit the door always look forward to the days we cook! **Thank you all and God Bless you.**



Upcoming Events to Remember:

SSVP Lottery Sales at the Parish: April 25/26— Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, and the draw will take place on May 22. All proceeds go directly to

helping our neighbours in need.

Donation Truck, June 13/14

Next Collection: May2/3, please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



Christian Meditation every Tuesday from 8-9 pm,

we meet in the church for a brief teaching and a period of silent meditation followed by discussion. **All are welcome.**

"Come to the quiet. This is the simplest and most natural way to establish God as the central object of your attention." Matthew Kelly, spiritual author and founder of The Dynamic Catholic Institute, Ohio.



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, April 25 at 8 AM in the Parish Meeting Room.

We are continuing the newest "Into the Breach" video series called "The Dignity of Work". The third of five episodes is titled "Work Life and Family Life" and includes a video and discussion. The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 8 AM in the Parish Meeting Room for 60 to 90 minutes. The purpose of our group is to prayerfully explore our Catholic Faith over coffee and donuts. All men of the parish are welcome!



DIocese of Hamilton

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026?

You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



Hamilton Right to Life Baby Bottle Campaign Change for

Life - Mother's Day to Father's Day Our church is once again partnering with Hamilton Right to Life through their 2026 Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day to

Father's Day. Baby Bottles will be available to take after all Masses on Sunday May 10th, and you are asked to return them on Sunday June 21st. Please take a bottle and fill it up with your coins, paper money or cheque. Hamilton Right to Life needs your support to raise money to educate, advertise, and get the message throughout the City of Hamilton of the devastating effects of abortion, MAiD and other life-threatening issues. Please pray for families affected by abortion and euthanasia today. You can learn more about Hamilton Right to Life at www.HamiltonRightToLife.org

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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