



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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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.

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**VISIT:** [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

## 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 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)

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## 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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before All  
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# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS: February 2-8, 2026

Diocesan Vocation  
Prayer Intentions

DAY	TIME	INTENTIONS	PRAYER INTENTIONS
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RALPH & MARY FASCIONE	The Presentation of the Lord
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†JOSEPH NGUYEN †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family †CECILIA PIGOZZO & LINO PARASOTTO †MARTY RYAN —Jadwiga Zychowicz SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KAREN HOFFSTEDE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE KIEFER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RENATA SZCZYGIEL & GEORGE ZYCHOWICZ FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE RESIDENTS OF ORCHARD TERRACE	Rev. Allen Varlaki
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KATHI SANFORD —Walter & Teresa Rzeszotko	Missionaries
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†MARIE LAUGHLIN - Giallonardo	Rev. Charles Jordan
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS—Teresa Rzeszotko	Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†JOE CAUCCI & DECEASED OF FORLINI & CAUCCI FAMILIES—Palmira & Family †MIKE CIARMOLI—Brian & Janet Patton †RENO CORTIULA — Family †VINCENZO & JOE DESTEFANO —Family †EMMA & VITTORIO DIFELICE, AMEDEO & BICE PUGLIA, ARGIA BOIN - Tony & Daniela Giannini †MATO KOS —Chris & Josie Stevens †AUGUSTINO PACIFICI - Luisa Verticchio †ISSAIA PALOMBELLA—Anna & Klaas Egbers †MIKE PRESTA—Family †RON WOLFE —IHM School Staff FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SAM CALTAGIRONE — Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MASSIMO PALETTA	Rev. Florian Stasinski
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHARLENE, MARCEL & GRACE LEMMEN †FRANCES BOZZO — Kathryn Arnott PRO POPULO	



My dear parishioners,

**On Monday, February 2, 2026, Bishop Joseph Dabrowski will be installed as the Tenth Bishop of Hamilton at a ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton.** Due to space limitations in the Cathedral Basilica, participation in this event is by invitation only. The celebration will be livestreamed so that the wider diocesan community can participate. The livestream will

begin at 10:30 a.m. and may be accessed through the Diocese of Hamilton website at: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). Please keep Bishop Dabrowski and our diocese in your prayers as we mark this joyful and significant occasion. We also have special cards for the occasion, which we encourage you to take and use to pray regularly for our new bishop!

**Our Lay Pastoral Assistant Claire is wrapping up her time here at our parish, and so next weekend we will say “thank you” to her at all the weekend Masses!** I know she has helped Ilaria and myself, and many others. May the Lord bless her in this new chapter of her life!

**Our bulletin boards have been “spruced up” with a bit more color!** We hope the new look will draw your attention and also help you to have an easier time to find what you are looking for!

**Our adoration chapel will now be open on Saturday until 3 PM – an extension of 6 more hours!** Thank you to all those who will make this possible!

**The Seven Sundays before March 19<sup>th</sup> (the solemnity of St. Joseph) are considered the “Seven Sundays of St. Joseph.”** I encourage you to learn more about this great saint, and to practice this devotion!

**I warmly invite you to attend the Bishop’s Annual Charity Dinner, a special evening and the first with our new bishop!** This is a wonderful opportunity to meet him, hear his vision, and support many different charities. *Please let me know if you’d like a ticket!*

**The Canadian Bishops have encouraged us to learn more about Bill C-9, as they have written a letter to our Prime Minister about it, available here:** <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-12-04-Letter-to-PM-Religious-Freedom-EN.pdf>  
The Archbishop of Toronto, Cardinal Leo, has also encouraged the faithful to write their MP’s over this important issue of religious freedom. I strongly encourage you to read his letter (and act on it), available here: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/in-letter-to-the-faithful-cardinal-leo-affirms-concerns-of-canadian-bishops-re-bill-c-9/>

**Flocknote is a powerful and useful system that allows a priest and pastoral staff to be in even better communication with the parish.** Through it, the priest can send messages to particular groups in the parish directly, and can also send out emails (and text messages) directly to the whole parish at any given time, to best keep parishioners informed about parish life! Through Flocknote you also have access to the *Word on Fire Digital Library*.

May God bless you abundantly,  
Fr. Greg Merkley



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

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

**Family of the Month- Giallonardo family.** Marie, Joe and David are long time, active members of our parish and involved in the Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus (respectively), and often support church activities and ministries. We appreciate their presence and the gifts that they share with their organizations and with IHM Church.  
*Thank you and Congratulations Giallonardo family!*

**Membership Fees** are due and can be paid at the meeting or by dropping an envelope in the collection basket.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

The Catholic Women's League is pleased to share the success of our recent Sock and Warm Clothing Drive in support of Good Shepherd Bakhita House!! Through the generosity of our parish community, we collected 136 pairs of socks, 11 new winter coats, and additional warm clothing items to support women in need. We extend our sincere thanks to the Ontario Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of winter coats and to all who contributed.

**CWL membership** is open to women aged 16 and older. **Memberships for 2026 are \$45.** For more information or to join, please visit the parish office. Membership dues may also be submitted by e-transfer to [cwlwinona@gmail.com](mailto:cwlwinona@gmail.com).

**All women are invited to attend our upcoming Women's Retreat on Saturday, February 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** This complimentary retreat will include fellowship, prayer, activities, and lunch. Registration is available by signing the sheet in the gathering space.

**Our February General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 17,** beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by the meeting in the parish hall. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to serving our parish and wider community.

**UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)**

- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Feb 7/8<sup>th</sup> — SSV Collection
- Feb 7<sup>th</sup> — 10 AM -2 PM — CWL Retreat, Church/Parish Hall, RSVP req'd
- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> — CYO Rep, talking at all Sunday, Masses
- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> — 6 PM — Chant Mass
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Men's Recollection, Mtg Rm 1
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> — 7:30 PM — KofC Meeting, Parish Hall
- Feb 12<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Bishop's Dinner
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — CWL Mass/Meeting
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> — 9 AM — Ash Wednesday Mass
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> — 10 AM — Ash Wednesday Liturgy, IHM School
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Ash Wednesday Mass
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall



**SOCIAL ACTION:** In spite of the extremely cold temperatures DeMazenod Door continues to see a very high number of guests coming to the DOOR so we are very thankful for parishioners continued commitment to feed the poor. **GOD BLESS YOU.**



**SSVP Coldest Night of the Year Walk, Saturday, February 28:** This February, parishioners from **Immaculate Heart of Mary** are walking to support the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, helping local individuals and families experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Walkers can choose a **2 km or 5 km route**, or you can simply **donate** to support our team. Donations can be made online at [cnoy.org](http://cnoy.org) by searching for **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**. Thank you for your generosity and support of SSV! **Next Collection: Feb 7/8, 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. "In meditation our stillness is not a state of mere passivity but a state of full openness, full wakefulness to the wonder of our own being, full openness to the wonder of God, and a full awareness that we are at one with God." John Main, OSB. The World Community for Christian Meditation.



**DIocese of HAMILTON**

**Looking for something to do this Lent?** 40 Days for Life Hamilton invites you to help to try and make a change for Hamilton's preborn children! **YOU can participate in a peaceful prayer vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital, each day from Feb.18 - Mar.29 anytime between 7am to 7pm. You can sign up for just ONE hour during this Lenten season 2026!** **SIGN UP ONLINE: <https://bit.ly/40dayshamilton>**



**The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, February 14th at 8:00am in the Parish Meeting Room.** The theme for our meeting is "St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church" and includes a video and discussion.

The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 8:00am 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!

**STEWARDSHIP - JANUARY 24/25, 2026**

*Thank you for your Generosity!*

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**TAX RECEIPTS** are available for pick up in the gathering space.

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES** are still in the gathering space if you haven't picked yours up.

**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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