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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 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

Call/Email the Parish Office.

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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

"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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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, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: September 14-20, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions	
MONDAY		9:00 AM		†ARMANDO & MARK BERALDO — Family			The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
TUESDAY		7:00 PM		†DANUTA BAJZERT—Sylvia Bryl †BRANKA CEPO—Rosa Santini †GORDON CUNNINGHAM — Walter & Patricia Tymchuk †DONATO IACOZZA — Luigi & Marta Visocchi †ALOIS KIFER & JAMES JUSEK — Joe Kiefer †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU — Family †ROMEO PINSONNEAULT & DAVID WADDICK —Tony & Bernadette DelVille SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARISA & VINCE CIRIELLO—Rosa Santini FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARIE GIALONARDO FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMINK—Matteo Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PETER HOFFBAUER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARTA JAKUBOWSKA —Krystyna & Kaz FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JORDAN LENJOSEK FOR THE INTENTIONS OF VINCE ZINGARO—Sam & Daniela Caltagirone			Rev. Emmanuel Azike
WEDNESDAY		9:00 AM		†FRANK & ANNA LUKACS —Family			Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel
THURSDAY		9:00 AM		†DECEASED OF ALAMPI & ATTARD FAMILIES — Manny & Tina Attard			Rev. Ignatius Saiki
FRIDAY		9:00 AM		FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. PIOTR JURYK — Jadwiga Zychowicz			Rev. Romelito Guillen
SATURDAY		5:00 PM		†MARCELLO AMATUCCI —Giuseppina Caltagirone †DANNY FIORILLO, MARY HICKS —Tony & Daniela Giannini †VICTOR GIANNOTTI - Family †TERESA MARCUCCI—Marcella Ciardelli & Family †PETER PASZYNSKI —Krystyna & Kaz †LOU RINALDO —Rick & Colleen Palmieri †DECEASED OF THE LEDONNE FAMILY —Family SOULS IN PURGATORY —Grace & Janusz FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON ABRAHAN DA SILVA VIDAO — Larry & Ilaria Paletta FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GIANMARCO CALTAGIRONE —Paletta Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BRENT CONDARI & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CARLA GIANNOTTI - Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KRISTI TAYLOR & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF VERONICA & JAKUB —Janet & Brian Patton FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JANET MORGAN SCOTT IN THANKSGIVING TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, ST. PADRE PIO, ST. RITA OF CASCIA, ST. ANTHONY—Frances LoPresti			Rev. Thomas Manninezhath
SUNDAY		9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM		†GERMAN GARZON — Family †TILSON TANG — Family PRO POPULO			



My dear parishioners,

As a new school year has begun, please be assured of my prayers for our young people and all those who help in our schools so that our students can thrive in mind, body and soul. May the Holy Spirit grant them a peaceful, and fruitful year!

A new school year can also be an invitation for all of us to revisit our habits, and the ways we are following God. What

can I do to get closer to God this year? What is working well in my relationship with God? What is not? What is preventing me from following God's plan in my life? I encourage you to reflect on these questions!

This past week I've enjoyed a very fruitful priest seminar with the other priests of our Diocese! Thank you so much for your prayers for us and the many ways you concretely participate in parish life.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to invite you to consider ways you can be more involved in our parish. What might that look like? I encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and reflect on the list of groups on our parish website. We also participate in parish life by attending Mass each week (unless something really serious prevents us), making generous time each day for prayer time with the Lord, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly (with any Catholic priest), and trying to be involved in our parish through sharing the unique gifts and talents we have each received from God. On that last point, sometimes people who are older can wonder, "What can I contribute - what is God's plan for me? I

feel like I have nothing left to give." If you ever feel like that, know that your role is very important in the Church. It could be at this time that you are called to especially offer your prayers, fidelity to the Lord, and the everyday crosses of life up to the Lord as a powerful prayer for the flourishing of the Church. Know that your contribution, even if unseen, is great and very necessary for the health of our parish.

On September 9th, we started offering a weekly program that all are welcome to participate in called "The Search." The program will take place Wednesdays and begin at 7:15 PM and end by 8:30 PM. Each session will include an opening prayer, a video, time for discussion, Q&A, and a closing prayer. If you'd like to learn more about our Catholic faith and meet other people, please join us - I will plan to be as present as possible for each evening. If you miss one night, that doesn't mean you can't join us for another one! There are 7 sessions, including "What do you Seek?", "Who are you?", "Why a God?", "Who is Jesus?", and "Why a Church?" 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!

If you know anyone interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic, I would be delighted to meet with them! Feel free to let me know or reach out to the parish office, and I'd be happy to chat with them and answer any questions they may have! Our Catholic faith is a beautiful gift, one that is meant to be shared!

May God bless you abundantly,
Fr. Greg Merkley



Knights of Columbus: Please keep an eye out on this section for upcoming events. Please remember to support our Bulletin advertisers!



Catholic Women's League: We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, September 15 for General Meeting beginning with Mass at 7pm.** Until then, may God bless you with a safe, peaceful, and joyful summer!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

September 11th—6:30 PM — Youth Night, Parish Hall
September 12th— 8 AM— COR Men's Group, Mtg Rm 1
September 12th— 7 PM —Young Adults, Parish Hall
September 14th— 6 PM —Chant Mass
September 14th— 6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall
September 14th— 7 PM— Men's Recollection, Meeting Rm 1
September 15th— 7 PM — CWL Meeting beginning with Mass
September 16th—7:15 PM—The Search Program, Mtg Rm 1, All Welcome!
September 17th—7 PM—Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
September 19/20th—Blue Box Collection
September 21st— 6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall
September 22nd— 8 PM—Meditation Group, Church
September 23rd— 9 AM—DeMazenod Door Cooking Team, Parish Hall
September 23rd—7:15 PM—The Search Program, Mtg Rm 1, All Welcome!
September 23-November 1- 7AM—7 PM— 40 days for Life Prayer Vigil, Main St & Broadway, Hamilton (Hamilton Right to Life)
September 24th—7 PM—Teen Group, Parish Hall
September 25th—7 PM—Hamilton Right to Life Youth Get Together, Parish Hall
September 26th— 8 AM— COR Men's Group, Mtg Rm 1
September 26/27th—Needs of the Canadian Church, Diocesan Collection
September 27th— 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
September 28th— 7 PM—SSVP Meeting, Meeting Rm 1
September 28th—6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall
September 29th—2 PM— Seniors Outreach Services Presentation, Mtg Rm 1
September 30th—7:15 PM—The Search Program, Mtg Rm 1, All Welcome!
October 4th— 2:30-3:30 PM Life Chain, Highway 8 & Grays Rd, Stoney Creek
November 4th—Hamilton Right to Life Dinner



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, September 12th at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be watching the third video in a series by Dr. Brant Pitre, "Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Session 3", followed by a discussion and fellowship. The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 8am 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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

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

Stewardship - September 5/6, 2026

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$5474.60	\$1158.40	\$80.00	\$259.80	0	\$6972.80

Thank you for your Generosity!



Social Action: Next weekend (September 19/20) is BLUE BOX weekend and your donations will be very much appreciated. As you know the money raised each month goes to the purchase of ingredients that our wonderful parishioners turn into delicious meals

in our parish kitchen for those who come to DeMazenod Door every day. Last month our meals alone were not enough to feed all those who came to the Door August 20 & 27. Thankfully, DeMazenod Door's kitchen was able to supplement the shortfall through meals they were preparing for the next day, so NO ONE was turned away. With your ongoing donations to the BLUE BOX, we are hopeful that we can increase the number of meals from 325-350 to 375-400. THANK YOU & GOD BLESS 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: September 5/6,** please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



Seniors Outreach Services (SOS) of Stoney Creek will be hosting an information afternoon here at our Parish on **Tuesday, September 29 at 2p.m in Meeting Room 1.** This service supports seniors 60 years and older who live in Stoney Creek, helping them remain independent and safely in their own homes. Services include transportation to and from appointments, housekeeping, gardening and grass cutting, snow removal, and minor home repairs. **If you or someone you know could benefit from these services, please come and learn more about this wonderful community resource. Everyone is welcome.**



The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on the weekend of September 26/27. When you give, your offering begins in our parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins

the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone - from providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. **Please give prayerfully and generously the weekend of September 26/27. To donate online, scan the QR code or visit cccb.ca/donate.**

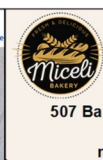


Hamilton Right to Life Quarterly Youth Get Together —

In response to feedback from the youth on the March for Life trip, Hamilton Right to Life will be starting a quarterly get-together for youth in Grade 11 thru University. This is to fulfill a spoken need for these pro-life advocates to be with like-minded students where they are free to discuss their pro-life values. The first get-together will be held here at IHM Parish on Sept. 25, from 7pm to 9pm. There will be a movie and a Q&A or reflection component afterwards. Pizza and refreshments will available while youth are hanging out to chat. Please register at <https://www.hamiltonrighttolife.org/event-details/youth-event>.



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