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9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.

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9:30a.m-12:30p.m

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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday evenings 8p.m in the church
(September to June)

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(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.

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, MARCH 29, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: March 30 - April 5, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF STELLA ROBINSON— Ralph & Mary Fascione		Rev. David Mowat
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†EDWARD & HAZEL ADOLPHE - Family †GIOVANNA LOPRESTI—Frances & Vince Lopresti †ILARIO NOCITA - Family †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family †A DECEASED SOUL — Vesna †QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMICK — Matteo Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SIVKAMI MURUGAN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GRAHAM PROSSER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THERESA SAPRA—Myra & George FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PAUL & SARAH & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE GINO & VILMA NUCCITELLI & FAMILY		Rev. Gregory Merkley
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†ELIZABETH KIEFER — Joe Kiefer		Oblates of Mary Immaculate
HOLY THURSDAY	7:00 PM	NO MORNING MASS MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER		Mass of the Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY	11:00 AM 3:00 PM	GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY		The Passion of the Lord
EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY	8:00 PM	†EDWARD & HAZEL ADOLPHE - Family †MILÉ IVEZIC—Grace Ivezic & Family †QUINTO SIMONE — Family †CARLO ZAVARISE, MARIO, GIUSEPPINA & ZITA OSELLAME—Family HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY— Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SIVAKAMI MURUGAN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY, FR. DAVID AVILA, FR. JEFF OEHRING, FR. DAVID REITZEL		Holy Saturday
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS & THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY †BRUNO MAMMONE — Family PRO POPULO		

My dear parishioners,



This weekend is Palm Sunday. As those early followers of Jesus acclaimed Him king upon His entrance to Jerusalem, so may we day after day acclaim Jesus as the king of our lives and our hearts!

Are you wondering what our schedule week for Holy Week will be? Everything will be as usual, except Thursday to Saturday will be different:
 Holy Thursday - 7 PM Mass (which recalls the last supper and the washing of the feet)

Good Friday - 11 AM and 3 PM liturgies (11 AM liturgy is aimed slightly more for younger people, and will therefore be a bit shorter by shortening the Gospel and the petitions).

Holy Saturday - 8 PM (The Easter Vigil celebrates Easter and welcomes our newest Catholics!)

Easter Sunday - 9 AM, 11 AM, and 4 PM (going Saturday evening also fulfills your Sunday obligation!)

Please note that there is no 5 PM Mass on Holy Saturday - we are not permitted to celebrate a Mass that early. Rather, the instructions for the Easter Vigil in the Roman Missal note that it is to begin after the sun has set. This ancient vigil goes back to the beginnings of Christianity.

Also, our holy week liturgies will include some wonderful music, so I really encourage you to make it out! Plus, it is the 'holiest week of the year!' **Please note that for Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, because of the detailed nature of these liturgies and the preparations needed, there will not be confessions offered before these Masses!**

Don't forget about the blessing of Easter Foods on Holy Saturday in the Church at noon! Bring anything you'd like blessed (food, drink) in preparation for Easter, and will have a special blessing for these items! We'll have special blessings for breads, eggs, meats, cheeses, spirits, and all food and drink to be shared as part of our Easter celebrations!

On Monday, March 30th, Bishop Dabrowski will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass at 2 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton – it will be a beautiful Mass where the priests of the Diocese come together to renew their priestly promises. Please pray for the priests, and if you are able to join, it's worth coming to – but you'll want to arrive early to find a parking spot! At this Mass the Bishop will bless and consecrate the sacred oils used for the Sacraments for the upcoming year.

The Divine Mercy novena is a beautiful set of prayers for 9 days that begins on Good Friday and ends in preparation for the second Sunday of Easter. I encourage you to learn more about this novena, and we will provide copies for you so that you can pray it, as I will be too! There are some powerful promises from Jesus for those who express their devotion to the Divine Mercy, which includes the Divine Mercy image, hour, chaplet, and Divine Mercy Sunday which we will especially celebrate as we have in past years.

Thank you to all who will have participated in the CWL bake sale this weekend - may God reward those who baked and those who buy!

Peter, our seminarian who has been staying with us to discern formation for the priesthood, has a message for you:

"Dear parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Thank you so much for the wonderful time I have experienced with you here. Since I have arrived, so many have been kind and supportive, and I know many of you have been praying for me as I discern God's will for my life. Having found this time living at the parish very helpful for my discernment, at this time I have decided not to apply for the seminary this upcoming year. That said, I am seriously considering consecrated life, and am exploring possible religious communities to join. I ask your continued prayers and thank you for your friendship. As a result of my decision not to apply for seminary with the Diocese of Hamilton this year, my time living here at the parish will end on or before Monday, April 13th. Nevertheless, I look forward to celebrating Holy Week with you. I also hope to continue to see you even after I have moved out. Thank you - this time has been a great blessing to me, and I will not forget it!"

Let us continue to pray for Peter!

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

Family of the Month - Johnstone family - Congratulations to Adam, Jennifer and Ewan, in recognition of your participation in church life and your commitment to raise a family in the teachings of the Catholic Church. At their request, our Council will make a donation to the Sisters of the Poor. Thank you for all that you do for our parish, the Church, and the community!

Lenten Food Drive - non-perishable goods will be collected **March 21-29** in the gathering space. Thank you for your generous support!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Easter Bake Sale: This weekend March 28/29 after all the Masses in Meeting Room 1

2026 Memberships: \$45; E-transfer: cwlwinona@gmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

- Mar 27th — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross
- Mar 28th — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Mar 28/29th — Palm Sunday
- Mar 28/29th — CWL Easter Bake Sale, Meeting Rm 1
- Mar 30th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 31st — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Apr 4/5th — SSVP Collection
- Apr 7th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Apr 8th — 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
- Apr 9th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Apr 10th — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
- Apr 12th — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- Apr 12th — 2 PM — Divine Mercy Sunday, Church
- Apr 13th — 6 PM — Chant Mass
- Apr 13th — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- Apr 13th — 7 PM — Men's Recollection, Meeting Rm 1
- Apr 14th — 1-3 PM — Crafter's Group, Parish Hall
- Apr 14th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Apr 15th — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
- Apr 16th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

- Apr 2nd — 7 PM — **Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper**
(No Morning Mass is permitted in parishes)
- Eucharistic Adoration Chapel closes at 11 PM Holy Thursday until Easter Monday at 10 AM**
- Apr 3rd 11 AM — **Good Friday Liturgy, Family**
- Apr 3rd — 3 PM — **Good Friday Liturgy**
- Apr 3rd — **Needs of the Church in the Holy Land Collection**
- Apr 4th — **12 Noon Blessing of Easter Food**
- Apr 4th — 8 PM — **Easter Vigil Mass (No Mass earlier this day)**
- Apr 5th — 9 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM — **Easter Sunday Masses**

STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 21/22, 2026

Thank you for your Generosity!

TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up in the gathering space. Please note: If you made donations on Canada Helps, you can download your receipt off the site.

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$4245.05	\$1286.95	\$150.00	\$370.80	\$0	\$6052.80

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: Our wonderful volunteers cooked a great meal in the parish kitchen earlier this week and over 300 meals were served to those who came to DeMazenod Door. Thanks to all who helped in our kitchen and all those who contributed to the Blue Box to help us feed the poor, working poor, marginalized and homeless. God Bless you all.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Coldest Night Walk which raised \$1210!

Upcoming Events to Remember:

SSVP Lottery Sales at the Parish: April 25/26
Donation Truck, June 13/14

Next Collection: April 4/5, 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, March 28th at 8:00am in the Parish Meeting Room.

We are continuing the newest "Into the Breach" video series called "The Dignity of Work". The second of five episodes is titled "Work and Holiness" and includes a video and discussion. The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 8:00 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!



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PARENTING TIP Easter is a special season for the Church, where we remember Jesus' suffering, but rejoice in his resurrection and the hope it brings to each one of us. When we

read simple versions of the Easter story, we offer children a beautiful understanding of what Easter is all about. They will see the Paschal candle at the Church, which is lit at the Easter Vigil Mass, so explain that it represents the light and hope Christ brought to the world. Remind them that Easter eggs (even when chocolate!) are meant to represent new life, just as the resurrection brings new life to all. All of this will help them to understand the liturgical celebrations you attend together and to know how much God loves them.

MARRIAGE TIP All people have busy times in their lives when they seem to need more hours in a day than the actual twenty-four hours allows! It is essential then that we stop long enough to ask ourselves what really matters to us and then to ensure we adjust our schedules accordingly. A spouse should not be on the short end of receiving your time and attention (nor should your family). Set up a date night regularly, be sure to eat at least one meal (even if it is early morning breakfast) together most days, take time to pray together and attend church together. Life is hectic but sacrificing time with the one you love will not help you get more done, it will only help to distance you from the one you need most.



Novena for the Unborn: As we approach the Feast of the Annunciation, how can you say YES to life like Mary did? This year let's all pray this novena - Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Child (by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen). **The**

prayers are said for nine months – from March 25 thru December 25. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Pray one decade of the Rosary. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us. Amen. For more information on how you can help with pro-life issues, visit our website Hamiltonrighttolife.org or call 905-528-3065.




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