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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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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 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)

We thank you for your generosity & support.



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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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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, JANUARY 25, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: January 26-February 1, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	†FR. BRIAN DONNELLY - Giallonardo Family		Rev. Timothy Higgins
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†GIOVANNI CALTAGIRONE - IHM KofC †DECEASED OF GARCIA & ANDRADE FAMILIES †DECEASED OF MCGORIAN FAMILY—Therese Domladovac †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family †ANGELA PARK— Francis Lee †BRIAN TRUDEAU—Giallonardo Family SOULS IN PURGATORY IN THANKSGIVING TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CICY SINTO FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RICK LABEL & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF EDUARDO KABILING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOMAS & ALEY—Joseph Family		Very Rev. David Wynen
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†SLAWOMIR BLEADOWSKI —Friends		Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†DAVID ARNOTT - Kathryn		Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PAUL MASLANKA—Walter & Teresa Rzeszokto		Rev. Marko Stefanec
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†JENNIFER ARRUDA AQUIAR †EMIDIO CARNICELLI - Palmira Caucci & Family †GERALD CUNNINGHAM - Walter & Patricia Tymchuk †ANNA DIBATTISTA - Manny & Tina Attard †MARIO MATESIC —Family †BRIGIDA PAIANO— Sam & Daniela Caltagirone †GIUSEPPE ROMANO—Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli †CARLO ZAVARISE, MARIO, GIUSEPPE, ZITA OSELLAME—Family HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY—Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIELA CALTAGIRONE—Johanna Martin FOR THE INTENTIONS OF EDUARDO KABILING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CLAIRE MACKNESS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANN ZURINI & FAMILY, LOUIS ZURINI		Rev. Edward Mahony
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†EMIDIO NARDINI — Tim & Virginia Baird & Family †EMIDIO TIRABASSI —Family PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

This Sunday is the Sunday of the Word of God. It invites us to reflect, “How can the way I live my life be based more on the Word of God?” There will also be special prayer cards and bookmarks available this Sunday to commemorate this special Sunday!

Volunteers may have received an e-mail from Claire regarding volunteer forms. We greatly appreciate all our volunteers, and our amazing parish would not be what it is without them! The Diocese of Hamilton has asked us to follow their volunteer screening process, which is a protocol for all parishes in the Hamilton Diocese. Thank you!

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!*

As happens occasionally, someone is impersonating me again and reaching out to people through e-mail! You’ll notice that this person is not using my actual e-mail, but has made up their own e-mail to impersonate me. When in doubt, feel free to verify that any messages are really from me!

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/>

This past weekend we’ve also launched something called Flocknote at our parish! It 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*. Let us know if you have any questions (or good ideas) on how to use this!

May God bless you abundantly,
Fr. Greg Merkley



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Visit: 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!

Thank you to everyone who responded to our appeal for men's warm winter clothing. It's very much appreciated by the Men's Street Ministry and the people whom they serve!

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



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

This past Tuesday, our new CWL Executive was officially sworn into their roles. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our parish community and are excited to begin this new two-year term together.

The CWL is currently hosting a Sock and Warm Clothing Drive in support of Good Shepherd Bakhita House and the Good Shepherd Family Centre. These programs provide vital housing and support for women, women-identifying individuals, and families experiencing homelessness in our community.

Donations may be dropped off at the parish office during office hours by Friday, January 30, 2026.

A friendly reminder that 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 can be e-transferred to:** cwlwinona@gmail.com

Lastly, the CWL will be hosting a Women's Retreat on Saturday, February 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This free retreat is open to all women and will include a time of fellowship, fun activities, prayer, and lunch. To sign up, please visit the parish office.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

- Jan 24th — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Jan 25th — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- Jan 26th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Jan 27th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Jan 29th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Feb 2nd — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 3rd — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Feb 5th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Feb 7/8th — SSVp Collection
- Feb 7th — 10 AM -2 PM — CWL Retreat, Church/Parish Hall, RSVP req'd
- Feb 8th — CYO Rep, talking at all Sunday, Masses
- Feb 8th — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- Feb 9th — 6 PM — Chant Mass
- Feb 9th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 9th — 7 PM — Men's Reflection, Mtg Rm 1
- Feb 10th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Feb 11th — 7:30 PM — KofC Meeting, Parish Hall
- Feb 12th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Feb 13th — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 14th — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Feb 14th — 6:30 PM — Bishop's Dinner
- Feb 16th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 17th — 7 PM — CWL Mass/Meeting
- Feb 17th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Feb 18th — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 18th — 9 AM — Ash Wednesday Mass
- Feb 18th — 10 AM — Ash Wednesday Liturgy, IHM School
- Feb 18th — 7 PM — Ash Wednesday Mass
- Feb 19th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall



SOCIAL ACTION: THANK YOU to all for your generous contributions to the BLUE BOX this past weekend. The many people who come to DeMazenod Door are always talking highly about our parish and the wonderful meals that we cook for them. This is only possible through the monthly donations to the Blue Box by our parishioners and the many loyal volunteers who come to our parish kitchen to cook meals twice a month. Thank you and GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.



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 by searching for **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**. Thank you for your generosity and support of SSVp! **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.



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SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: "The word of Christ dwells among you" (Col 3:16)

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. This is the seventh annual celebration of this special day in the life of the Catholic Church. **Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/> for more information.**



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, January 24th at 8:00am in the Parish Meeting Room. The theme for our meeting is "Mission of the Family: Creating a Legacy of Faith" 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 17/18, 2026

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$5530.62	\$1106.35	\$100.00	\$423.10	0	\$7160.07

Thank you for your Generosity!

TAX RECEIPTS will be available for pick up at the end of January. **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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