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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

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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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses		Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: January 5-11, 2026	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	†PETER LAUGHLIN - Giallonardo Family		Rev. Mark Morley
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†FR. HAROLD BEDFORD, LEONA SHELLESTOWSKY — Walter & Patricia Tymchuk †BRIAN HAMISTER—Family †QUINTO SIMONE & FOR INTENTIONS OF GIOVANNA SIMONE —Family †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CARMELO GRACEFFA — Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOHN KOREN—Ralph & Mary Fascione		Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†ROSEMARY LASALA—Silvia & Valerio DeFaveri		Diocesan Priests
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHRISTIAN & LUIS SILVA		Rev. Pierre Luc
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†RITA IYING GONZALES —Margaret		Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†LILLIAN B. BAGGET—Deborah Kinzel †GIOVANNI CALTAGIRONE — Brian & Janet Patton †LUCIA & GIUSEPPE CAPOBIANCO, RITA PRIEUR — Tony & Daniela Giannini †MICHELE (PANTALONE) DEPAOLA —Palmira Caucci & Family †GERMAN GARZON—Family †JOSEPH JOUN—Yvonne McNiven †JOHN LAM— Barbara & Emy †ROSE MIELKO — Family †JAY NEALE—Walter & Patricia Tymchuk †ELIZABETH SAVAGE — Henrietta Wasik †LORRAINE YACHETTI—IHM Card Group		Rev. Raymond Reitzel
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†HARVEY, VERA, BUTCH, RON BOUCHER —Family †EMIDIO TIRABASSI —Family PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As we begin this new year of 2026, the Church invites us to see it as a fresh gift from God - a time of renewal and new opportunities to grow closer to Him. Like the Magi who followed the star with open hearts, we are called to ask: What is

God asking of me this year? Perhaps a deeper prayer life, more frequent reception of the Sacraments, greater involvement in parish ministries, or simply beginning again with greater trust in His mercy. No matter our past, God's grace is always new, offering us the chance to start afresh, to love more generously, and to let Christ reign more fully in our hearts and homes.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, when Jesus is manifested as the Savior not only to Israel but to all nations. The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation," and through the visit of the Magi, we see God's plan of universal salvation unfold: Christ is revealed as Messiah, Son of God, and Light to the Gentiles. This feast teaches us profound lessons - God's love extends to everyone, no matter our background; we are invited to seek Him earnestly, like the Wise Men, and to offer Him our best gifts; and once we encounter Christ, we must go forth and share the Good News. May the Epiphany inspire us to let Christ's light shine through our lives in this new year, drawing others to Him. In this season of fresh beginnings and divine revelation, let us pray for open hearts and renewed commitment to Christ!

Thank you to all who have generously offered kind Christmas cards and gifts. Thank you so much very much for your kind thoughtfulness. I am very blessed to be the pastor here, in such a kind and thoughtful community! May God reward all of you many times over!

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and those who serve in our parish. We look forward to our volunteer appreciation celebration on the evening of January 10th. Volunteers, please RSVP with the Parish Office and join us as we celebrate your amazing contributions!

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly in this sacred season,

Fr. Greg Merkley





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

Happy new year!

Our next meeting is on January 14 at 7:30p.m, Parish Hall, see you there!

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



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Happy New Years from the CWL!

Make a simple resolution to join us in 2026.

Our First Meeting with the new executive is on

Tuesday, January 20 beginning with Mass at 7p.m

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

Jan 5th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
Jan 6th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
Jan 9th — 6:30 PM — Youth Night, Parish Hall
Jan 10th — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
Jan 10th — 6:30 PM — Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Hall (RSVP Req'd)
Jan 11th — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
Jan 12th — 6 PM — Chant Mass
Jan 12th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
Jan 12th — 7:15 PM — Men's Recollection, Church, Meeting Rm 1
Jan 13th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
Jan 14th — 10:30 AM — IHM School Mass
Jan 14th — 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
Jan 15th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
Jan 17/18th — Blue Box Weekend
Jan 19th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
Jan 19th — 7 PM — SSVP Meeting
Jan 20th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
Jan 20th — 7 PM — CWL Mass/Meeting
Jan 22nd — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
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



COR MEN'S GROUP at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be this will be on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 AT 8 AM** in the Parish Meeting Room. The theme for our meeting is "Mission of the Family: Healing in the Family" 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!



2026 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP: Going "Green" email the parish office: ihmchurch@cogeco.net or visit: ihmchurch.ca for more options. If you don't see a box with your name on it, please let the parish office know!

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

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your Generosity!

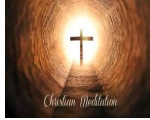
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Dec 31/Jan 1					
\$5303.60	\$976.40	\$560.00	\$496.03	\$2055.00	\$9391.03



SOCIAL ACTION: HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR! Thank you to all our parishioners who helped in any way to cook over 8000 meals in 2025. God Bless one and all.



As we begin this New Year, SSVP offers prayers and best wishes to our parish family. With grateful hearts, we look forward to continuing our mission of serving our neighbours in need with compassion, dignity, and hope. Thank you for your generosity and support. May this New Year bring peace, renewed faith, and many opportunities to serve Christ in one another. **Next Collection: January 3/4, please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".**



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION every Tuesday from 8-9 pm, (No Meditation Dec 23) We meet in the church for a brief teaching and a period of silent meditation followed by discussion. All are welcome. "When we begin to meditate we recognize the constant whirl going on in our mind...The task of meditation is to bring all of this mobile and distracted mind to stillness, silence and concentration."
Father John Main OSB, The World Community for Christian Meditation.



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Ministers of the Word The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. **The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Saturday, January 24, 2026, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/12/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-4/>**

Young Adults Night Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 7th at the St. Michael's Church, Waterloo ON. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL: Join the Reel Justice Film Festival January 22, 7:00 – 9:00 PM for a screening of PUSH. Housing prices are skyrocketing in cities around the world. Incomes are not. PUSH examines our increasingly unliveable cities and an escalating crisis that has an effect on us all. Housing is not a commodity, it is a human right. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

Frank Cutulle

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



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