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Tuesday to Thursday

9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.

Friday

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

Closed: Saturday, Sunday, Monday

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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)

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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)

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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

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses		Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: October 27-November 2, 2025 PLEASE NOTE: ALL MASSES THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4-7 will be at 9A.M	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	†SARAH TRUDEAU—Giallonardo Family		Rev. John Ha
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†FR. BRIAN DONNELLY — Giallonardo Family †EVA JUSEK —Joe Kiefer †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU - Family SOULS IN PURGATORY—K. Whyte FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SCOTT BLACK —Pat Black FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOANNE SPYKSMA— Rain Tolentino FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SUSAN ZUZEK —Mary Soltes & Family IN THANKSGIVING TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS & IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JENNIFER & MACBETH & FOR SPECIAL BLESSINGS ON NOVEMBER 16 — Sylvester & Arlette		Rev. John Schnurr
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ROGER SALDAT		Pallottine Fathers
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RALPH & MARY FASCIONE		Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANDREJ RZESZOTKO - Walter & Teresa Rzeszotko		Rev. Wilson Andrade
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†JENNIFER ARRUDA AQUIAR, MARIA GRACE FERRERA †ANTONIO CALDARETTA — Family †RENO CORTIULA — Family †MARY & ANGELO EVANGELISTA — Tony & Daniela Giannini †SEBASTIAN GOMES —Family †DECEASED OF KUNKEL & COLTERMAN FAMILIES - Kunkel Family †DECEASED OF LUCATO & BERALDO FAMILIES †ROBIN MARCOTTE, FRANK RYGIEL - Family †MARY PALERMO—Family †PIOTR SZYDLOWSKI — Family †STEFANO & FRANCES BUONOCOLTO, PASQUALE D'ANGELO, GIUSEPPE MAZZETTI —Mazzetti Family †GIOVANNA & ANTONIO LOPRESTI, FILIPPINA INGRAUDO, SALVATORE MENDOLA, MARIA BASSANI—Ingrauda Family †JOHN ZAGRODZKI, JANINA & MICHAEL SPAKOWSKI, JANINA WACLAWCZYK—Halina Zagrodzki FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KRYSTYNA SZYDLOWSKI		All Saints Day
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

We are very grateful for the peach festival committee for a donation of \$10,000 to our parish! Our parish can only run with the support of our parishioners and parish groups. Thank you to the peach festival committee for their important ministry and their very generous donation! May God abundantly reward all those who donate to our parish as a way of thanking God for their blessings , and of furthering the mission of Christ's Church!

There will be upcoming gatherings here at our parish for altar servers, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion! It is essential that we sometimes review and improve the way these ministries operate - I am so grateful to all those who carry out these ministries! Altar servers will meet November 15th at 1 PM, Lectors November 22nd at 1 PM, and Extraordinary Ministers at 29th at 1 PM. We will review and clarify best practices, as well as answer any questions you may have!

Halloween is coming up soon - do you know its Catholic origins? *All Hallow's Eve* (the evening before *All Saints Day*) is where *Halloween* takes its name. Unfortunately, this holy night is now often observed by means of things that are *not* aligned with the message of Jesus, including things that can sometimes glorify violence, impurity, and evil in general. May the Holy Spirit guide you to observe this holy night in a way that glorifies God and brings people closer to Him!

Note that for the week of November 4th to 7th, all weekday Masses (Monday through Friday) will be at 9 AM, including Tuesday! This is because I will be away that week on a priest retreat, and this schedule will make it possible to have Mass on Tuesday.

This past Thanksgiving, our parish released our *Good News Report*. Over the last couple of years, there have been many positive trends and improvements to our parish. The report only shares a small amount of them to be honest - every day I get to see amazing things and wonderful "good news" stories take

place in our parish. As a parish, we can take a step back and see how blessed we are. Please make sure to check it out if you haven't already!

Seminarian Peter has moved in and has begun staying with us! Please pray for him to be guided by the Holy Spirit as he spends time with us here at our beautiful parish!

Our parish is blessed to be the home of a new Society of St. Vincent de Paul chapter! I am very grateful to all who have helped make this happen, and I am very excited for all the good this will do in our parish and community. Do you want to help those in our own community who need a helping hand and some loving encouragement? Get involved!

As fall continues, many ministries in our parish have begun again! I want to encourage you to learn more about what activities take place in our parish, and which ones you can get involved in! I propose that to fully develop our faith, as important as it is to merely attend Mass each weekend, we should also really strive to be involved in at least one ministry or additional activity in the parish. Please take a look at our events and stay tuned, asking the Holy Spirit what He is inviting you be a part of!

Our parish *book of remembrance* will be out again during the month of November, which is the month of prayer for those who have gone before us. In the book, you can write the names of family or friends as we will pray for everyone who is written within!

Saint Carlo Acutis designed an exhibit that would display Church-approved Eucharistic miracles of the world throughout history – and a large part of this exhibit is in our gathering space at this present time!

May God bless you abundantly,
Fr. Greg Merkley

UPCOMING EVENTS: See next page for all our exciting events!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

COATS FOR KIDS FUNDRAISER - we will be collecting donation for our annual fundraiser, to provide warm winter jackets for people in our community on the weekend of November 8th and 9th after all the masses. Please show your support and visit our display.

OCTOBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH - The family of the month would like to remain anonymous, but their donation will go to the DeMazenod Door. **This family is active in our church**, helping with keeping the grounds of our building clean and tidy, making IHM an inviting place to worship. Congratulations and thank you for your active involvement in our parish!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The CWL is holding elections **November 18** for the next executive. Stop by the CWL table for more information.

All ladies are invited to join us.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION will meet each **Tuesday from 8-9pm**. We meet in the church for a brief teaching and a period of silent meditation followed by discussion. All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

Oct 25th - 7:30 AM - COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 25th - 6:15 PM - Chosen—Season 5, Last night
 Oct 26th — Coffee Sunday after 9 & 11a.m Masses
 Oct 26th - 2 PM — Family Catechism at IHM School
 Oct 27th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
 Oct 28th - 7:45 PM - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 28th - 8 PM - Meditation, Church
 Oct 29th - 7 PM—Activate, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 30th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
 Nov 1/2— SSVp Collection
NOVEMBER 3-7—ALL MASSES AT 9AM, No Tuesday evening Mass this week
 Nov 3rd - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
 Nov 4th - 1-4 PM - Crafter Group, Parish Hall—All are Welcome!
 Nov 4th - 7:45 PM - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1
 Nov 4th - 8 PM - Meditation, Church
 Nov 5th - 7 PM—Activate, Meeting Rm 1
 Nov 6th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
 Nov 8th - 7:30 AM - COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
 Nov 8th - 7 PM - Young Adults, Parish Hall
 Nov 8/9th - Coats for Kids Collection
 Nov 10th - 7 PM — Men's Recollection
 Nov 10th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
 Nov 11th - 7:45 PM - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1
 Nov 11th - 8 PM - Meditation, Church
 Nov 12th - 7 PM—Activate, Meeting Rm 1
 Nov 13th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
 Nov 14th - 6:30-8:30 PM - Youth Group, Parish Hall
 Nov 14th - 10:30 AM - IHM School Mass
 Nov 15th - 5 PM - Young Adults, Parish Hall
 Nov 15th - 1 PM - Altar Server Refresher Training
 Nov 22nd - 1 PM - Lector Refresher Training
 Nov 29th - 1 PM - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Refresher Training



THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COR MEN'S GROUP

at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on **Saturday, October 25th at 7:30am in the Parish Meeting Room**. The theme for our meeting is "Spiritual Warfare – Why the Devil Wants You to Fail" and includes a video and discussion. **The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month for 60 to 90 minutes**. The purpose of our group is to prayerfully explore our Catholic Faith. Coffee and donuts will be served. All men of the parish are welcome!



DeMazenod Door to buy turkeys. Thank you for your generosity.



SSVP provides confidential help for individuals and families in need. Assistance is available to those living within our parish boundaries. **If you or someone you know could benefit, please contact:**

ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com. We are dedicated to serving our neighbours with faith, compassion, and respect. **Next collection: Nov 1/2**

MEN'S STREET MINISTRY: is looking for Men's winter coats, all sizes, you can leave them in the hallway by the lost & found. We thank you for your kindness.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH: October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, sister or sister. **Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations.** For more information about praying for vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/>. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

WHEN LIFE CHANGES - PART ONE — Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese offers a six-week grief program for your support. Part one of the program will be offered on **Wednesdays Nov. 5 to Dec. 10 from 7-8:30pm** and will be held at the Chancery Office, at 700 King St. West, Hamilton. **Register hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events for When Life Changes: Grief Relief (Part 1) or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.**

EXPOSITION OF RELICS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH (304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek, ON) on **Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 10:00 AM** for a special **All Saints Day Mass**. After the Mass, explore a remarkable exhibit featuring **150 sacred relics of the saints**. This is a unique opportunity to walk among the saints and spend time in prayer with relics of great spiritual significance, including the Passion Relics: The True Cross, the Crown of Thorns, the Holy Spear, and the Holy Nail of Jesus Christ. The exhibit will also feature a fragment of the Blessed Virgin Mary's veil and St. Joseph's cloak. Don't miss this powerful chance to draw closer to our faith through these holy treasures. The schedule is as follows: 10am Mass; 11am Talk on the Relics by Fr. Ross Campbell; 11:20am–4:00pm Exposition of the Relics; 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass; 6:30pm–8:30pm Additional Veneration Time. Please come and celebrate the saints with us!

STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 18/19, 2025 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

Scott Duffield, Ferdinando Gigliotti

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

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