



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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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

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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.*

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## 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

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Rosary  
30 mins before  
All Masses

Confession  
30 mins  
before All  
Masses

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS: February 16-22, 2026

Diocesan Vocation  
Prayer Intentions

|                  |                                |  |                       |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| MONDAY           | 9:00 AM                        | †FRANK VANEGAS — Family  | Rev. Jarek Pachocki   |
| TUESDAY          | 7:00 PM                        | †MICHELE CIARMOLI —IHM CWL<br>†PAUL DIXON & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE DIXON - Lou & Lisa Groen<br>†GEORGE GOPAL—Family<br>†TOM & JOSIE IVEZIC & LIVIA MENEGALDO-MURETA — Grace Ivezic<br>†PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family<br>†QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Maria Simone<br>SOULS IN PURGATORY<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMICK — Matteo Gigliotti<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KAZIA & JOE KASZYCA & THERESA SAPRA — Jadwiga Zychowicz<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CLAIRE MACKNESS  | Rev. Robert Love      |
| ASH<br>WEDNESDAY | 9:00 AM<br>7:00 PM             | ASH WEDNESDAY MASS<br>ASH WEDNESDAY MASS   | Ash Wednesday         |
| THURSDAY         | 9:00 AM                        | DECEASED OF ALAMPI & ATTARD FAMILIES — Manny & Tina Attard   | Rev. Jeffery Oehring  |
| FRIDAY           | 9:00 AM                        | FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JACOB ZYCHOWICZ  | Rev. Francesco Cucchi |
| SATURDAY         | 5:00 PM                        | †ERMINIA BAGNOLI—Tony & Daniela Giannini<br>†NICK BOICH - Doreen Zamperin<br>†ROSA BORTOLOTTTO—Castellan Family<br>†GIOVANNI CALTAGIRONE—Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli<br>†DAIVD & SOPHIE COLTERMAN - Kunkel Family<br>†SETTIMIO DELUCA - Maria Caucci<br>†PAUL DIXON & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE DIXON - Lou & Lisa Groen<br>†LAURA MACKISOC<br>†NANCY PRPICH—Family<br>†MARIA SANTINI—Vince Santini<br>†QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Maria Simone<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KATHRYN ARNOTT<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PETER HOFFBAUER<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LUCINDA KUNKEL - Kunkel Family<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RICK PALMIERI — Barbara & Robert Pfanstiel<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY & ILARIA PALETTA<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DAPHNE VALLES—Theresa Sapra | Rev. Mark Gatto       |
| SUNDAY           | 9:00 AM<br>11:00 AM<br>4:00 PM | FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARIE, JOE & DAVID GIALONARDO<br>†TONY ACETI — Ralph & Mary Fascione<br>PRO POPULO   |                       |



My dear parishioners,

**Lent is just days away!** This sacred season begins this upcoming Ash Wednesday, as we gather to receive the ashes on our foreheads with the words, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." These ashes remind us of our mortality, our need for God's mercy, and

our call to turn back to Him with all our hearts. Lent lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays) and mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, praying, fasting, and resisting temptation before launching His ministry. It's a time of spiritual renewal, preparing us to celebrate the joy of Easter and Jesus' resurrection with renewed hearts. The Church invites us to embrace the three traditional pillars of Lent, which are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We are called to deepen our relationship with God, perhaps by adding daily Scripture reading, attending an extra Mass, praying the Rosary, or simply spending quiet time in conversation with the Lord each morning or evening. As for fasting, we can offer small sacrifices, such as giving up sweets, unnecessary screen time, or eating more simply, to remind us that we depend on God more than on earthly comforts. Also, please remember that the Church's fasting rules apply on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for adults. With regards to almsgiving, we strive to show generosity through acts of charity - sharing time, talents, or resources with those in

need, supporting parish outreach, or helping a neighbor. These practices help us to grow in holiness, self-discipline, and love for God and neighbor. Scripture guides us beautifully; in Matthew 6:6, Jesus teaches, "When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen." For almsgiving, He says in Matthew 25:40, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Our Lenten efforts are ways to encounter Christ Himself. As we begin this journey together, let's commit to meaningfully living out the command of Jesus to pray, fast and give alms. Jesus loves us deeply and calls us to follow Him more closely. May this Lent draw us nearer to His heart and prepare us well for Easter!

**Our adoration chapel will now be open on Saturday until 3 PM – an extension of 6 more hours!** Thank you to all those who will make this possible!

**I have a question for you who read the bulletin!** What would make you like our bulletin more? Are there additional features or content you'd like? I'd like you to tell me what you're looking for, as I always love to hear fresh ideas on how to make things better. You have great ideas, and we don't want to miss out!

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

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

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



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

All women ages 16+ are invited to join the CWL!

Become part of a beautiful sisterhood rooted in faith, service, and fellowship as we support our parish and community together.

2026 Memberships: \$45; E-transfer: [cwlwinona@gmail.com](mailto:cwlwinona@gmail.com)

Stay connected with us! Follow us on Instagram & Facebook: @cwlilhm

General Meeting: Tuesday, February 17 beginning with Mass at 7 PM

Meeting & social to follow at 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall

We would love to see new and returning members join us.

Come grow in friendship and faith with us!

"Serve one another through love." – Galatians 5:13

**UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)**

- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Bishop's Dinner
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> — NO Card Group today
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — CWL Mass/Meeting
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> — 9 AM — Ash Wednesday Mass
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> — 10 AM — Ash Wednesday Liturgy, IHM School
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> — 12Noon — Ash Wednesday Liturgy, at St. Gabriel School
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Ash Wednesday Mass
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> — 7 PM — SSVP Meeting, Mtg Rm 1
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
- Feb 27<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup> — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup> — 11 AM — St. Gabriel School, Gr 2 First Reconciliation
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Mar 5<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Mar 6<sup>th</sup> — 5-7 PM — All You Can Eat Parish Pasta Dinner, Parish Hall
- Mar 6<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup> — 11 AM — IHM School, Gr 2 First Reconciliation
- Mar 7/8<sup>th</sup> — SSVP Collection
- Mar 8<sup>th</sup> — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 10<sup>th</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Mar 11<sup>th</sup> — 7:30 PM — KofC Meeting, Parish Hall
- Mar 12<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Mar 13<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 13<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross
- Mar 16<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 17<sup>th</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Mar 18<sup>th</sup> — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall



All You Can Eat Parish Pasta Dinner  
Friday, March 6 from 5-7p.m., in our Parish Hall.  
Cost: Adults \$15; Child (12yrs & under) \$7. All Welcome!



**SOCIAL ACTION:** Please remember to be generous this weekend (Feb 14/15) for the Blue Box collection. Increasing number of guests keep coming to the DeMazenod Door in spite of the bitter cold days. The next 2 Wednesdays our wonderful volunteers will be cooking meals in our parish kitchen for DeMazenod Door, all made possible by your donations to the BLUE BOX. *Thank you and God Bless.*



**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](http://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.



**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

**Looking for something to do this Lent?** 40 Days for Life Hamilton invites you to help to try and make a change for Hamilton's preborn children!

**YOU can participate in a peaceful prayer vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital, each day from February 18 - March 29 anytime between 7am to 7pm. You can sign up for just ONE hour during this Lenten season 2026!**  
**SIGN UP ONLINE:** <https://bit.ly/40dayshamilton>



**The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, February 14th at 8:00am in the Parish Meeting Room.** The theme for our meeting is "St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church" 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 - FEBRUARY 7/8, 2026**

*Thank you for your Generosity!*

**TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up in the gathering space.**

| Envelope  | Loose     | E-transfer | Canada Helps | Pre-Authorized (15th/30th) | Total     |
|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| \$3072.05 | \$1186.95 | \$100.00   | \$5038.58    | \$0                        | \$9397.58 |



**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:**

**Natalia Michon**

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

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