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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

Call/Email the Parish Office.

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Fr. Mark Morley
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SOCIAL MEDIA: @ihmchurchsc

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, MARCH 1, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS: March 2-8, 2026

Diocesan Vocation
Prayer Intentions

MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RALPH & MARY FASCIONE	Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†PAUL DIXON & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE DIXON - Lou & Lisa Groen †RITA GONZALES - Family †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family †QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Maria Simone †DECEASED OF DOCHERTY FAMILY SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LOUISE KUNKEL—Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTION OF GEORGE & MYRA & ST. THERESE HEALING MINISTRY—T & B Delville FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. STUART MACDONALD — Brian & Janet Patton FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THERESA SAPRA—Charlene & Marcel Lemmen	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RON OGULIN	Society of African Missions
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†KAZIMEIRZ CHRAPKA — Jadwiga Zychowicz	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS	World Day of Prayer
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†SANDRO ALBERICO — Family †DIANNE AMOR—Tony & Daniela Giannini †MARIA BORTOLOTTA—Barbara & Robert Pfannstiel †ROSA BORTOLOTTA - Palmira Caucci & Family †RUZA & MIJO BROZOVIC — Family †RENO CORTIULA—Family †SETTIMIO DELUCA—Chris & Josie Stevens & Family †PAUL DIXON & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE DIXON - Lou & Lisa Groen †ANTONIA DURAN—Family †FRANK & ELEANOR KUNKEL—Kunkel Family †ISSAIA PALOMBELLA—Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli †PIETRO SANTINI & ANGELA BUCCIARELLI —Vince Santini †MICHAEL THRONE—Family †ROSEMARY TRATCH & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE TRATCH FAMILY—Falasca Family †QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Maria Simone FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MAHIN MANOUCHEHRZADEH—Braun Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE PFANNSTIEL FAMILY	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†MARIA ROMANO — Family †SERGIO TURCHET — Family PRO POPULO	



My dear parishioners,

As we continue Lent, how is this season helping you to get closer to God and love Him with your whole heart? Don't forget to make use of the print resources in our gathering space, formed.org and other great resources to make the most of this beautiful and sacred season!

This upcoming Wednesday, Immaculate Heart of Mary school will have school-wide confessions, and on Saturday the grade twos will receive First Reconciliation in preparation for their First Holy Communion! These are such beautiful grace-filled meetings with Jesus who is eager to offer His merciful love, and His very own self to feed us in the Most Holy Eucharist!

March 21/22 is our Share Lent Collection, and we invite you to share generously as part of your Lenten Almsgiving! Share Lent is a way that our Diocese helps support those in need around the world, and your generosity is appreciated!

Have you ever had a question about your faith, the Mass, or life at IHM? Do you have an idea that could help our parish grow in holiness or enrich our celebrations? The newly formed Parish Improvement Team would love to hear from you. Their role is to

bring your questions and suggestions and help me discern how to move forward with them! You'll find a new suggestion box in the gathering space - please share your thoughts there. We look forward to serving you and helping make worship at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish even more life-giving.

We look forward to bringing back our parish's pasta dinner this upcoming March 6th – please attend and help make this event a joyful parish event community event! See the poster for details!

On Saturday, March 21st, I'll be helping facilitate a young adults Lenten retreat! All young adults are welcome to join me for that day at St. Thomas in Waterdown - see our poster for more information!

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 (Council # 14421)

Membership Drive this weekend - Come visit us in the narthex for details on joining the Knights of Columbus!

Family of the Month - Fascione family. Ralph and Mary are fixtures at our 11:00am Masses, ushering, collecting the offerings, and as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, meeting young families who are preparing for their child's Baptism. Ralph currently serves as Outside Guard on the KofC Executive and supports Knights and DeMazenod Door activities, and Mary is a member of the CWL. Congratulations Ralph and Mary and THANK YOU for all that you do for our parish!



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

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



ALL YOU CAN EAT PARISH PASTA DINNER/TAKE OUT

Friday, March 6 from 4-7p.m., in our Parish Hall.

Cost: Adults \$15; Child (12yrs & under) \$7.

Please note: there will also be a meatless option.

All Welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

- Feb 27th — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross
- Feb 28th — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Feb 28th — 11 AM — St. Gabriel School, Gr 2 First Reconciliation
- Mar 2nd — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 3rd — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Mar 5th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Mar 6th — 4-7 PM — All You Can Eat Parish Pasta Dinner, Parish Hall
- Mar 6th — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross
- Mar 7th — 11 AM — IHM School, Gr 2 First Reconciliation
- Mar 7/8th — SSVP Collection
- Mar 8th — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- Mar 9th — 6 PM — Chant Mass
- Mar 9th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 9th — 7:15 PM — Men's Recollection, Meeting Rm 1
- Mar 10th — 6-9 PM — Parish Confessions
- Mar 10th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Mar 11th — 7:30 PM — KofC Meeting, Parish Hall
- Mar 12th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Mar 13th — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 13th — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross
- Mar 14th — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Mar 14/15th — Blue Box Collection
- Mar 16th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 17th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Mar 17th — 7 PM — Mass & CWL Meeting to follow
- Mar 18th — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 19th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Mar 20th — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross
- Mar 21/22nd — Share Lent Collection
- Mar 23rd — 7 PM — SSVP Meeting, Mtg Rm 1



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SOCIAL ACTION: Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who helped out last Wednesday preparing and cooking over 350 meals for the guests who come to DeMazenod Door. We were able to do all the work plus the clean up in record time. The meal was Roast Pork and the usual sides of roasted veggies and potatoes, garden salad, and fruit cups. Thank you.



Tax receipts have now been mailed to all those who donated in 2025. We are deeply grateful for your generous support, which allows us to continue serving our neighbours in need with compassion and hope. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community. **Next Collection: Mar 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.



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, February 28th at 8:00am in the Parish Meeting Room. The theme for our meeting is "What Catholics Believe About Lent: Fasting, Ashes, and 40 Days Explained" 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!



DIocese of Hamilton

Listening & Fasting: Pope Leo XIV'S Message for Lent 2026 entitled "Listening and fasting. Lent as a time of Conversion," was published on Friday, February 13, by the Holy See Press Office. To read Pope Leo's message, and download a helpful infographic, visit the Dicastery for Integral Human Development here: www.humandevlopment.va.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of fellowship and music as you discern your vocation and as we celebrate the Easter Season. The Young Adults Night includes a social with food (7:00pm-8:00pm) followed by a vocations testimony and praise music ending with Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, April 11th (note Second Saturday, not First Saturday) at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP - FEBRUARY 21/22, 2026

Thank you for your Generosity!

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\$5242.95	\$1132.05	\$50.00	\$669.17	0	\$7094.17



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

Albert DeLuca

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




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