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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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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

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 One year 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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We welcome you to our Parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Greg.
Kindly complete the information below and place it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, JULY 19 , 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: July 20-26, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY—Jadwiga		Rev. Pawel Jamroz
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†ROSALIE CICCHI — Marcella Ciardelli †JACINTO CORDERIO †SANDRA GAZZOLA—Vilma Nuccitelli †WERONIKA WOJTAKOWSKI—Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON PETER HOAN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RALPH FASCIONE—Mary FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MYRA JUMEAU & GEORGE PIERRE LOUIS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF VILMA NUCCITELLI FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ADELE VANTROOST FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LAWRENCE XAVIER		Rev. Stephen Gilbert
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†MARIANNA & CZESLAW CUIRYSEK — Jadwiga		Legionaries of Christ
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CLAUDIA ARMSTRONG—Walter & Teresa Rzeszokto		Rev. Hayden Starczala
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†JEANNETTE MAZZA—Falasca Family		Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†MICHELE CIARMOLI—Tony & Daniela Giannini †ROSALIE CICCHI - Elsa Piccolotto †SOPHIE & DAVID COLTERMAN — Kunkel Family †ANGELIS MINDO—Family †ROSINA MURACA—Irma Tirabassi & Family †GIOVANNI SORRENTI—Sam & Angela Sciccia †MICHELE & CRISTINA TIMPERIO — Lucia Caruso †WERONIKA WOJTAKOWSKI—Family HOLY SOULS PURGATORY— Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. DANIEL NAIM—Larry Mackisoc FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON PETER HOAN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BLAISE & JULIANA BARBER—Tony & Daniela Giannini FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JULIE CASCIO FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JAMES LEE - Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY MACKISOC FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RICK PALMIERI		Rev. Robert Hétu
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†TONIGIANNI VENTRESCA — Orlando & Rosa Santini FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ELIZABETH & FRANK VON BRAUN — Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO		

My dear parishioners,

Thank you to all who joined us for Fr. Daniel Naim’s special Mass this weekend! A special thank you to all who served and assisted whether at the Mass or at the spectacular reception that took place afterwards! May God continue to guide and bless Fr. Daniel!

Fr. Fernando Gomi who recently made a mission appeal at our parish also sent a touching e-mail to Fr. Greg, and here are some excerpts:

“As I reflect on my visit to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for the Mission Appeal on behalf of the Diocese of Kurunegala, Sri Lanka, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and to everyone who made my stay such a wonderful and memorable experience. Finally, I wish to thank all the parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for their generous contributions to the Mission Appeal. Their generosity will greatly assist the Diocese of Kurunegala in continuing its mission of proclaiming the Gospel and serving those most in need. Please assure them of my heartfelt gratitude and my prayers for each of them. May our Lord continue to bless you, your parish community, and everyone who contributed to making my visit so meaningful. Be assured of my prayers, and I kindly ask you to remember me and the people of the Diocese of Kurunegala in your prayers as well.”

On Sunday, August 23rd we will have a wonderful parish BBQ at noon! Please book this into your calendars and plan to come - it will be a wonderful event and a great experience of our parish’s wonderful community and social life! On a related note, I have also been pondering the idea of creating a “social committee” or something similar, that could maybe help to organize even more regular social events for our parish. If you are interested in

something like this or have any thoughts about it, please feel free to let me know!

Deacon Peter Hoan has been a great blessing to our parish community, and we continue to pray for him on his journey to the priesthood! Deacon Peter will be with us until the end of July, and so his last weekend with us will be July 25th and 26th. After each of the Masses that weekend we’ll celebrate Deacon Peter and his contributions to our parish with a small reception after each Mass!

Have you signed up online for Flocknote yet? The link is on the homepage of our parish website, www.ihmchurch.ca. Signing up will allow you to access regular updates I will send out there, which you will not be able to find anywhere else! It will also give you access to other resources as well!

If you know anyone interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic, I would be delighted to meet with them! Feel free to let me know or reach out to the parish office, and I’d be happy to chat with them and answer any questions they may have! Our Catholic faith is a beautiful gift, one that is meant to be shared!

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley





Knights of Columbus: God Bless all our Members, thank you for your support throughout the year. Have a restful Summer.



Catholic Women's League: We wish our members a summer filled with rest, joy, and special moments with your loved ones. Please continue to keep our CWL members in your prayers throughout the summer.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, September 15** for our September General Meeting. Until then, may God bless you with a safe, peaceful, and joyful summer!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

July 18/19th—Peach Festival Sign up Sheets available at all Masses
July 18/19th—Blue Box Collection
July 22nd— 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
July 25th—COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
July 25/26th—World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
July 25/26th—Deacon Peter's Last weekend, refreshments in gathering space after all the Masses
August 1/2—SSVP Collection
August 10-14th - 9 AM—12:30 PM— Read, Write, Math, Art Camp, Parish Hall
August 10th— 6 PM — Chant Mass
August 10th— 7 PM — Men's Recollection
August 16th— Blue Box Collection
August 19th— 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
August 23rd—12Noon—Parish BBQ, Sign up sheets coming soon!
August 28-30th— Winona Peach Festival, Visit our Booth!
Please note: The Parish office will be closed on Fridays in July & August.



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, July 25th at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be watching a video on "The Life and Martyrdom of St. James the Greater", whose feast day is July 25th, followed by a discussion and fellowship. The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 8:00 am 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!



Peach Festival News: The Peach Festival is around the corner and we will be looking for volunteers to help with food prep at the parish, set up and serving at the festival. We will begin prepping the week of August 24 –30 this include the Festival days. **Sign up Sheets will be out next weekend, July 18/19!** Stop by the table to see one of our committee members!

You can now email us: ihmpeachfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com



Join us for our Parish BBQ! Sunday, August 23 following the 11am Mass. Come hungry and bring the whole family for a day of great food, fun and fellowship! Please your own lawn chairs. **Sign up here!** <https://bit.ly/4vYXxc1> or use the QR code! Hope to see you there!



Stewardship - July 11/12, 2026

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$3942.70	\$1459.30	\$260.00	\$246.74	0	\$5908.74

Thank you for your Generosity!



Social Action: This weekend (July 18/19) is BLUE BOX weekend - Last Wednesday our wonderful volunteers cooked over 300 meals for those who come to De Mazenod Door. Next Wednesday we will be cooking another 300+ meals as we try to reach out to those who are hungry and thirsty. We can only do this because of our generous parishioners who contribute to the BLUE BOX every month.



If you or someone you know is in need of support, please don't hesitate to reach out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are here to help members of our community facing difficult times. All requests are handled with care and confidentiality. **Contact us: 289-799-2314 or by email: ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com.** Next Collection: Aug 1/2, please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



SSVP Designer Purse Bingo! Friday October 23, 2026 at St. Naum's Banquet Hall 1150 Stone Church Rd. E. - doors open: 4:30 p.m; Regular Ticket: \$60 Includes: Bingo cards, dabber, door prize ticket, buffet dinner & cash bar. VIP Ticket: \$75 includes regular ticket, plus extras. Special Staycation Raffle! and 50/50 Draw, 2 Grand Prize Games: Jimmy Choo & Prada. For more information e-mail: pursebingoforssvp@gmail.com, To order tickets e-mail: SSVPHelpUsGrow@gmail.com, Security Answer: Bingo2026 (please include Full names of all your guests in the e-transfer) Email if you'd like to sponsor a purse or donate a door prize! Thank you for helping us serve in hope!



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Young Adults Night: Fr. John Ha, our new Vocations Director, 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 (6:30-7:30pm), social with food (7:30-8pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8-9pm), and Compline (9pm) on **Saturday, August 1 at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton.** Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



Read, Write, Math with Art Camp: SK to Grade 6 This camp focuses on reading, writing, and math using art and inquiry based on learning! **Camp Date & Time: August 10-14 9AM to 12:30 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church;**

Register: daniella.albano123abc@gmail.com; Cost: \$185/child



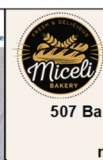
You are invited to attend the Annual St. Ann's Novena at St. Ann Parish in Hamilton from July 18 - 26. This cherished tradition, celebrated for more than 100 years, will include Mass and Novena prayers each evening at 7pm, as well as the Rosary at 6:15pm. There will be a reception on the Feast of St. Ann, July 26, following the Mass. This year's theme is "The Rocky Road to Bethlehem: The Ancestry of Our Lord." Join us as we reflect on the people and stories that prepared the way for the birth of Christ. For more information and details please see our website at St. Ann Novena — St. Ann Hamilton. Whether you are able to attend one evening or all nine, everyone is welcome to attend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:
Guy Macri

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



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