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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.

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Please check one: Envelopes____ Pre-authorized giving____ (form will be emailed to you)

EMAIL: _____ E-Bulletin yes/no

Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: September 28-October 4, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KATHRYN ARNOTT		Rev. Charles Galea
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†THERESA CURRAN & CATHERINE MACINTYRE — Mary Agnes Auer †MARIO & ELISA DIMARTINO — Family †JEFFREY W. N. KOTANKO — Claire Reyes †IAN MCINTOSH — Carol & Family †RITA GONZALES & ARCHIBALD NICOLLS — Margaret †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU — Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL KUNKEL—Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL KUSMIERCZAK—Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CAROLYN LAPRISE—T & B Delville FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CLAIRE REYES		Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean Pierre
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	GABRIELLA & PIETRO PAN—Lucato Family		Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ
THURSDAY	9:00 AM 7:30 PM	IN THANKSGIVING FOR OUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL FEAST OF ST. THÉRÈSE		Lay & Youth Parish Ministers
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS		Rev. James Link
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†JENNIFER ARRUDA AGUIAR—Family †RENO CORTIULA —Family †MSGR ROGER FORMOSI — Tony & Daniela Giannini †VICTOR GIANNOTTI — Family †DONATO IACOZZA — Sam & Maria DeFeo †ALBERT MARRONE—Grace Ivezić †JOAN MARTINELLO—Family †WARREN REYNOLDS—Lea Marrone †BREANNA ROLO—Family †LIVIO TAM SOULS IN PURGATORY—Grace & Janusz FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MIRA & NESHA VUKOVIC — Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KATHRYN ARNOTT FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GIACOMO PALETTA—Jadwiga Zychowicz FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MR. & MRS. L. F XAVIER—Gracy Lucas IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. JOSEPH—Larry & Ilaria Paletta		Rev. Dominic Thomas
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†NINO VERTICCHIO - Luisa Verticchio †EMIDIO TIRABASSI — Family PRO POPULO		

My dear parishioners,

This upcoming October 1st we will have a spectacular Mass at 7:30 PM on the memorial of St. Therese of Lisieux! This celebration will feature music by a stunning choir called *Conversatio Christo*, and will also be the celebration of the anniversary of our parish's adoration chapel which has been placed under the patronage of St. Therese. Please make time to come and attend this very special and beautiful Mass - to my knowledge, a Mass like this has not yet taken place at our beautiful parish – it will be a special Mass and a great opportunity to learn more about St. Therese of Lisieux, who is special to our parish!

October 4th is Life Chain, which takes place from 2:30-3:30 PM at Highway 8 and Gray's Road. This powerful annual event allows us to publicly stand up for those precious unborn children without a voice of their own. God's love and mercy are open for all, and He has endowed all human life with an infinite dignity and sacred inviolability. This includes all human life from conception to natural death. You're invited to join me in being a loving and kind public witness to the value of every human being: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5).

Our Family Catechism program begins again this Sunday (September 27th). This monthly gathering is for families who would like to meet with other families to teach their children more about God and grow in their faith together. It's a beautiful opportunity – this particular Sunday, the event will take place in our parish's hall!

Fr. Jeff Oehring and I are going to visit *Our Lady of Victory Basilica* in Buffalo! It is a spectacular place of pilgrimage and a basilica built under the leadership of the Venerable Fr. Baker. One of the priests there, Fr. Dan Ulmer, is a friend of ours and is happy to welcome us to visit – if you'd like to join, please see the poster for more details!

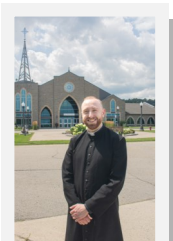
Our Thanksgiving Food drive begins next weekend and runs until Thanksgiving weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

On September 9th, we started offering a weekly program that all are welcome to participate in called "The Search." The program will take place Wednesdays and begin at 7:15 PM and end by 8:30 PM. This program can welcome anyone wherever they are on their spiritual journey. You are welcome to come, and bring a friend! Also, if you miss an episode, you can still watch it on www.formed.org by using our parish subscription!

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: Thanksgiving Food Drive — October 3-11, please bring non-perishable food items, hygiene products. Thank you for your generosity.



Catholic Women's League: IHM CWL Marian Retreat: Friday, October 30, 2026, following 9 a.m. Mass.

Christmas Bazaar: November 20 & 21, 2026. Interested in volunteering, email cwlihmpresident@gmail.com or sign up using

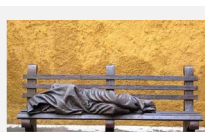
the sheet in the gathering space.

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 @ 8pm Parish Hall

Membership dues \$45. Payment accepted by e-transfer:

cwlwinona@gmail.com, cash or cheque. **Contact President, Lucia**

Marchionda for more information cwlihmpresident@gmail.com



Social Action: Many thanks to all who contributed to the BLUE BOX collection last week. Your generosity was much appreciated by all those people who came to The De Mazenod Door last Thursday for a delicious Roasted Pork dinner and all the fixings. Thanks to our volunteers who prepared it all this past Wednesday. Everyone who came to The Door were able to have a dinner - we did not run out. God Bless you all.



Men's Clothing Drive — ONLY MEN'S ITEMS Clean & Gently Used: Track pants, Hoodies, Sweaters. Please drop them off in the bin Marked Men's Clothing Drive. NO Women's Or Children's Items, please. Thank you for your kindness.



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: October 3/4**, please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



Seniors Outreach Services (SOS) of Stoney Creek will be hosting an information afternoon here at our Parish on **Tuesday, September 29 at 2p.m in Meeting Room 1**. This service supports seniors 60 years and older who live in Stoney Creek, helping them remain independent and safely in their own homes. Services include transportation to and from appointments, housekeeping, gardening and grass cutting, snow removal, and minor home repairs. **If you or someone you know could benefit from these services, please come and learn more about this wonderful community resource. Everyone is welcome.**



The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place this weekend of September 26/27. This weekend, our parish joins Catholics from coast to coast in supporting the shared mission of the Church in Canada. Your gift strengthens the mission of our diocese and, together with the gifts of Catholics across the country, supports work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone. Through this collection, we help the Church proclaim the Gospel, support families and communities, promote respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, accompany migrants and refugees, and provide catechetical resources for Catholics throughout Canada. What begins as a gift in our parish becomes part of the shared mission of the Church across the country. **Please give prayerfully and generously the weekend of September 26/27. To donate online, scan the QR code or visit ccc.ca/donate.**



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, September 26th at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room. The Cor Men's Group meets

regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room for 60 to 90 minutes. We will be watching the fourth video in a series by Dr. Brant Pitre, "Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Session 4", followed by a discussion and fellowship. The purpose of our group is to prayerfully explore our Catholic Faith over coffee and donuts. All men of the parish are welcome!



Men's Discernment Group, Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all young men in the Diocese of Hamilton to join the **Priesthood Discernment Group**.

Come for prayer, fellowship, and conversation as we explore God's call together. Whether you are just beginning to ask questions or have been considering the priesthood for some time, you are welcome. Feel free to invite a friend who may be interested. You do not need to have all the answers—simply come with an open heart. **Friday, October 2 at 6PM at the Chancery Office, 700 King St W, Hamilton**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

Maria Valentini; Margaret Neil, Norman Milko

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



No matter how much you are hurting, no marriage is beyond hope. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, there is RETROUVAILLE! The next weekend is October 16-18. The best kept secret for helping marriages. **For more information call 905-664-5212 or email: hamilton@helpourmarriage.org.**



Blessing of Pets: You are invited to bring your family pets to the church outside, **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 at 9:30 AM.** Invite friends and family with their pets to join us!

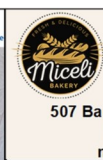
Stewardship - September 19/20, 2026

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