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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 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)

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.

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

Families with children that have special needs are always welcome in our parish.
Please contact us to show us how we can help you.

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses		Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: November 3-9, 2025 PLEASE NOTE: ALL MASSES THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3-7 will be at 9A.M	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	†ANNE ZONKA — Kunkel Family		Very Rev. David Walter
TUESDAY	NOTE TIME 9:00 AM	†JOHN JASKIEWICZ - Colleen SOULS IN PURGATORY —Joe Kiefer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JANUSZ CHOMICKI— FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALBERTO DIMARTINO FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SEMINARIAN PETER HOFFBAUER		Rev. Emmanuel Ralte
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	DECEASED OF ALTENDORFER & LUKCAS FAMILIES - Sylvia & Valerio DeFaveri		Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANGELA ZYCHOWICZ		Widows
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS — Jadwiga		Rev. Carlos Diaz
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†FRANCES BOZZO —Tony & Daniela Giannini †MARK BERALDO & SERGIO SCATTOLON — Cathy Scattolon †CLEUSA CRUZ—Family †ANGELO GIANREGORIO —Irma Tirabassi & Family †ANNA & ANTONIO LEDONNE — Family †PRIMO MATTACHINI - Mirella Paletta †EMIDIO NARDINI — Giovanna Angelini †STELLA NARDINI - Palmira Caucci †GABRIELA SCHIAVON — John & Adele vanTroost †BARBARA JAMIESON-VENESIA †ANNE & FRANK ZONKA - Barry FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANN KIBILING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF WALTER & PATRICIA TYMCHUK		Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	DECEASED OF THE CROWLEY FAMILY †EMIDIO TIRABASSI - Family PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

This weekend (Nov 1st and 2nd) we celebrate the solemnities of All Saints and All Souls (also called the Commemoration of all of the Faithful Departed). On All Saints (Saturday Nov 1st), we think of all those who are in heaven, purified from sin and already experiencing the perfect happiness of the vision of God in Heaven. On All Souls (Sunday Nov 2nd) we pray for and remember all the faithful departed.

This upcoming 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. I ask you to please pray for me that I may have a fruitful and blessed retreat! May the Holy Spirit be poured out upon all the priests there including myself, and may Our Lady hold us in her Immaculate Heart!

November is the month of the year where we especially remember and pray for the dead. What does the Church teach about prayers for the dead? Here is a selection of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1030-1032): “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: ‘Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.’ (2 Maccabees 12:46) From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.”

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!**

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 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 next weekend, **November 8th and 9th after all the Masses. Please show your support and visit our display!**



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

ATTENTION! All Parish Bakers over the next few weeks, please take a box from the foyer and bake either Christmas cookies or squares for our **BAKE SALE ON SATURDAY, NOV. 22, FROM 9A.M-2P.M.** **This is our big fundraiser for the year. We thank you in advance!**
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS: We are looking for Auction items for our Bazaar, please drop them off at the office during regular hours.
Any questions email: cwlwinona@gmail.com.

ELECTION NOMINATION forms are due by Friday, Nov. 7at noon.
Please drop your form off in the CWL Box in the gathering space.



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.



THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COR MEN'S GROUP AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH WILL BE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH AT 7:30AM IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM. The theme for our meeting is "Mission of the Family: The Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World " and includes a video and discussion. The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 7:30am 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!



CRAFTER'S GROUP will meet on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 from 1-3p.m. in the parish hall! Everyone is invited to attend, whether you craft or not, join them for a social!
Please Sign the "Green" book in the gathering space!

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

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 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, Knights of Columbus
Nov 9th - 2-4 PM - Family Catechism at IHM School Gym
Nov 10th - 6 PM – Chant Mass
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 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 15/16th – Blue Box Collection
Nov 15th - 5 PM - Young Adults, Speed Dating Event, Parish Hall
Nov 15th - 1 PM - Altar Server Refresher Training
Nov 16th - 2 PM —Prayers for the Deceased at the Cemetery, All Welcome
Nov 17th - 7 PM - SSVP Meeting, Meeting Rm 1
Nov 22nd -1 PM - Lector Refresher Training
Nov 29th - 1 PM - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Refresher Training



SOCIAL ACTION: In a just released report from Food Banks Canada they reported that visits to Food Banks Canada wide were 2.2 million (the highest number in history) in March 2025 or 5.2% higher than March 2024 and 99% higher than March 2019. It also states

that "rent eats food for households with the lowest incomes". These numbers mirror what is happening at DeMazenod Door and so we are most grateful to our parishioners who donate to the BLUE BOX on the 3rd Sunday of the month , to the wonderful volunteers who come to our parish kitchen twice a month to prepare and cook meals for DeMazenod Door, to those parishioners who volunteer to serve guests at DeMazenod Door during the week, for the parishioners who pick up from Costco 5 days a week and deliver to DeMazenod Door. Each parishioner doing what they can to lend a helping hand to those in need. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS.



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.



A WALK WITH JESUS RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. **The retreat will be offered at the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, November 22nd. The \$20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required so we know how many to set up for and how much lunch to order. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the title of the retreat or the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.**



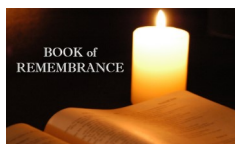
CURSILLO is a movement that helps us get closer to God. There will be a women's Cursillo weekend from November 23-25, 2025, at Deemerton, Ontario. **For information, contact Dan Brown at dmbrown269@gmail.com**

STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 25/26, 2025 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK

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



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: We invite you to write in Our Book of Remembrance, the names of your loved ones who have left us to be with Our Lord. During the month of the November we will pray for those whose names are listed in the book. May our dearly departed be in the loving arms of Our Lord.

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