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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 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)

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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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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.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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, MAY 24, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: May 25-31, 2026	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. ED MAHONY	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†DEAN ALARCON—Family †FRANCESCO FIORINO—Dan & Lilly Bianco †SETTIMIO GIANCATERINA—Family †SAVIO HENRIQUES—Sylvester & Arlette Henriques †ANGELA HOFFBAUER - Peter †GIOVANNA & MARCO MARCHIONDA—Family †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ZEE KHAN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE WADDICK FAMILIES—Tony & Bernadette Delville	Rev. Melvin Pinto
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	SPECIAL INTENTION	Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	DECEASED OF THE ALAMPI & ATTARD FAMILIES - Manny & Tina	Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†MARIE LAUGHLIN—Giallonardo Family	Rev. David Lewis
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†DEAN ALARCON - Family †ELAINE HINE— Henrietta Wasik †ALOJZ & MARICA GRGURIC — Family †SANTE LOLLI — Family †MARIA LUONGO - Romeo & Cindy Andreatta †KATHLEEN MCCONVILLE - Family †ANGELO TROMBETTA - Mirella Paletta †MIKE VALLORANI—Family HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY—Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOHN & CYNTHIA COONS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE KRAWCZYNSKI FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CLAIRE MACKNESS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TORRES FAMILY	Rev. Sunil D'Souza
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†DOMENIC MOLINARO — Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SEMINARIAN PETER HOAN PRO POPULO	



My dear parishioners,

This weekend is the solemnity of Pentecost, and so we open ourselves and our parish to receive the Holy Spirit anew. May we always call on the Holy Spirit to guide us and lead us with His gifts and fruits. The Church is called to be filled with and led by the Holy Spirit, as the first apostles were. The Holy Spirit offers us

guidance, comfort, and direction - so “come Holy Spirit!”

I’m very grateful to be on this pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France! Already, we have been blessed to:

- Visit Lisbon, including the birthplace of St. Anthony
- See the Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem
- Visit Fatima and go to the various places where the 3 shepherd children lived, saw the angel of peace, and first saw Our Lady
- Participate in rosary processions in Fatima
- Visit Avila to see where St. Theresa of Avila was baptized, and the Church built over her home. We also saw authentic medieval walls and other importance places in Avila
- Visit Toledo and Madrid, seeing the cathedrals there and other neat places including the royal guesthouse of Spain.

As I write this, I am on the bus to Lourdes (shortly after having crossed the border from Spain into France). I feel very blessed to be here and to see so many special sites! Follow us by means of our social media - thank you for your prayers, as we pray for you!

I am very grateful for Fr. Ed Mahony and Fr. Pawel for filling in for me while I am away - it is very nice to have Fr. Ed back in the same church he helped build!

We continue to reflect that May is Mary’s month, and so we stay very close to Mary, perhaps by means of praying our daily rosary with more love and focus, entrusting or consecrating ourselves to Mary, and using Marian sacramentals such as the miraculous medal, the brown scapular, and blessed statues of Our Blessed Lady. Remember, Mary is your Heavenly Mother too! Consider asking her how can you honor her more this month!

May Mary hold you in her Immaculate Heart, and may Jesus bless you all,

Fr. Greg Merkley



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

Yard Sale -Saturday, May 30 from 8a.m to 12Noon. If you have items you wish to donate, **drop off:** Friday, May 29 at the back doors from 1-3p.m. **Please note: no clothes, books or electronics.**

Golf Tournament! Sunday, June 7 at Southbrook Golf & Country Club, Shotgun Start at 1p.m. \$160 includes: lunch, prime rib dinner, cart, green fees, prizes and much more! **To register email: ihmchurch@cogeco.net; leafan299@gmail.com; r.a.malvaso@gmail.com**
All funds raised go towards charities and our parish

Notice of change to meeting date: The June meeting has been moved from June 10th to June 17th.

Assistance needed - there is an opportunity to assist our church with hall rentals on the weekends. Please let the church office know if you can help!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:



Thank you to all the ladies who gave so generously towards the Bakita House. Our ladies will be dropping off the items this coming week. May God Bless you.



Attention All Volunteers, please check the sacristy for your Volunteer package if you haven't completed one yet. Roger Saldat our Volunteer Screening Coordinator is updating our parish files as per the Hamilton Diocese. **You may contact Roger at ihmvolunteering@gmail.com.**



Men's Street Ministry is looking for gently used running shoes, T-shirts, track pants, jeans and hoodies, if you are cleaning out your closet, please drop off these items in the hallway across from our meeting rooms. Your kindness is most appreciated.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

- May 23rd — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- May 24th — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- May 25th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- May 25th — 7 PM — SSVP Meeting, Meeting Rm 1
- May 26th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- May 28th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- May 29th — 1-3 PM Yard Sale Drop Off Day
- May 30th — 8 AM—12NOON—Parish Yard Sale, back parking lot
- June 1st — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- June 2nd — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- June 4th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- June 6/7th — SSVP Collection weekend
- June 7th — 12:15 PM — Corpus Christi Procession
- June 7th — 1 PM — Golf Tournament, Southbrook
- June 8th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- June 9th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- June 11th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- June 12th — 10:30 AM — IHM Closing School Mass
- June 12th — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
- June 13th — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- June 13/14th - Cura Pastorum Diocesan Collection
- June 13/14th - SSVP Donation Drive, Back Parking Lot
- June 15th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- June 16th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- June 17th — 7:30 PM — Knight of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
- June 18th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

STEWARDSHIP - May 16/17, 2026

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$3780.45	\$1134.55	\$130.00	\$457.00	\$3225.00	\$8727.00



very much appreciated. GOD BLESS YOU.



Thank you for your Generosity!

SOCIAL ACTION: THANK YOU to all who donated to the BLUE BOX last weekend. The summer months usually see an increase in the number of people who come for breakfast and lunch, so your donations are very much appreciated. GOD BLESS YOU.

Upcoming Events to Remember:

Donation Truck: June 13/14 — Back Parking Lot
Next Collection: June 6/7, 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.**

"Come to the quiet. This is the simplest and most natural way to establish God as the central object of your attention." Matthew Kelly, spiritual author and founder of The Dynamic Catholic Institute, Ohio.



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, May 23rd at 8:00am in the Parish Meeting Room.

We are concluding the newest "Into the Breach" video series called "The Dignity of Work". The last of five episodes is titled "Putting Work in its Place" and includes a video and discussion. 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!



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Reel Justice Film Festival Join us on May 28, 2026

7:00 – 9:00 PM for our last screening of the season

with War for the Woods. The film follows journalist Stephanie Kwetásel'wet Wood as she underscores the impact of clearcut logging and the devastation of old growth forests. Clayoquot Sound, B.C, the site of protests against clearcut logging 30 years ago, serves as the backdrop as the film explores how First Nations and environmentalists are again taking a stand to balance environmental stewardship with economic needs, as protecting these ancient forests becomes ever more complicated. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. **Register at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>** A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.



Hamilton Right to Life Baby Bottle Campaign Change for

Life - Mother's Day to Father's Day - If you took a baby

bottle, please remember to return it by Father's Day, June 21. Please take a bottle and fill it up with your coins, paper money or cheque. Hamilton Right to Life needs your support to raise money to educate, advertise, and get the message throughout the City of Hamilton of the devastating effects of abortion, MAiD and other life-threatening issues. Please pray for families affected by abortion and euthanasia today. You can learn more about Hamilton Right to Life at www.HamiltonRightToLife.org



HOMESCHOOL MINI-RETREAT, Monday, June 22.

Join us for a mini-retreat designed for homeschool children of all ages at St. Ann's Church, Hamilton. The morning will begin with Mass at 10am; Adoration 10:45am; Group Activities 11am; Benediction 12pm, and a pack-your-own picnic at Gage Park 12:30pm. There will be games and activities for everyone. **To register, please email: stannhamilton@hamiltondiocese.com by June 14.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

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



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