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Tuesday to Thursday

9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.

Friday

9:30a.m-12:30p.m

Closed: Saturday, Sunday, Monday

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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)

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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.

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Call/Email the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses		Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: November 10-16, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY — Carola		Rev. Robert Kavelj
REMEMBRANCE DAY	7:00 PM	†DECEASED OF GIGLIOTTI FAMILY JAMES JUSEK, ELIZABETH KIEFER, IRENE KIEFER - Joe Kiefer †AIDA ROSALES - Family †JOE, MICHAEL, JOSEPH & TERESA AUER, JOE & MARY MCDERMOTT, JOEY ULRICH — Mary Agnes Auer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. BILL TRUSZ		Rev. Stipe Rotim
TUESDAY				
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†EDWARD ADOLPHE — Family		Deceased Members of Our Parish Community
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†NINO FAVERO — Family		Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†ALFREDO & LUIGIA TAM— Luisa Verticchio		Rev. Ilija Petkovic
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†FRANCES BOZZO & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE BOZZO FAMILY—IHM Peach Festival Committee †DAVID BLACK - Pat & Family †GUIDO D'ACHILLE—Family †ETTORE DIBACCO —Family †PANDORA DIOLAKIS — Grace Ivezic †SETTIMIO GIANCATERINA — Family †BARBARA GRAVINA — Palmira Caucci & Family †EMIDIO NARDINI—Carm & Family †ANTONIETTA & BASIL PACENZA — Family †CATERINA SGRO — Family †MARIANO & ROSA SILVA—Vince Santini †MIKE VALLORANI - Family †SOULS IN PURGATORY - Jadwiga Zychowicz FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANN KIBILING		Rev. Vinko Nenadic
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	DECEASED OF THE O'GORMAN FAMILY †CHIARA & ANTONIO FASCIONE - Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

As announced this past weekend, Pope Leo XIV has accepted Bishop Douglas Crosby's resignation, and designated Bishop Joseph Dabrowski as tenth bishop of Hamilton. Bishop Dabrowski will officially begin his ministry in our Diocese on February 2nd (the feast of the Presentation - a feast that is important in our Diocese). In the meantime, Bishop Dabrowski has sent a letter to our Diocese which I

strongly encourage you to read! Printed copies will be available in the gathering space. My priest friends in the London Diocese speak well of our new bishop, one saying, "Charlottetown's loss is Hamilton's gain!"

This upcoming Tuesday is *Remembrance Day*, and lest we forget, we reflectively call to mind the heroic sacrifices of so many who lost so much, so that we may receive so much. Many persons faced violence, destruction, and death so that we might have peace, security and life. We owe it as a matter of justice to remember with gratitude and affection all those whose sacrifices have made the blessings we have received possible. In a world where many tend to focus on the negative, we need to take the time to call to mind how blessed we are. It is also more appropriate than ever on Remembrance Day to call to mind those who sacrificed for our country, and also to remember in November all the faithful departed.

On Sunday, November 16th, at 2 PM, all are welcome to join me as we visit Our Lady of the Angels Catholic cemetery to pray for all the faithful departed. We will plan to meet near the front entrance of the Mausoleum. Please dress for the weather! We will say some prayers together for all the departed, a most appropriate way to observe this month of November.

On Tuesday, November 18th, we will have our parish's annual memorial Mass at 7 PM, at which we particularly pray for all those we have lost in the last year (*November 2024 to November 2025*). Nevertheless, all are welcome as it gives our parish a beautiful way to support and pray with all those who particularly feel the pain of the loss of loved ones.

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."*

Our parish *book of remembrance* is also out again during this month of November. In the book, you can write the names of deceased family or friends. We will pray especially for everyone who is written there!

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 November 29th at 1 PM. We will review and clarify best practices, as well as answer any questions you might have!

Seminarian Peter has moved in and has begun staying with us! Please say hello to him and pray for him to be guided by the Holy Spirit as he spends time with us here at our beautiful parish!

May God bless you abundantly,
Fr. Greg Merkley



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

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PILGRIM ICON - will be on display during masses on **November 15-16 weekend**. This simple yet profound image reminds us of God's love for us and is meant to inspire our love in return. Details to follow.

MONTHLY MEETING - **Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30** in the parish hall. All Knights are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IS BACK! We are looking for **new items for the raffle**. Please bring donations to the parish office, by November 30. Tickets will be available for sale on the weekends of December 6/7, 13/14. Draw to take place Sunday, December 14 in the parish hall following the 4p.m. Mass.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

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 12th - 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
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 15th - 1 PM - Altar Server Refresher Training
Nov 15/16th - Blue Box Collection
Nov 15/16th - CCO Appeal weekend
Nov 15th - 5 PM - Young Adults, Speed Dating Event, Parish Hall
Nov 16th - 2 PM - Prayers for our deceased at Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery, All Welcome
Nov 17th - 7 PM - SSVp Meeting, Meeting Rm 1
Nov 18th - 7 PM - Memorial Mass for Deceased
Nov 18th - 8 PM - CWL Meeting/Elections
Nov 19th - 9 AM - DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
Nov 22nd - 9 AM-2 PM - Christmas Cookie Walk/Silent Auction, Parish Hall
Nov 22nd - 1 PM - Lector Refresher Training
Nov 26th - 9 AM - DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
Nov 26th - 7 PM - IHM Confirmation Liturgy
Nov 27th - 7 PM - St. Gabriel Confirmation Liturgy
Nov 29th - 1 PM - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Refresher Training
Nov 29th - 7 PM - Colamici Concert



DeMazend Door. THANK YOU & 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 or call: **289-799-2314**. We are dedicated to serving our neighbours with faith, compassion, and respect.



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.



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!



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**

THE HAMILTON CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILD will be meeting at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, on **Thursday, November 27 at 7pm**. Dr. Moira McQueen, LLB, MDiv, PhD, will be speaking to us about Horizons of Hope, a Catholic response to suffering. Dr. McQueen is a Catholic bioethicist, moral theologian, member of the Vatican's International Theological Commission and recently retired director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. All healthcare workers are warmly invited to attend.



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.

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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