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Tuesday evenings 8p.m in the church
(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.

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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
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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: November 30 - December 6, 2026	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	**9:00 AM**	✝**ANDREW DONNELLY**—Giallonardo Family	Rev. Jerry Punnassery
TUESDAY	**7:00 PM**	✝**EMILIA CHIAROTTO, JAMES BELVEDERE** - Family ✝**MATTHEW MAYICH** ✝**PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU** — Family ✝**LIDIA PUTIGNA** — Briatico Family **SOULS IN PURGATORY** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ELSIE CHERIAN** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JULIE CASCIO**—IHM Card Group **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY FASCIONE** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIELA GIANNINI** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMINK**—Matteo Gigliotti **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY & ILARIA PALETTA—**Luisa Verticchio **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LUISA VERTICCHIO** **IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. JOSEPH** — Larry Paletta	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
WEDNESDAY	**9:00 AM**	✝**MARIANNA CIURYSEK** — Jadwiga Zychowicz	Religious Life Candidates
THURSDAY	**9:00 AM**	✝**KATA & JOZO DRENO** — Family	Rev. Rijo Jose
FRIDAY	**9:00 AM**	**IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**	Rev. Chris Buda
SATURDAY	**5:00 PM**	✝**JENNIFER ARRUDA AQUIAR** — Family ✝**MARY BERING** — Mikell Bering, Arthur & Brenda Christie ✝**VITO BIUNDO** — Angela & Mario Giannola ✝**ADRIANO CIPRIANI** — Palmira Caucci ✝**RENO CORTIULA** — Family ✝**SETTIMIO GIANCATERINA, GIANNA & SAM DIBUSSOLO** - Giancaterina Family ✝**TOMASINA GIANCARLO** — Family ✝**TOM & JOSIE IVEZIC** — Grace Ivezic ✝**MARGARET PATTON, TONY DIBRIZZI** — Tony & Daniela Giannini ✝**LIDIA PUTIGNA** — Cathy Zanin ✝**GUERINO RESTAURI** — Ben Tinebra & Mauro Gabriele ✝**BREANNA ROLO** — Family ✝**FILIPPO SANTINI** — Celeste DeSantis ✝**CONRAD ZURINI** — Mirella Paletta **SOULS IN PURGATORY** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DAN & LILLY BIANCO** — Luisa Verticchio **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMINK** — Matteo Gigliotti **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTHEW MAYICH**	Rev. Joseph Akanbi
SUNDAY	**9:00 AM** **11:00 AM** **4:00 PM**	**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHARLENE JOSIBTY** ✝**EMIDIO TIRABASSI** — Family **PRO POPULO**	

My dear parishioners,

This weekend I'd like to share with you some information from our Chancery office before my usual updates!

CCCB Letter-Writing Campaign

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is urging Parliament to separate the two measures in Bill C-41, the *Medical Assistance in Dying Safeguards Act*, and reject provisions that would permit advance requests for euthanasia. The CCCB is inviting Catholics to make their voices heard by contacting their Members of Parliament.
Access the CCCB letter-writing campaign and email your MP

The following resources provide further information about Bill C-41, the Church's concerns, and the importance of compassionate care and accompaniment for those facing serious illness:

- CCCB Parliamentary Brief on Bill C-41
- CCCB Fact Sheet: Advance Requests for Euthanasia
- Full Text of Bill C-41
- Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care
- Samaritanus bonus: Letter on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life (especially sections III and V.1–5)

For information about palliative care, end-of-life care and support for individuals and families facing serious illness, please visit the Diocese of Hamilton's Palliative Care Information page or contact Teresa Hartnett in the Family Ministry Office (thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988 x2250).

This weekend we begin Advent, a season of preparing for the Lord. Please read the Bishop's special Advent letter, and find special reflections from the Canadian Bishops on Advent at https://hamiltondiocese.com/news/2026/11/season-of-advent-2026/! When we speak of the coming of Christ, we mean not *only* at Christmas. Rather, we prepare for the *three comings of Christ* - Christmas, the Second Coming, and the *daily arrival* of Jesus into our lives. Christ always longs to come into our lives afresh, with more graces! May our hearts be open to Him!

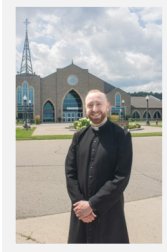
Congratulations to our grade 7 students on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation!

I want to draw your attention to some special events coming up! 1) 1) the *Colamici* concert on November 28th at 7 PM, and **2)** a fundraising evening for the **Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ on December 6th at 7 PM!** I ask you to please mark them down in your calendar, and plan to join us! Invite as many other people as you can as well!

Thanks to all who supported our parish's Pierogi dinner - you made it a great success!

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley



Knights of Columbus: Coats for Kids Weekend, please drop off your envelope in the RED BOX at the display.
Christmas Food Drive — December 5–19, Drop off Non-perishable food in the gathering space.

Santa Claus Parade: Saturday, December 5 at 2p.m. King St, Stoney Creek

Men's Retreat on Saturday December 12, 2026 from 8 am - 5 pm
Experience the life-changing power of the Gospel proclaimed in an engaging and inspiring way. This retreat walks men through the heart of the Gospel message and invites them to more fully embrace Christ's mission. Cost: $30 incl. Breakfast and Lunch, please see flyer to register.

Catholic Women's League: Dear CWL Sisters, We are so grateful for each of you! Thanks to your generosity, hard work and support, we have raised a total of $2,442.25 so far through our sparkly bling brooches, Advent candles and bake sale. Thank you to everyone who baked, sold, bought, set up, cleaned up and spread the word. This is what our League is all about, and it's a wonderful way to mark our 70th anniversary year of faith, service and sisterhood at Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will share the full breakdown of each fundraiser at our next general meeting on **January 19, 2027 @8pm.**

It's not too late for Advent candles! We'll be selling them this weekend, the First Weekend of Advent, after all Masses on November 28 and 29. Each bundle of 4 taper candles is $15 and the candles with the stand is $30. They're a lovely way to bring the light of Christ into your home this season, and they make a thoughtful gift too.

Don't forget: it's Blue Weekend! Please wear blue and your CWL Scarves this weekend to show your CWL pride. Our Membership Drive runs after all Masses, so it's a great time to renew your 2027 membership ($45). We'd also love for you to invite a friend, daughter, sister or fellow parishioner to join us. Any woman 16 or older is welcome! Refreshments will be served after all Masses.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

November 28th—7 PM — Colamici Music Concert
November 28th/29th—KofC - Coats for Kids Weekend
November 28th/29th—Jesse Tree Weekend
November 28th/29th—CWL - Membership/Coffee Sunday Weekend
November 30th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
December 1st— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
December 2nd—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
December 3rd—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Church)
December 5th/6th - SSVP Collection
December 5th— 2 PM Stoney Creek Santa Claus Parade
December 5th-19th—Christmas Food Drive (Gathering Space)
December 6th — 7 PM — Fundraiser for Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ
December 7th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
December 8th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
December 9th—9 AM—DeMazenod Door Cooking (Parish Hall)
December 9th—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
December 9th—7:30 PM—Knights of Columbus Meeting (Parish Hall)
December 10th—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)
December 11th—6:30 PM—Youth Night (Parish Hall)
December 12th—8 AM — Men's Retreat (Parish Hall)
December 12th— Christmas Food Drive
December 12th—Christmas Raffle (Gathering Space)
December 12th— 7 PM—Young Adults (Parish Hall)
December 13th— 2 PM—Family Catechism (IHM School Gym)
December 13th—2 PM—Smith's Funeral Home Memorial Service (Church)

The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, November 28 at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be watching the eighth video in a series by Dr. Brant Pitre, "Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Session 8 – The Resurrection of Jesus", 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!

Would you like to remember your loved one over Christmas? We are taking monetary donations for our Christmas flowers. If you wish to donate, please email the parish office with your donation amount $30 and the name(s) of your loved one(s) before Wednesday, December 16. Donations can also be dropped off at the parish office or E-transferred to: ihmchurch@cogeo.net, please indicate the of name of your loved one.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:
Christmas Eve: 4 PM; 12 Midnight
Christmas Day: 9 AM; 11 AM
Please note: there will be no confessions before these Masses.



Social Action: Thank you to all our volunteers for cooking the terrific tasting Meatloaf and Roasted vegetables & potatoes, garden salad and fruit cups. Well over 300 meals were prepared. It was especially satisfying on such a cold windy Thursday.

Jesse Tree envelopes are in the narthex. Please choose the right size family that you wish to give to this Christmas. Please write your name and contact info on the sign up sheet. Instructions are inside the envelope.

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: December 5/6**, please make cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2026
The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. John Ha, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext 2341. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, https://hamiltondiocese.com/

Parenting Tip: The gift of faith is a treasure that provides children with a solid foundation for life and benefits them in multiple ways. Faith in God gives them an understanding of something greater than themselves; someone they can depend on to care for them in every situation. It provides a moral compass on how to act and live in their world and how to treat others. It also provides them with a sense of purpose, since our faith teaches that we are each given gifts to share with others in our lives. From their earliest days, reading stories that incorporate faith, praying as a family at meals and before bed, attending Church and participating in parish events all serve to help our children feel a sense of belonging and to understand God is always with them. Children depend on their parents to provide a base of learning that is constant and faithful. When parents create space for faith at home, it will benefit their children for a lifetime.

Marriage Tip: In a world that seems to be busier every day, it is easy to let time together slip past. Quality and quantity matter when it comes to our relationships, but in order to get both we have to be purposeful. Planning for time together breathes life into every relationship and can take many forms to fit your schedules. Maybe a coffee together one day, a walk together another, praying together daily, watching a shared movie, doing a puzzle and talking as you find the pieces, cooking together and attending Mass. These are a few of the many things that bring you together and create bonding time. Take out your calendars, put your relationship down and make it happen, you will never regret the investment in each other.

We are happy to announce that we are starting a Catholic Moms Group at our parish. We are holding two sessions. We have one in the morning for the retired moms, moms who stay at home, and for those on maternity leave. Kids are welcome to come. We have an evening session for those that can't make it in the morning due to work and commitments. For upcoming dates: **Please register using this link: https://bit.ly/47ZgXTO**

Monthly Women's Recollection: All women are warmly invited to a Spiritual Recollection, Thursday, December 10 7-8:30p.m, St. Ann's Parish, 120 Sherman Ave. N., Hamilton — an evening of meditation, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and prayer as we prepare our hearts for the sacred joy of Christmas. Following the recollection, we will share refreshments and light fare in fellowship. You are welcome to bring your favorite Christmas delights to add to the festive spirit. Let us come together in grace and peace, embracing the true meaning of the season.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Stewardship - November 21/22, 2026

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