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Tuesday to Thursday
9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.
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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.

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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.

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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: November 16-22, 2026	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	**9:00 AM**	**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GRAYSON HOPE** - Jadwiga Zychowicz	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
TUESDAY	**7:00 PM**	✝**JOHN, TOM & JOSIE IVEZIC**—Grace ✝**KATA & JOZO NIKOLIC**—Ivo & Zeljka ✝**GIANNI PAOLINI & ANTONIO FONTANA**—Family ✝**HALINA SAWICKA** — Family ✝**MIKE VALLORANI**—Family **JACK CUNNINGHAM**—Walter & Patricia Tymchuk **SOULS IN PURGATORY** **DECEASED OF THE NARDINI & VANICOLA FAMILIES, BRIGITTA PIANO, PAMELA STEELE** —Marcella Ciardelli **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JULIE CASCIO** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIELA GIANNINI**—Brian & Janet Patton **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMINK**—Matteo Gigliotti **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF HALINA JAWORSKA**—Candice Tolentino **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHARLENE & MARCEL LEMMEN** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY NASSO**—Ralph & Mary Fascione **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF HELENA WIERCIACH**—Eugene Sawicka	Rev. Pierre Caouette
WEDNESDAY	**9:00 AM**	✝**STEVE GRZENDA** — Len Gargarello	Deceased Members of Our Parish Community
THURSDAY	**9:00 AM**	✝**DECEASED OF THE ALAMPI & ATTARD FAMILIES** — Manny & Tina Attard	Rev. Michael Isabelle
FRIDAY	**9:00 AM**	✝**JAMES JUSEK** — Joe Kiefer	Rev. Brian Quigley
SATURDAY	**5:00 PM**	✝**TONY ACETI** - Family ✝**TONY GOLFI** ✝**DEMETRIOS ILOU —**Tony & Daniela Giannini ✝**FILIPPO SANTINI** — Grace Ivezic ✝**DINA SFERRAZZA** — Castellan Family ✝**DOMENICO OLIVERI** — Family ✝**EDWARDO VESCIO** ✝**RAFFAELE CARUSO, MICHELE, CRISTINA & PASQUALE, GIUSEPPE & MARIA TIMBERIO, MARIA ROSA & ELISA MUCILE** — Lucia Caruso **SOULS IN PURGATORY**— Vince Santini **IN THANKSGIVING TO JESUS CHRIST**—Flora **IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. ANTHONY** — Luisa Verticchio **IN HONOUR OF ST. JUDE**—Mary Agnes Auer **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JULIE CASCIO & DANIELA GIANNINI**—Margaret & Bogdan Wilk **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ODILIA & REMO TURCATO** — Barbara Iannuzzi **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GRAYSON HOPE** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MIRA & NESHA VUKOVIC & FAMILY** — Ralph & Mary Fascione	Rev. Jerek John Scherber
SUNDAY	**9:00 AM** **11:00 AM** **4:00 PM**	✝**DECEASED OF VISOCCHI FAMILY** — Marta & Luigi ✝**CHIARA & ANTONIO FASCIONE** — Ralph & Mary Fascione **PRO POPULO**	

My dear parishioners,

"Red Wednesday" takes place November 18th; it is an annual day when Christians unite in praying for persecuted Christians around the world. Our faith has sadly been persecuted since the beginning, and so we recall those who still suffer for our faith and pray especially for them all around the world. **On Wednesday, November 18th** we'll pray a rosary before Mass for these persecuted Christians, and anyone attending is invited to wear red to this special Mass. Information about Red Wednesday has been sent out to all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton. Those visiting our adoration chapel are also invited to pray for this intention!

The next two Wednesdays, we will have the joy of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with our grade 7 students from St. Gabriel and Immaculate Heart of Mary schools. Please keep them in your prayers, as they prepare to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and *confirm* their own choice to put Jesus at the center of their lives!

During November, we'll also have our *Book of Remembrance* allowing us to write down the names of deceased family, friends, or those we wish to pray for. As usual, it will be kept at the front as a clear reminder that we are continuing to keep them in our prayers, and bringing them to God at all our Masses.

I want to draw your attention to some special events coming up! 1) Our Pierogi dinner on November 24th (3-7 PM), **2)** the Colamici concert on November 28th at 7 PM, and **3)** 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!

Our adoration chapel is still in desperate need of additional adorers. If you are willing to help cover any hours in the adoration chapel, please contact Jadwiga who coordinates the chapel, or reach out to the office. From my own experience, any hour in the adoration chapel (day or night!) is a great blessing and brings with it many special graces from the Lord.

We have started a new series for our Wednesday faith nights, *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*. It's a great chance to learn more about who Jesus really was and the historical circumstances of his life. Come and join us on any Wednesday night from 7:15-8:30 PM, and see our poster!

Have you noticed the poster on the bulletin boards about Anna, who is in need of a liver transplant? Please do look and pray for the family. If you know someone who could help, that would be most appreciated!



May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley

Knights of Columbus: *Pierogi Dinner Eat-In/Takeout: Tuesday, November 24, 3-7PM Parish Hall, Adult $15; Child $10. Includes: Pierogies, Sausage, Fried Onions, Sauerkraut, Dessert.
***Santa Claus Parade: Saturday, December 5** at 2p.m. King St, Stoney Creek
***Raffle Prizes Needed:** For our Christmas Raffle drop off at the office by November 27. Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Women's League: *General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 8PM in the Parish Hall.
***IHM CWL is celebrating 70 years!** Please join us in celebrating with us at our Christmas Social on **December 6 at 1 PM at the Powerhouse Restaurant. For Tickets email: cwlwinona@gmail.com.**
***The CWL will be selling Advent Candles on the weekend of November 21/22 and November 28/29.** For a bundle of 4 Advent taper candles (12"), $15. All proceeds go to our CWL to support our church community and social justice initiatives.
***Christmas Bake Sale:** After all Masses on **November 21 and 22 in the parish hall.** Love to bake? We would be delighted to have your treats! Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space.
***Membership $45.** Payment accepted by e-transfer: cwlwinona@gmail.com, cash or cheque. **Contact President, Lucia Marchionda for more information cwlihmpresident@gmail.com**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)
November 13th—6:30 PM—Youth Night (Parish Hall)
November 14/15th— Blue Box Collection
November 14th—8 AM—COR Men's Group (Mtg Rm 1)
November 14th—7 PM—Young Adults (Church, Parish Hall)
November 15th— 4 PM—Chant Mass
November 16th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
November 16th— 7 PM—SSVP Meeting (Mtg Rm 1)
November 17th — 9 AM—Mom's Group (Parish Hall)
November 17th— 7 PM—CWL Mass/Meeting (Church, Parish Hall)
November 17th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
November 18th— Red Wednesday—Prayers for the Persecution & Justice suffered by Christians (You may wear red) (8:30 AM Rosary)
November 18th— Parish Office Closed
November 18th— 9 AM—DeMazenod Door Cooking
November 18th—7 PM—Confirmation—St. Gabriel School
November 18th—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
November 19th—7:30 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)
November 20th—10:30 AM—IHM School Mass
November 21st/22nd—CWL Bake Sale (Parish Hall)
November 22nd—2 PM—Family Catechism (IHM School Gym)
November 23rd — 7 PM—Mom's Group (Mtg Rm 1)
November 23rd—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
November 24th—3 PM—Pierogi Dinner/TakeOut (Parish Hall)
November 24th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
November 25th— 9 AM—DeMazenod Door Cooking
November 25th—7 PM—Confirmation — IHM School
November 25th—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
November 28th—6:30 PM— Teen Night (Parish Hall)
November 30th—7 PM — Colamici Music Concert
November 28th/29th—KofC - Coats for Kids Weekend
November 28th/29th—CWL - Membership/Coffee Sunday Weekend
November 30th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
December 6th — 7 PM — Fundraiser for Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ

Stewardship - November 7/8, 2026

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
$4,549.45	$1375.55	$350.00	$389.70	$2545.00	**$9209.70**

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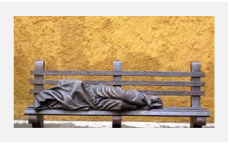

Social Action: This weekend (November 14/15) is BLUE BOX WEEKEND and our Parish Kitchen volunteers will be cooking over 700 delicious meals next Wednesday and the following Wednesday for the Homeless, Poor, Working Poor and Marginalized who come to De Mazenod Door. Your generosity will be much appreciated as we attempt to feed all those who come to the Door for food and drink. THANK YOU & GOD BLESS.

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".

SSVP Collection: Reusable Grocery Bags: Our IHM Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting reusable grocery bags for De Mazenod Door to help support those in need. If you have any reusable grocery bags to donate, please bring them to the church and place them in the collection box located under the coat racks. Thank you for your generosity and support

"Called to Serve" Video Series – We are excited to introduce "Called to Serve," a new video series featuring bishops and priests sharing their personal vocation stories and experiences of serving God and His Church. New videos are released every Friday on our Diocesan website. **You can watch and follow the series here: Website: https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/priesthood-and-consecrated-life/called-to-serve/**

AI and Human Dignity – The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us as we explore Pope Leo's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas and our call to protect human dignity in an age of technological revolution. It will take place on **Wednesday, November 25th, 2026 (1–3pm)** at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. Registration and more information can be found here: https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/ai-andhuman-dignity-workshop.

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. **Our first morning session will be on November 17 at 9am. The first evening session will be on November 23 at 7pm. Please register using this link: https://bit.ly/47ZgXTO**

The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, November 14 at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be watching the sixth video in a series by Dr. Brant Pitre, "Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Session 7 – The Crucifixion 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!

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


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