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(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)

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MARRIAGE
Call/Email the Parish Office One year in advance

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(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 1, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: November 2-8, 2026	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	**SOULS IN PURGATORY** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV**	Rev. Charles Galea
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	✝**JAMES & GUY MACRI** - Angela ✝**GIUSEPPE & PIETRO MAIOLO** - Antonia ✝**PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU** — Family ✝**ANNE & FRANK ZONKA**—Kunkel Family ✝**LIVIO, GIUSEPPINA, LISA, TONIGIANNI VENTRESCA, ALBERICO & ANGELA CIRIELLO** —Marisa & Vince ✝**FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BISHOPS, PRIESTS & DEACONS** **SOULS IN PURGATORY** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PATTI BELANCIC** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PAUL HILL, FRANK & LIZ VON BRAUN** — Ralph & Mary Fascione **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMINK**—Matteo Gigliotti **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ELAINE MICHALICKA**—Family	Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean Pierre
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOSH & VANESSA LUPO** — Brian & Janet Patton	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF NIKOLAUS & EMILY** — F.S	Lay & Youth Parish Ministers
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	**IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**	Rev. James Link
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	✝**JENNIFER ARRUDA AQUIAR**—Family ✝**GINO CALABRIA**—Manny & Tina Attard ✝**RENO CORTIULA**—Family ✝**PAULINE DEGENOVA**—Mary Agnes Auer ✝**ANGELO & MARY EVANGELISTO**—Tony & Daniela Giannini ✝**OSWALDO FORERO**—Family ✝**DONATO IACOZZA**—Kathryn Arnott ✝**ANTONIO LEDONNE**—Family ✝**MAHIN MANOUCHEHRZADEH**—Braun Family ✝**VITTORIA MAZZETTI**—Benito & Maria DiFlavio ✝**BREANNA ROLO**—Family ✝**LIVIO TAM**—Lea Marrone ✝**CONRAD ZURINI & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE ZURINI FAMILY** ✝**GLORIA PERONI D'ALESIO, PETER & OLIVA ANTOLOVICH, PANCRAZIO, RITA, TONY & JOANNE PERONI** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIEL & EDWARD SZYDLOWSKI** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF WALTER & PATRICIA TYMCHUK**—Paula & David	Rev. Dominic Thomas
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	✝**ROSA BUONOPANE**—Family ✝**EMIDIO TIRABASSI**—Family **PRO POPULO**	

My dear parishioners,

As November begins, we recall that November is a month where we honor and pray more for the dead, which we'll honor especially on November 1st and 2nd. On November 1st, we recall *All Saints' Day*, a day to remember and celebrate all the saints in Heaven. On November 2nd, we celebrate *All Souls' Day*, or its longer title, *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*. On this day, priests may celebrate more Masses than usual. On All Souls' Day (Monday, November 2nd), we will have our usual 9 AM Mass but also a 7 PM Mass as well. You may want to learn more about the special indulgences available in the month of November as well - especially in praying for the dead!

This week we'll have other priests helping cover our confessions and Masses – we are grateful for their kindness and ministry! I will be on a brief retreat for priests. Please keep us in your prayers!

Our adoration chapel is in desperate need of additional adorers. As you know, it is essential that there is always at least one person in the adoration chapel any time the Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration. 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.

For 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.

At a recent priest convocation, the Diocese of Hamilton (in response to a question submitted to the Church), has asked clergy to refrain from giving blessings during Holy Communion. I will share more about this over the weekend and also in our next weekly bulletin! That said, it is certainly still alright to come forward in the Communion line with your arms crossed to indicate that you are not receiving Holy Communion. Alternatively, you may remain in your pew during Communion if you prefer.

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!

Halloween is this weekend, but did you know about the Catholic origins of Halloween, that is, *All Hallows' Eve?* All Hallows' or All Saints' Day is November 1st, and the eve is a night on which the Church already begins to celebrate all the saints who are in Heaven. If you'd like to help rediscover the Christian origins of Halloween, you're welcome to join us on Halloween for a time of prayer and fellowship!



May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley

Knights of Columbus: Next General Meeting: Wednesday, November 11 beginning at 7:30p.m. in the Parish Hall.
Pierogi Dinner: Tuesday, November 24 beginning at 3PM
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: Christmas Bake Sale: Get ready for some Christmas sweetness! Our Christmas Bazaar is moving to the Spring, and in its place, we'll be hosting a 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 dues $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)
October 31st— 7PM—All Hallow's Eve (Church, Parish Hall)
November 1st— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Mtg Rm 1)
November 2nd—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
November 2nd—7 PM—All Souls Mass
November 3rd— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
November 4th—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
November 5th—7:30 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall) *Note Time*
November 7th/8th—SSVP Collection
November 7th/8th—Holy Land Sales
November 8th— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Mtg Rm 1)
November 8th—2 PM—Family Catechism (IHM School Gym)
November 9th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
November 10th—10 AM—3 PM—Confirmation Retreat, Parish Hall
November 10th—1-3 PM—Crafter's Group (Mtg Rm 1)
November 10th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
November 11th—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
November 11th—7:30 PM—Knights of Columbus Meeting (Parish Hall)
November 12th—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)
November 13th—6:30 PM—Youth Night (Parish Hall)
November 14th—8 AM—COR Men's Group (Mtg Rm 1)
November 14th—7 PM—Young Adults(Church, Parish Hall)
November 15th— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Mtg Rm 1)
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— 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

The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, November 14th at 8:00am 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
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Social Action: With all the hard work our volunteers who helped in our Parish Kitchen on Wednesday, we were able to give 331 people (guests) at De Mazenod Door a delicious meal of Roast Pork with gravy, roasted vegetables and roasted potatoes, garden salad and a fruit cup. **Thank you all!**

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: November 7/8**, 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

Marriage Enrichment — Healthy marriages matter and marriage enrichment helps keep them strong! Keeping your marriage healthy and strong requires love, but also time spent fine tuning your relationship and reconnecting. Join us on **Saturday, November 21** at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown for a day to reconnect for our enrichment day: Discovering New Paths for Your Married Love. We will share new ways to deepen your relationship and give you time with the one you love! Registration can be found online at hamiltondiocese.com, under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

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 (1:00 – 3:00pm)** 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. 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 see the bulletin board for more details.**

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