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PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Thursday

9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.

Friday

Closed

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)

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

Call/Email the Parish Office.

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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)

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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses		Confession 30 mins before All Masses		SUNDAY, JULY 26 , 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: July 27-August 2, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions	
MONDAY		9:00 AM		FR JOZEF MIKLIS —D.B		Rev. Paul Niesiobedzki	
TUESDAY		7:00 PM		†STEWART CAMERON — Megan Compeau †JACINTO CORDERIO †RITA GONZALES—Margaret †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU— Family †WERONIKA WOJTAKOWSKI—Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON PETER HOAN—Tony & Daniela Giannini FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JULIE CASCIO FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMINK—Matteo Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MEGAN COMPEAU FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHRISTINA USYK—John & Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF APRIL VON BRAUN—Ralph & Mary Fascione IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS —Larry & Ilaria Paletta		Rev. Francis Hubilla	
WEDNESDAY		9:00 AM		FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PARKER JAMES		School Sisters of Notre Dame	
THURSDAY		9:00 AM		†YOLANDA & BRUNO CAMPORESE—Maria & Franco Lucato		Engaged Couples	
FRIDAY		9:00 AM		†PETER MERCANTI — Cynthia Martino & John Coons		Very Rev. Ian Duffy	
SATURDAY		5:00 PM		†JOSE ARRUDA - Family †FRANCES BOZZO — Family †STEWART CAMERON - Megan Compeau †ROSALIE CICCCHI—Olivia Carravaggio †ALESSANDRO CIRELLA - Romeo & Cindy Andreatta †RENO CORTIULA —Family †LEONINO FIRMANI — Palmira Caucci †SANDRA GAZZOLA - Vilma Nuccitelli †ANGELO SARTORETTO — Mary Tedesco †SERGIO SCATTOLON—Cathy †EMIDIO TIRABASSI - Family †WERONIKA WOJTAKOWSKI—Family †DECEASED OF VANICOLA & NARDINI FAMILIES - Marcella Ciardelli HOLY SOULS PURGATORY— Mary Agnes Auer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG, FR. DAVID REITZEL, FR DAVID AVILA, FR. JEFF OEHRING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALICIA VUKOVIC		Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos	
SUNDAY		9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM		†SAMANTHA BORTOLOTTTO — Family †FERNANDO MACEIL — Donna & Family PRO POPULO			

My dear parishioners,

This Sunday is *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* (established by Pope Francis in 2021) and so we honor our grandparents and elderly with extra love and attention this weekend! Ask yourself, “How can I show more love to the grandparents and the elderly in my life?” God will certainly show you if you ask Him. May the Holy Spirit guide you!

Thank you to all who showed such kindness in so many ways to Deacon Peter and myself on the recent occasions of our birthdays! Your kind cards, words, gifts, and presence are a great support to us and give us strength as we continue our ministry. Please continue to pray for us, and may God reward each and every one of you!

Have you looked lately on the back of our bulletin at our sponsors? We are very grateful to the sponsors of our bulletin, who allow us to keep sharing the good news and important updates about our community. I encourage you to patronize our sponsors, and to let them know you saw their information on the back of our bulletin. Thank you very much to everyone who has and will do so! We also are very thankful to the Knights of Columbus for organizing this!

On Sunday, August 23rd we will have a wonderful parish BBQ at noon! Please book this into your calendars and plan to come - it will be a wonderful event and a great experience of our parish’s wonderful community and social life! On a related note, I have also been pondering the idea of creating a “social committee” or something similar, that could

maybe help to organize even more regular social events for our parish. If you are interested in something like this or have any thoughts about it, please feel free to let me know!

Deacon Peter Hoan has been a great blessing to our parish community, and we continue to pray for him on his journey to the priesthood! Deacon Peter will be with us until *the end of July*, and so his last weekend with us will be July 25th and 26th. After each of the Masses this weekend we'll celebrate Deacon Peter and his contributions to our parish with a small reception in the gathering space after each Mass!

Have you signed up online for *Flocknote* yet? The link is on the homepage of our parish website, www.ihmchurch.ca. Signing up will allow you to access regular updates I will send out there, which you will not be able to find anywhere else! It will also give you access to other resources as well!

If you know anyone interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic, I would be delighted to meet with them! Feel free to let me know or reach out to the parish office, and I'd be happy to chat with them and answer any questions they may have! Our Catholic faith is a beautiful gift, one that is meant to be shared!

May God bless you abundantly,
Fr. Greg Merkley





Knights of Columbus: God Bless all our Members, thank you for your support throughout the year. Have a restful Summer.

Please remember to support our Bulletin advertisers!



Catholic Women's League: We wish our members a summer filled with rest, joy, and special moments with your loved ones. Please continue to keep our CWL members in your prayers throughout the summer.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, September 15** for our September General Meeting. Until then, may God bless you with a safe, peaceful, and joyful summer!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

July 25th— 8 AM— COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
July 25/26th—World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly/Seniors (Bookmarks & Prayer)
July 25/26th— Deacon Peter's Last weekend, refreshments in gathering space after all the Masses
August 1/2 — SSV Collection
August 8th— 8 AM—COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
August 10-14th—9 AM—12:30 PM— Read, Write, Math, Art Camp, Parish Hall
August 10th— 6 PM — Chant Mass
August 10th— 7 PM — Men's Recollection
August 14th—Youth Night, Parish Hall
August 15/16th— Blue Box Collection
August 19th— 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
August 22nd— 8 AM—COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
August 23rd—12Noon—Parish BBQ, Sign up sheets coming soon!
August 28-30th— Winona Peach Festival, Visit our Booth!

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish office will be closed on Fridays in July & August.



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, July 25th at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be watching a video on "The Life and Martyrdom of St. James the Greater", whose feast day is July 25th, followed by a discussion and fellowship. The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 8am 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!



Peach Festival News: The Peach Festival is around the corner and we will be looking for volunteers to help with food prep at the parish, set up and serving at the festival. We will begin prepping the week of August 24 –30 this include the Festival days. **Sign up Sheets will be out next weekend, July 18/19!** Stop by the table to see one of our committee members!

You can now email us: ihmpeachfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com



Join us for our Parish BBQ! Sunday, August 23 following the 11am Mass. Come hungry and bring the whole family for a day of great food, fun and fellowship! Please your own lawn chairs. **Sign up here!** <https://bit.ly/4vYXxc1> or use the QR code! Hope to see you there!



Stewardship - July 18/19, 2026

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\$5922.05	\$1,322.95	\$415.00	\$360.50	\$3205.00	\$11,225.50

Thank you for your Generosity!



Social Action: Last Wednesday our volunteers cooked another terrific meal for the homeless, poor, working poor and marginalized who come to DeMazenod Door each and every day. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Blue Box last weekend. Your generosity enables our parish to prepare and cook twice a month for De Mazenod Door. We prepare our 750 meals a month - so a big thank you. We were also blessed when Fr. Daniel contributed the money he received from parishioners after he celebrated his first Mass in English at IHM last week. Thank you for your generous gift and may God Bless you in your ministry.



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: Aug 1/2,** please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



SSVP Designer Purse Bingo! Friday October 23, 2026 at St. Naum's Banquet Hall 1150 Stone Church Rd. E. - doors open: 4:30 p.m; Regular Ticket: \$60 Includes: Bingo cards, dabber, door prize ticket, buffet dinner & cash bar. **VIP Ticket: \$75 includes regular ticket, plus extras. Special Staycation Raffle! and 50/50 Draw, 2 Grand Prize Games: Jimmy Choo & Prada. For more information e-mail: pursebingoforssvp@gmail.com, To order tickets e-mail: ssvpHelpUsGrow@gmail.com, Security Answer: Bingo2026 (please include Full names of all your guests in the e-transfer) Email if you'd like to sponsor a purse or donate a door prize! Thank you for helping us serve in hope!**



DIocese of HAMILTON

Young Adults Night: Fr. John Ha, our new Vocations Director, invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30-7:30pm), social with food (7:30-8pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8-9pm), and Compline (9pm) on **Saturday, August 1 at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton.** Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



Read, Write, Math with Art Camp: SK to Grade 6 This camp focuses on reading, writing, and math using art and inquiry based on learning! **Camp Date & Time: August 10-14 9AM to 12:30 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church;**

Register: daniella.albano123abc@gmail.com; Cost: \$185/child



Prayer for the 6th World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

*Holy Father, Who watches over every person
Watch over me too when I am elderly.*

You have revealed your name to me in Christ,

And You were not discouraged by my frailties.

You hold me tenderly in your hands,

And You caress my lines. You will never forget me! (see Is 49:15).

*Grant that I may not fear my weakness; Help me learn to love it
Just as You love it. Help me learn to listen to it. Just as You listen to it.*

Help me embrace it. Just as You have chosen it –

You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

*May growing old strip away all our pride and all division
So that we may live these years united in You.*

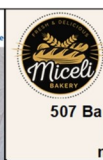
You will never forget us! (see Is 49:15) Amen.

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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