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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)

BAPTISMS

Call/Email the Parish office to book.

MARRIAGE

Call/Email the Parish Office at least 6 months 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)

We thank you for your generosity & support.



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Kindly complete the information below and place it in the collection basket.

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Please check one: Envelopes _____ Pre-authorized giving _____ (form will be emailed to you)

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses		Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: December 1-7, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIELA GIANNINI		Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†EMILIA CHIAROTTO — Family †ELIZABETH, LEON, BOB, ADAM, AGATA, DIANA — Grace & Janusz FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL & MARILYN MURRAY—Mary Agnes Auer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARIA SIMONE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY & ILARIA PALETTA FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARTA & LUIGI VISOCCHI		Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†MARIANNA CIURYSEK — Jadwiga		Order of Preachers, (Dominican)
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BARBARA KING — Kunkel Family		Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS		Rev. Bill Foote
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†JENNIFER ARRUDA AQUIAR & MARIA GRACE FERREIRA †FRANCES BOZZO — Ralph & Mary Fascione †GIOVANNI CALTAGIRONE — Larry & Iliaria Paletta & Family †ROCCO MARIO CENTURIONE — Palmira Caucci & Family †RENO CORTIULA — Family †PANDORA DIOLAKIS — IHM Peach Festival Committee †LAURA GILL — Daniela Giannini †TOM & JOSIE IVEZIC - Grace Ivezic †ANNA LEDONNE — Vallorani & Paletta Families †PRIMO MATTACHINI - Mirella Paletta †EMIDIO NARDINI — Giovanna Angelini †LUCIA, PAOLO LEOMBRUNO, LUIGI & MARIA CERCONE & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOHN PAUL - Luigi Leombruno †ANTONIO GUERREIRO, ALDO MARIA GASPER, ARTUR TEIXEIRA GASPER, EUGENIO GASPER & WIFE MANUEL RAPOSO & WIFE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF WWPWS TO BE SAINTS IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY		Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	†ANNA VERMAAT — Michael & Patti Boucher		
	11:00 AM	†JOE CAUCCI & DECEASED OF FORLINI & CAUCCI FAMILIES — Palmira Caucci		
	4:00 PM	PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

Advent, a season of watchfulness and preparation for Christ's coming, begins this weekend. How do we prepare for the coming of Christ during Advent? The beginning of the new liturgical year is always a good chance to start something new in our life that will bring us closer to God.

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what God would like you to do for Advent, and listen with a generous heart! Here at our parish, there will also be a few changes during the

season of Advent when it comes to our worship. For example, there is not usually a *gloria* during Advent, but we *will* have our Advent wreath with candles lit. You'll see a lot more purple during Advent! We will also change to another Mass setting (a Mass setting is a collection of music for Mass) we've previously used, which is the chant Mass setting contained in the Roman Missal. In addition, I'll *sing* the opening rites at the beginning, and use the "I confess" option most of the time. Changes like this can help us enter more deeply into a new season, while at the same time helping us learn more about the Mass!

Congratulations to the newly Confirmed from our schools of Immaculate Heart of Mary (November 26th) and St. Gabriel (November 27th)! May the Holy Spirit continue to pour out upon them, that they may be faith-filled followers of the Lord Jesus, empowered by His Holy Spirit to brightly share His light to the ends of the world! "Come Holy Spirit, descend upon these young people, and fill them so that they may become strong and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Amen!"

I strongly encourage you to please attend the *Colamici* Concert on Saturday, November 29th, 7 PM – it will be a short but sweet evening filled with beautiful music from many talented experts! Since this is a free event, I would really love to see the Church packed, and I strongly encourage you to invite friends and family and make a nice time together! All are welcome!

Our new parish website has been completed, so take another look

www.ihmchurch.ca! There you will find several new features including more information about the Sacraments, and our parish groups. Please let me know what you think! If there is something you suggest should be changed or improved about our parish website, please don't hesitate to let me know; I am always passionate about trying to make things better in any way we can!

Thanks to the profound generosity of a donor, our Parish has received a gift in the amount of \$30,000. This gift is part of a significant bequest left to the Diocese of Hamilton by a parishioner whose intent was to support Parishes and charities within the greater Hamilton area. This transformational gift will provide much-needed funds over the next ten years – a profound testament to what is possible through the generosity of legacy giving. Have you ever considered an estate gift to the Church in your Will? For more information, please call 905-528-7988 ext. 2235 or e-mail give@hamiltondiocese.com.

Our parish book of remembrance remains out during the month of November. In the book, you can write the names of deceased family or friends. We pray especially for everyone who is written there! May God grant them eternal rest and a place in His kingdom of light and peace!

Next weekend, December 6th and 7th, Sebastien will be present to share about Christians in the Holy Land and offer us the opportunity to purchase items that will help them!

May God bless you all superabundantly,
Fr. Greg Merkley

UPCOMING EVENTS: See next page for all our exciting events!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Visit: kofc.org/join (Council # 14421)

THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER IS THE GAZZOLA

FAMILY. David, Melanie, Braydan and Sophie regularly attend Mass together. David is a lector, Melanie plans to assist with Children's liturgy, Braydan altar serves, and Sophie participates in Mass from the pew! We appreciate their presence at Mass and their involvement in our church community. Congratulations, thank you for your service to the IHM family!"

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IS BACK! Tickets will be available for sale on the weekends of **December 6/7, and 13/14**. Draw to take place on Sunday, December 14 in the parish hall following the 4p.m. Mass.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
beginning at 12:30p.m. cost \$35/member; \$40/guest.
Sign up sheet is in the gathering space.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW EXECUTIVE who will be installed in January of 2026: President: Lucia Marchionda; Secretary: Mary Anilowski; Treasurer: Adele vanTroost; Committee Chairs: Theresa Bennett, Carol McIntosh & Daphne Valles.

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

Nov 29th - 1-2 PM - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop
Nov 29th - 7 PM - Colamici Concert
Nov 30th - 9 AM & 11 AM - Coffee Sunday (Coffee and treats after Mass)
Dec 1st - 6:30 PM - Card Group, Parish Hall
Dec 2nd - 8 PM - Christian Meditation, Church
Dec 6/7th - SSVP Collection & Clothing Drive Back parking lot
Dec 6/7th - Holy Land Religious Article Gift Sale (available after all Masses)
Dec 7th - CWL Christmas Luncheon, Parish Hall
Dec 8th - 6 PM - Chant Mass
Dec 8th - 7:15 PM - Men's Retreat
Dec 6-14th - K of C Christmas Raffle
Dec 10th - 9 AM - DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
Dec 10th - 7:30 PM - KofC Meeting, Parish Hall
Dec 11th - 11:50 PM - St. Gabriel School Mass
Dec 11th - 7 PM - Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
Dec 12th - 6:30-8:30 PM - Youth Night, Parish Hall
Dec 13th - 7:30-9 AM - Cor Men's Program, Meeting Rm 1
Dec 13th - 6-9 PM - Young Adults, Parish Hall
Dec 14th - 2 PM - Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
Dec 14th - 2 PM - Smith's Funeral Home, Memorial Service
Dec 15th - 7 PM - SSVP Meeting, Meeting Rm 1
Dec 17th - 9 AM - DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
Dec 19th - 10:30 AM - IHM School Mass
Dec 19th - Anniversary of Dedication of our Church
Dec 20th - 7:30-9 AM - Cor Men's Program, Meeting Rm 1
Dec 24th - 4 PM - Christmas Eve Mass
Dec 24th - 12 MIDNIGHT - Christmas Eve Mass
Dec 25th - 9 AM/11 AM - Christmas Day Mass

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONE OVER CHRISTMAS?

We are taking donations for our Christmas flowers. If you wish to donate, please email the parish office with your donation amount (**Large \$35/Med \$25**) and the name(s) of your loved one(s) **before Friday, December 12**. 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.

STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 22/23, 2025

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$2949.75	\$1352.25	\$150.00	\$862.40	0	\$5314.40

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



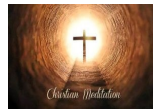
SOCIAL ACTION: Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who prepared and cooked a delicious meal for those who come to DeMazenod Door. In December, our volunteers will not only be cooking their usual meals but baking Christmas goodies as well. These Christmas goodies bring an immense joy to the guests.

JESSE TREE: There are 24 families that we hope to sponsor this Christmas. Envelopes will be available in the narthex after all the masses on the weekend of Dec 6/7. This is the 5th year that IHM parishioners will support families in Hamilton, many of whom frequent DeMazenod Door. Please take an envelope if you are able to provide for these families.



CLOTHES COLLECTION WEEKEND: The SSVP donation truck will be parked at the back of the church on December 6 and 7. Volunteers will be collecting gently used clothing and linens for the SSVP Barton Store 30

minutes before each Mass. These donations directly support our neighbours in need. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. **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. **Next Collection: December 6/7, please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".** Thank you for your generosity and for helping us serve those in need within our parish community. Your support truly makes a meaningful difference.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION every Tuesday from 8-9 pm, We meet in the church for a brief teaching and a period of silent meditation followed by discussion. All are welcome.

"When we begin to meditate we recognize the constant whirl going on in our mind...The task of meditation is to bring all of this mobile and distracted mind to stillness, silence and concentration." Father John Main OSB, The World Community for Christian Meditation.



COR MEN'S GROUP at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will meet on **Saturday, December 13th at 7:30am** in the Parish Meeting Room. The theme for our meeting is "Mission of the Family: The Gift of Children" 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!

SPIRITUAL RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN - A Time of Grace and Preparation for Christmas. You are warmly invited to a Spiritual Recollection—an evening of meditation, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and prayer as we prepare our hearts for the sacred joy of Christmas. **Thursday, December 11 7-8:30PM at St. Ann Parish, Hamilton.** 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.



HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS: On the weekend of **December 6-7**, we will welcome our special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. You can visit and support us at: www.HolylandChristians.ca. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers.

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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