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Tuesday to Thursday

9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.

Friday

9:30a.m-12:30p.m

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)

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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 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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REGISTER WITH OUR PARISH:

We welcome you to our Parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Greg. Kindly complete the information below and place it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

EMAIL: _____ E-Bulletin yes/no

Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: April 13-19, 2026	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF WALTER RZESZOTKO — Teresa	Rev. Ross Campbell
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†EDWARD & HAZEL ADOLPHE - Family †ROSALIE CICCHI — Mina Vallorani & Family †TONY DEPAULO — Family †EVA JUSEK—Joe Kiefer †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TONINA FASCIONE - Ralph & Mary Fascione FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DR. MARK FAVA & STAFF—Donna FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMICK — Matteo Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CARSON LOUEY & RACHEL SOUTER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SIVKAMI MURUGAN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THERESA SAPRA—Julie Cascio FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JADWIGA ZYCHOWICZ—Vince & Marisa Ciriello	Bishop Joseph A. Dabrowski
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LOUISE KUNKEL — Jadwiga Zychowicz	Permanent Deacons
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†DONALD HENDERSON—Giallonardo Family	Grandparents & the Elderly
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MONIKA RZESZOTKO — Walter & Teresa	Rev. Moices Caballero
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†EDWARD & HAZEL ADOLPHE - Family †GIACCHINO & ARGIA BOIN — Luisa Verticchio †MARIA BORTOLOTTA — Romeo & Cindy Andreatta †GIOVANNI CALTAGIRONE — Tony & Daniela Giannini †WILLIAM COLTERMAN & JAMES KING— Kunkel Family †ANGELO & EILEEN GIANGREGORIO †SALVATORE MANCUSO — Palmira Caucci & Family †EMIDIO NARDINI —Shaw-Stachurski Family †ISSAIA PALOMBELLA —Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli †KEN RAKOVICH —Grace Rakovich †RITA SERAFINI — Irma Tirabassi & Family †TIM SOCKETT— Brenda Silverthorne †ANGELO TROMBETTA — Falasca Family DECEASED OF BRYSON & MURRAY FAMILIES—Anne Bryson SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TREVOR KERNAGHAN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SIVAKAMI MURUGAN	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ELEONOR JABLONSKI — Zychowicz Family †ANNA NERI — Family PRO POPULO	



My dear parishioners,

On Wednesday, April 29th the annual Serra Club Vocations Recognition Dinner will take place in Hamilton at Liuna station with cocktails beginning at 6 PM, and dinner at 7 PM. I would like to invite you to join me, our bishops, many priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women along with many laypeople in attending this special dinner. *This particular dinner will honor the 50th priestly ordination anniversary of Fr. Ed Mahony, the priest*

who built our current church building. It would be wonderful for many people of the parish to come together and attend in support of him and his many works. The dinner will also celebrate our seminarians, and include a wonderful meal. Please contact the parish office for tickets, and if the \$90 price is a challenge for you, please speak with me personally so I can take care of that for you. If you are in any parish group at all (or even if you're not!), I'd really love for you to come with me to this wonderful annual dinner! If you joined us for the bishop's dinner in February, you'll know how wonderful these types of events can be!

We look forward to celebrating the First Holy Communions of St. Gabriel School and Immaculate Heart of Mary School at the 11 AM Masses on April 19th and April 26th! Let us pray for our young people that they will have a beautiful experience of their First Holy Communion and that this experience will draw them and their families ever closer to God in our parish community.

This Divine Mercy Sunday, we'll have 1:30 PM exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, a talk at 2:45 PM by yours truly on the Divine Mercy, and then at 3 PM pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet before solemnly

venerating the Divine Mercy Image and offering benediction (that is, a blessing with the Most Holy Eucharist). After that, 3:30 PM confessions as usual will continue before the 4 PM Mass!

Thank you also to those who donated Easter flowers in memory of loved ones - your generosity is a testament to the love we share for all those who have gone before us as well as the hope we have in the Risen Christ who has triumphed over death!

Peter, our seminarian who has been staying with us to discern formation for the priesthood, has a message for you:

"Dear parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Thank you so much for the wonderful time I have experienced with you here. Since I have arrived, so many have been kind and supportive, and I know many of you have been praying for me as I discern God's will for my life. Having found this time living at the parish very helpful for my discernment, at this time I have decided not to apply for the seminary this upcoming year. That said, I am seriously considering consecrated life, and am exploring possible religious communities to join. I ask your continued prayers and thank you for your friendship. As a result of my decision not to apply for seminary with the Diocese of Hamilton this year, my time living here at the parish will end on or before Monday, April 13th. Nevertheless, I look forward to celebrating Holy Week with you. I also hope to continue to see you even after I have moved out. Thank you - this time has been a great blessing to me, and I will not forget it!"

Let us continue to pray for Peter!
May God bless you abundantly,
Fr. Greg Merkley



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

Lenten Food drive - Thank you to everyone who donated food and other items - your generosity is humbling and appreciated!

Assistance needed - there is an opportunity to assist our church with hall rentals on the weekends. Please let the church office know if you can help!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

A Big Thank You to everyone who contributed to our CWL Easter bake sale and purchased items. It was a great success!

Join us on Sunday, April 26 at 12 Noon for Our Lady of Good Counsel Luncheon at the Innsville Restaurant, please sign the sheet in the gathering space.

2026 Memberships: \$45; E-transfer: cwlwinona@gmail.com
 Stay connected with us! Follow us on Instagram & Facebook: @cwlwhm



Men's Street Ministry is looking for donations of used Tim Horton cup holder trays. The trays are used to hold drinks, soup and sandwiches for those who live on the streets. They can be left in the hallway across from the meeting rooms.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

- Apr 10th — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
- Apr 11th — 5 PM — Mass for New Catholics, Cathedral of Christ the King
- Apr 12th — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- Apr 12th — 1:30 PM — Divine Mercy Sunday, Church
- Apr 13th — 6 PM — Chant Mass
- Apr 13th — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- Apr 13th — 7 PM — Men's Recollection, Meeting Rm 1
- Apr 14th — 1-3 PM — Crafter's Group, Parish Hall
- Apr 14th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Apr 15th — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
- Apr 16th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Apr 18/19th — Blue Box Collection
- Apr 18/19th — Indigenous Reconciliation Diocesan Collection
- Apr 19th — 11 AM — St. Gabriel, First Holy Communion
- Apr 20th — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- Apr 20th — 7 PM — SSVP Meeting, Meeting Rm 1
- Apr 21st — 7 PM — CWL Meeting
- Apr 21st — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Apr 22nd — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
- Apr 23rd — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Apr 24th — 10:30 AM — IHM School Mass
- Apr 25th — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Apr 25/26th — SSVP Lottery Ticket Sale
- Apr 26th — 11 AM — IHM School, First Holy Communion
- Apr 26th — 12 Noon — CWL — Our Lady of Good Counsel Lunch, Innsville RSVP
- Apr 26th — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- Apr 27th — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- Apr 28th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Apr 29th — 6 PM — Serra Club Dinner, Call Parish Office for Tickets
- Apr 30th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 4/5, 2026

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$12001.80	\$4035.20	\$625.00	\$279.00	\$0	\$16941.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up in the gathering space.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

Vincenzo Sciascia

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



SOCIAL ACTION: Next weekend, April 18/19, is BLUE BOX weekend and hope we can count on your generosity so we can prepare and cook meals for the growing number of guests who come to De Mazenod Door. Next Wednesday and the following Wednesday our wonderful parishioners will be in the parish kitchen cooking a very delicious meal for the homeless, poor, working poor and marginalized who look to De Mazenod Door for their Daily Bread.



Upcoming Events to Remember:

SSVP Lottery Sales at the Parish: April 25/26

Donation Truck, June 13/14

Next Collection: May 2/3, please make any cheques

payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



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.**

"Come to the quiet. This is the simplest and most natural way to establish God as the central object of your attention."

Matthew Kelly, spiritual author and founder of The Dynamic Catholic Institute, Ohio.



The Parish Improvement Team is committed to working with

Father Greg to help make our parish an even more welcoming and vibrant place. You may have noticed the new Suggestion Box in the Gathering Space. We invite you to share your ideas, suggestions, or any questions you may have. The Team meets regularly to prayerfully review all submissions. **THANK YOU** to those who have already submitted - we appreciate your thoughts and questions. If you choose to include your contact information, a member of the Parish Improvement Team will be happy to follow up with you.



There will be no meeting of the Cor Men's Group on Saturday, April 11. Instead, we will be attending a Men's Retreat at St. Pius X Church in Brantford.

The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, April 25th at 8:00am in the Parish Meeting Room. We are continuing the newest "Into the Breach" video series called "The Dignity of Work". The third of five episodes is titled "Work Life and Family Life" and includes a video and discussion. The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 8:00am 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! **Next Session: Saturday, April 25 at 8a.m**



DIocese of Hamilton

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026?

You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

World Youth Day 2027: Seoul, South Korea July 31 – August 9, 2027 Bishop Dabrowski is sending a delegation of young adults (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in the summer of 2027. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. The Diocesan Pastoral Offices welcome you to attend a virtual information night on Thursday, April 23 @ 7:30pm. Register here: bit.ly/WYDInfoNight. For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit: wyd.hamiltondiocese.com

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