



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**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)

## 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.*

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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 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.

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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	<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026</b> MASS INTENTIONS: March 9-15, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	†JOSEPH PASADYN CHANT MASS		Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 PM	†PAUL DIXON & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE DIXON - Lou & Lisa Groen †TOM & JOSIE IVEZIC—Grace Ivezic †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family †QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Maria Simone SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BOB BAKER —Therese Domladovac FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY & ILARIA PALETTA—Ralph & Mary Fascione FOR THE INTENTION OF ELIZABETH VAN BRAUN— Ralph & Mary Fascione FOR THE INTENTIONS OF WADDICK FAMILY		Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 AM	SPECIAL INTENTION TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS		Franciscan Fathers
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 AM	†MARGARET HABINSKI — Ivo & Zeljka Nolic		Rev. Tony O'Dell
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JADWIGA ZYCHOWICZ		Parish & Chancery Staff
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:00 PM	†GIOVANNI CALTAGIRONE—Carol MacIntosh †GIOVANNI & MARIA CANDELORA— Family †RAFFAELE CARUSO, CRISTINA, MICHELE & PASQUALE TIMPERIO—Lucia Caruso †COSMO & CONCETTA CONDINA—Patton Family †PAUL DIXON & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE DIXON—Lou & Lisa Groen †NINO FAVERO — Family †ADELINA FERRARA—Family †GRANT HENRY—Tony & Daniela Giannini †KRZYSTYNA & WLADYSLAW KROL—Family †EMIDIO NARDINI —Palmira Caucci & Family †JOSÉ & MARIA TAVARES—David & Ana Arruda & Family †QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Maria Simone SOULS IN PURGATORY—Joe Kiefer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARG FAVERO & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DON & CATHY HAVARD—Patton Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THERESA SAPRA—Maggie & Henry Tomala FOR THE INTENTIONS OF EDWARD & DANIEL SZYDLOWSKI—Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALEX & MAYA TOMALA—Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JADWIGA ZYCHOWICZ		Rev. Harry Reitzel
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†MARYANNE DEMONTE-WHELAN — Mike & Patricia Boucher FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PAUL & ASHLEY FASCIONE — Family PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

**This past week, I visited Joe Kubilis, one of the founding members of our parish's Knights of Columbus.** Joe has long been an active member of our parish community, but now lives in a residence in Hamilton. It was a blessing for me to visit him, pray with him, and extend the love of our parish community! I know that Joe reads the

bulletin, so thank you Joe for all you have done and continue to do for our parish community!



**This past Tuesday I also had the blessing of chatting with Bishop Dabrowski on a couple of occasions.** Firstly, after the Lenten priest's day of prayer, I was honored (just by chance) to be seated at his table for lunch, along with Bishop Crosby and other priests. Secondly, I saw him again that evening at a special Mass celebrating 10 years of the Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ serving in our Diocese. It was a blessing to get to know him a bit better, and we continue to pray for him each day asking God to guide him as he leads our Diocese!

**Thank you to all those who helped prepare for our parish pasta dinner!** May God reward them!

**As we continue Lent, how is this season helping you to get closer to God and love Him with your whole heart?** Don't forget to make use of the print resources in our gathering space, formed.org and other great resources to make the most of this beautiful and sacred season!

**March 21/22 is our Share Lent Collection, and we invite you to share generously as part of your Lenten Almsgiving!** Share Lent is a way that our Diocese helps support those in need around the world, and your generosity is appreciated!

**Have you ever had a question about your faith, the Mass, or life at IHM?** Do you have an idea that could help our parish grow in holiness or enrich our celebrations? The newly formed Parish Improvement Team would love to hear from you. Their role is to bring your questions and suggestions and help me discern how to move forward with them! You'll find a new suggestion box in the gathering space - please share your thoughts there. We look forward to serving you and helping make worship at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish even more life-giving.

**On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, I'll be helping facilitate a young adults Lenten retreat!** All young adults are welcome to join me for that day at St. Thomas in Waterdown - see our poster for more information!

May God bless you abundantly,  
Fr. Greg Merkley



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

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

**Membership Drive this weekend** - Come visit us in the narthex for details on joining the Knights of Columbus!



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

**All women ages 16+ are invited to join the CWL!**

Become part of a beautiful sisterhood rooted in faith, service, and fellowship as we support our parish and community together.

**2026 Memberships: \$45; E-transfer: [cwlwinona@gmail.com](mailto:cwlwinona@gmail.com)**

Stay connected with us! Follow us on Instagram & Facebook: @cwlilhm



**PARISH PASTA DINNER/TAKE OUT**

**Friday, March 6 from 4-7p.m, in our Parish Hall.**

Cost: Adults \$15; Child (12yrs & under) \$7.

Please note: there will also be a meatless option.

All Welcome!

**UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)**

**Mar 6<sup>th</sup>** — 4-7 PM — All You Can Eat Parish Pasta Dinner, Parish Hall

**Mar 6<sup>th</sup>** — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** — 11 AM — IHM School, Gr 2 First Reconciliation

**Mar 7/8<sup>th</sup>** — SSVp Collection

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup>** — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** — 6 PM — Chant Mass

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** — 7:15 PM — Men's Recollection, Meeting Rm 1

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>** — 1-3 PM — Crafter's Group, Parish Hall

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>** — 6-9 PM — Parish Confessions

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>** — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>** — 7:30 PM — KofC Meeting, Parish Hall

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup>** — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>** — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>** — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>** — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1

**Mar 14/15<sup>th</sup>** — Blue Box Collection

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup>** — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall

**Mar 17<sup>th</sup>** — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church

**Mar 17<sup>th</sup>** — 7 PM — Mass & CWL Meeting to follow

**Mar 18<sup>th</sup>** — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall

**Mar 19<sup>th</sup>** — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

**Mar 20<sup>th</sup>** — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross

**Mar 21/22<sup>nd</sup>** — Share Lent Collection

**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>** — 7 PM — SSVp Meeting, Mtg Rm 1

**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>** — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall

**Mar 24<sup>th</sup>** — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church

**Mar 25<sup>th</sup>** — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall

**Mar 26<sup>th</sup>** — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

**Mar 28/29<sup>th</sup>** — CWL Bake Sale, Meeting Rm 1



**Crafter's Group** will meet on **Tuesday, March 10, from 1-3p.m.** in the parish hall. They will be decorating St. Patrick's day cookies to be sent to DeMazenod Door. **Please sign the green book to register.**



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bring your questions and suggestions to Father Greg for faithful discernment. You'll find a new suggestion box in the gathering space—please share your thoughts there. We look forward to serving you and helping make worship at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish even more life-giving.



**SOCIAL ACTION: Next Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of the month (Mar 14/15) and is BLUE BOX weekend** and we will appreciate, as always, your monetary donations to help our parish cook over 700 meals a month for the homeless, poor, working poor and marginalized who come each day to De Mazenod Door. The food prepared by our wonderful volunteers is delicious and much loved by all the guests. Thank you for being so generous. We are starting our 10th year as a parish providing these meals, prepared and cooked in our own parish kitchen.



**Tax receipts have now been mailed to all those who donated in 2025.** We are deeply grateful for your generous support, which allows us to continue serving our neighbours in need with compassion and hope. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community. **Next Collection: Mar 7/8, 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. "In meditation our stillness is not a state of mere passivity but a state of full openness, full wakefulness to the wonder of our own being, full openness to the wonder of God, and a full awareness that we are at one with God." John Main, OSB. The World Community for Christian Meditation.



**The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, March 14 at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room.** We will be starting the newest "Into the Breach" video series called "The Dignity of Work". The first of five episodes is titled "God's Mission for Man" 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!**



**DIocese of HAMILTON**

**Lenten Film Screening: Triumph of the Heart:**

The Passion of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Register now for a special Lenten screening of the acclaimed film **TRIUMPH OF THE HEART** -

**THE PASSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE** on **Wednesday, March 25 at Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre, Peller Hall (Theatre). Advance tickets only.** Triumph of the Heart is a feature film about St. Maximilian Kolbe and his companions' triumph over the darkness of Auschwitz. Suggested PG13. Tickets \$16.95 and all proceeds go to "Restoring the Beauty of St. Ann" Ancaster Campaign. Visit [dunnmedia.ca/triumph](http://dunnmedia.ca/triumph) to register. Limited number of complimentary tickets for clergy and students. More about the movie at [triumphoftheheart.com](http://triumphoftheheart.com). For any other inquiries, please contact us at [production.dunnmedia@gmail.com](mailto:production.dunnmedia@gmail.com).

**STEWARDSHIP - FEBRUARY 28/MARCH 1, 2026**

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
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**Thank you for your Generosity!**

**TAX RECEIPTS** are available for pick up in the gathering space. **Please note:** If you made donations on Canada Helps, you can download your receipt off the site.

**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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