



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Fr. Gregory Merkley**, Pastor  
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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

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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)

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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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Rosary  
30 mins before  
All Masses

Confession  
30 mins before  
All Masses

# SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS: March 16-22, 2026

Diocesan Vocation  
Prayer Intentions

MONDAY	9:00 AM	†ANDREW DONNELLY—Giallonardo Family	Rev. Deaha (John) Kim
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†PAUL DIXON & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE DIXON - Lou & Lisa Groen †ANTONIO LOPRESTI—Frances & Vince Lopresti †FLORA & PETER MENEGALDO —Grace Ivezic †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family †QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Maria Simone SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF NICK FASCIONE —Ralph & Mary Fascione FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PINSONNEAULT FAMILIES FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THERESA SAPRA - Mary Agnes Auer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF WALTER TYMCHUK— Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF NADINE & STEFANIE USYK—Family	Rev. Marian Gil
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DAVID ZYCHOWICZ	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS — Luisa Verticchio	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LINDA KENNEDY—Kunkel Family	Rev. Luis Inacio
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†FRANCESCO & ISABELLA CALI—Family †MICHELE CIARMOLI—Sam & Daniela Caltagirone †JOSEPH CONDRICK – Carmen & Franca Pietroniro †SETTIMIO DELUCA—Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli †PAUL DIXON & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE DIXON—Lou & Lisa Groen †PINA FERRARA—Family †LINDA FRALICK — Tony & Daniela Giannini †DINO MENEGAZZO —Paletta Family †ROGER NOWAK—Anne Bryson †ANTONIETTA PACENZA— Family †GIOVANNI PETRUCCI—Tony & Joe Assenza & Families †ELIZABETH RE —Henrietta Wasik †BREANNA ROLO—Family †ANGELO TROMBETTA—Tony & Tomasina Assenza †QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Maria Simone SOULS IN PURGATORY—Tony & Bernadette Delville IN THANKSGIVING FOR GABRIELLA CRUZ FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CLEDA & DARWIN CRUZ FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TONY & DANIELA GIANNINI & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF EDWARD & DANIEL SZYDLOWSKI—Family	Rev. Kazimierz Tyberski
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY SOLTES—Mary Agnes Auer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTHEW FASCIONE & FAMILY—Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO	



My dear parishioners,

**This weekend we celebrate *Laetare Sunday*, or ‘Rejoicing Sunday.’** It is rather similar to *Gaudete Sunday* in Advent. We are permitted to wear Rose vestments, to decorate the altar with flowers, and to ‘brighten up’ as we are now halfway through Lent. It is also a good chance for us to reflect on how our Lenten resolutions can bring us the *joy* of getting closer

to God! Lent is not meant to be a ‘sad season.’ Rather, there should be a spiritual joy beginning to flow as we get closer to God in this sacred season!

### Are you wondering what our schedule week for Holy Week will be?

Everything will be as usual, except Thursday to Saturday will be different:  
Holy Thursday - 7 PM Mass (which recalls the last supper and the washing of the feet)  
Good Friday - 11 AM and 3 PM liturgies (11 AM liturgy is slightly more for younger families)  
Holy Saturday - 8 PM (The Easter Vigil celebrates Easter and welcomes our newest Catholics!)

Easter Sunday - 9 AM, 11 AM, and 4 PM (going Saturday also fulfills the Sunday obligation!)

Please note that there is no 5 PM Mass on Holy Saturday - we are not permitted to celebrate a Mass that early. Rather, the instructions for the Easter Vigil in the Roman Missal note that it is to begin after the sun has set. This ancient vigil goes back to the beginnings of Christianity.

Also, our holy week liturgies will include some wonderful music, so I really encourage you to make it out! Plus, it is the ‘holiest week of the year!’

**Thank you again 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](http://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)

**Catholic Men's Retreat** (for all men) at St. Pius X, Brantford, April 10 & 11. Retreat leader Fr. Paul Pearson; Topic: "Come, Ring out your joy to the Lord". Email [gk14421@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk14421@ontariokofc.ca) for more details or to carpool.

**Lenten Food Drive** - non-perishable goods will be collected March 21-29 in the gathering space. Thank you for your generous support!



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

**General Meeting: Tuesday, March 17 beginning with Mass at 7p.m. Remember to wear something Green!**

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

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

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

- 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, wear something Green!
- 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 21/22<sup>nd</sup> — Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ selling Religious Articles
- 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<sup>th</sup> — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Mar 28/29<sup>th</sup> — Palm Sunday
- Mar 28/29<sup>th</sup> — CWL Easter Bake Sale, Meeting Rm 1
- Mar 30<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 31<sup>st</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church

**EASTER LITURGIES**

- Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> — 7 PM — Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper (No Morning Mass is permitted in parishes)
- Eucharistic Adoration Chapel closes at 11 PM Holy Thursday until Easter Monday at 10 AM
- Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> 11 AM — Good Friday Liturgy — Family Liturgy
- Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> — 3 PM — Good Friday Liturgy
- Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> — Needs of the Church in the Holy Land Collection
- Apr 4<sup>th</sup> — 12 Noon Blessing of Easter Food



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**Novena for the Unborn:** As we approach the Feast of the Annunciation, how can you say YES to life like Mary did? This year let's all pray this novena - Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Child (by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen). **The prayers are said for nine months – from March 25 thru December 25.** *Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.*

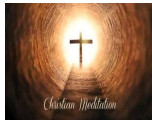
**Pray one decade of the Rosary.** *Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us. Amen.* For more information on how you can help with pro-life issues, visit our website [Hamiltonrighttolife.org](http://Hamiltonrighttolife.org) or call 905-528-3065.



**SOCIAL ACTION:** Thank you to all who donated to the **BLUE BOX** collection this weekend (March 14/15). The folks at DeMazenod Door are working very hard to ensure everyone who comes to the Door are fed. The first 2 months of this year show an increase of 18% in the number of meals served so the meals we make at IHM is a great help to DeMazenod Door. THANK YOU for your generosity - it is very much needed.



**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: April 4/5, 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 - MARCH 7/8, 2026**

**Thank you for your Generosity!**

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$4054.30	\$1300.70	\$50.00	\$399.38	\$	<b>\$5804.38</b>

**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:**

**Frank Ragona**

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

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