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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)

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 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: _____

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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	SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: April 20-26, 2026	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BARBARA SCOTT — Ralph & Mary Fascione	Rev. Robert Sims
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†EDWARD & HAZEL ADOLPHE - Family †MARIA BIANCO — Family †SISTER MARIE CUNNINGHAM — Walter & Patricia Tymchuk †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family 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 CORRA PERRY-MAIN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MIKE & GAIL USYK—Stefanie Usyk FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LUIGI VISOCCHI	Rev. Jason Kuntz
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	SPECIAL INTENTION TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	DECEASED OF ALAMPI & ATTARD FAMILIES—Manny & Tina	Rev. Edward Hinsperger
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	DECEASED OF DOCHERTY FAMILY	Rev. Msgr. David Reilander
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†EDWARD & HAZEL ADOLPHE - Family †GINO ALESSI — Anna Alaimo †MARIA BELTRAME — Family †GIOVANNI CALTAGIRONE — Jason & Theresia Candy, Kathryn Arnott †MICHELE CIARMOLI - Klaas & Anna Egbers †ROSALIE CICCHI — Irma Tirabassi & Family †CARMELA & GASPARE CINO — Falasca Family †SETTIMIO DELUCA †ADELINA DICROCE — Guido Castelli †PIETRO MAURO — Palmira Caucci & Family †DANICA PETRINA — Grguric Family †TERESA VERTICCHIO—Luisa †EMIDIO VANICOLA & DECEASED OF NARDINI FAMILY—Marcella Ciardelli †AMLETO SALCICCIOLI & HERMIEN ZELEDENRUST—Tony & Daniela Giannini HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY SPECIAL INTENTION TO MADONNA DOLORATA—M.N FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LAURYN PALIN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANNE PRITCHARD—Carol McIntosh FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SIVAKAMI MURUGAN	Rev. Matthew Durham
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CLAIRE MACKNESS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY FASCIONE 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 honour 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. We are happy to warmly welcome everyone for this special celebration!

This weekend, Fr. Jeff Oehring and I will be visiting seminarian Giuseppe who lived at our parish on two different occasions, and we'll also be visiting some other Hamilton Seminarians. Giuseppe is now studying at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, while we also have a number of Hamilton seminarians studying at Sacred Heart Seminary in Milwaukee. This will allow me to keep my promise to Giuseppe to visit him, and since we are in the area, we thought it made sense to visit some other seminarians as well! As a result, I'll be away this Sunday afternoon until Tuesday evening, but I'll be back in time for confessions and Mass on Tuesday evening. A special thanks to Fr. Pawel and Fr. Tomy for covering me Sunday afternoon and Monday morning!

We look forward to welcoming seminarian Peter Hoan to our parish, as he plans to move in on May 4th. As one priest put it, our parish will "lose one Peter and gain another." That said, we are happy to still have Peter Hoffbauer in our community! Peter Hoan will be ordained a deacon in June, meaning he will be able to preach with us and also carry out many other special duties as a result of receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Let us keep him in our prayers and warmly welcome him!

On May 9th our parish will have a beautiful evening of sacred music by a new group called *Conversatio Christo*! I encourage you to come for an event that will include adoration, confessions, and beautiful polyphonic sacred music. You will not be disappointed!

May God bless you abundantly as we continue celebrating the Easter season, Fr. Greg Merkley



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

Yard Sale-Saturday, May 30 from 8a.m to 12Noon. If you have items you wish to donate, drop off is Friday, May 29 at the back doors from 1-3p.m. Please note: no clothes, books or electronics.

Golf Tournament! Sunday, June 7 at Southbrook Golf & Country Club, Shotgun Start at 1p.m. \$160 includes: lunch, prime rib dinner, cart, green fees, prizes and much more! **To register email: ihmchurch@cogeco.net; leafan299@gmail.com; r.a.malvaso@gmail.com**
All funds raised go towards charities and our parish

Notice of change to meeting date: the June meeting has been moved from June 10th to June 17th.

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:

CWL General Meeting; Tuesday, April 21 beginning with Mass at 7p.m. Followed by the meeting in the parish hall.

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



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 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/Email Parish Office for Tickets
- Apr 30th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- May 2nd — 11 AM—Priestly Ordination, Cathedral of Christ the King
- May 4th — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 5th — 1-3 PM — Crafter's Group
- May 5th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- May 7th — 12Noon — St. Gabriel's School Mass
- May 7th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- May 8th — 6:30 PM — Youth Group
- May 9th — 6:30 PM — Young Adults, Conversatio Christo, All Welcome!

STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 11/12, 2026

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$4471.05	\$1208.95	100.00	\$170.34	0	\$5950.34

Thank you for your Generosity!



SOCIAL ACTION: This weekend is BLUE BOX weekend (April 18/19) and we ask you once again for your support to help us cook great meals for the homeless, poor, working poor and marginalized who come to De Mazenod Door for breakfast and a hot lunch/dinner. This past Wednesday our parish volunteers prepared and cooked Roast Pork Loin smothered in mustard, garlic powder and Montreal steak spice, yummy. Veggies & potatoes were coated in sunflower oil and sprinkled generously with Vegetable seasoning and roasted. A terrific garden Salad and fruit cups also rounded out the meal. Next Wednesday another group of parish volunteers will be cooking another delicious meal and one of our guests much loved Meatloaf as the main course. This is only possible through your generous donations to the Blue Box and the kindness of our kitchen volunteers. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS.



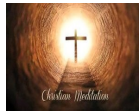
Upcoming Events to Remember:

SSVP Lottery Sales at the Parish: April 25/26—Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, and the draw will take place on May 22. All proceeds go directly to helping our

neighbours in need.

Donation Truck, June 13/14

Next Collection: May2/3, 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.



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!



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.

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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