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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

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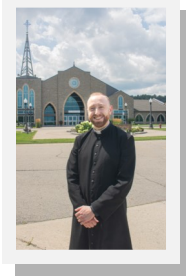
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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	<b>SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026</b> MASS INTENTIONS: May 4-10, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	†FR. BRIAN DONNELLY — Giallonardo Family		Rev. Bradley Markus
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	†FELICE ALOISIO — Jack Bidinost †FRANCES FINLAY - Valerio & Silvia DeFaveri †MARILYN NEALE — Walter & Patricia Tymchuk †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family †TONYGIANNI VENTRESCA - Marisa & Vince Ciriello & Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DAPHNEE LE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF EMMA ROSE VRECENER-NAIM FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ELYSE CHAPPLE & NICOLE PINSONNEAULT— Tony & Bernadette Delville FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY FASCIONE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ELENA PALETTA FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMICK — Matteo FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KAY MATIJASEVICH — Kunkel Family IN THANKSGIVING—Jadwiga Zychowicz		Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LISA RIDDELL & FAMILY - Tony & Bernadette Delville		Congregation of the Resurrection
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BRENDA KUNKEL—Kunkel Family		Rev. Khalid Karomi
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	FREE THE GENERATIONAL LINE OF KROCHAK, SEMENUK, MASTROLUISI & BARTOLOTTI FAMILIES		Rev. David Reitzel
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	†IRMA MARIA ADORANTI - Linda Aceti & Family †ROSA BORTLOTTO, ROSALIE CICCHI, EMMA PALETTA - Larry & Ilaria Paletta †MICHELINA D'ANGELO - Craig & Marina Griffin †ANTHONY RIZZOTTO - Sam & Luci Frosina †ANGELO TROMBETTA - Sylvia & Steve Vlaho SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THERESA BENNETT		Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KATHRYN ARNOTT— David Giallonardo †QUIRINO & LUCIA NARDINI — Giacinto & Jean Nardini PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

**May is Mary's month, and so we turn up the dial on our closeness with Mary, perhaps by means of praying our daily rosary with more love and focus, entrusting or consecrating ourself to Mary, and using Marian sacramentals such as the miraculous medal, the brown scapular, and blessed statues of Our Blessed Lady.** Remember, Mary's your

Heavenly mother too!

**This week is Catholic Education week, and so we pray for our Catholic education system to be led completely by the Holy Spirit.**

May Our Lady guide all the decisions made by leaders in Catholic education, so that those involved may lead exemplary lives in harmony with the Catholic faith and thereby lead students into an ever deeper living out of their *own* Catholic faith. No education is truly *Catholic* if Jesus Christ is not at the center of it, or if it opposes any Catholic teaching!

**Please see the important letter of Bishop Dabrowski and the letters sent by Cardinal Francis Leo to Prime Minister Mark Carney and other MP's on the topic of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).** Our Catholic faith calls us to lovingly and respectfully engage in civic dialogue whenever necessary, particularly about the relevant moral

issues of our time including the sanctity of life, God's truth about marriage and the family, and our common call to treat all human persons with dignity since they are made in the image and likeness of God. If you ever have questions about these topics, I'm happy to help explain the Bible and the Church's stances on them. God is merciful, and we are very much called to *love* everyone, though we definitely won't always *agree* with everyone or their decisions. Nevertheless, with Christlike love and compassion, we are called to be a voice to

protect the vulnerable and offer help, rather than harm. This is not about being *political*, but about being people of moral integrity. We are called to move our culture more into alignment with our loving God's designs, which always lead to more abundant life! Please read Bishop Dabrowski's letter for more!

**We look forward to welcoming seminarian Peter Hoan to our parish, since he plans to move in on May 4<sup>th</sup>!** As somebody put it, our parish will "lose one Peter and gain another." That said, we are happy to still have Peter Hoffbauer in our community! Speaking of him, please pray for Peter Hoffbauer and his family – Peter has recently lost his mother. Seminarian Peter *Hoan* will be ordained a deacon in June, meaning he will be able to preach to us during Mass and also carry out many other special duties as a result of receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Deacons are able to preside over weddings, funerals, and baptisms, and to preach, bless homes, and expose the Blessed Sacrament - among other things. Let us keep Peter Hoan in our prayers and warmly welcome him!

**On May 9<sup>th</sup> our parish will have a beautiful evening of sacred music by a new local music group called *Conversatio Christo!*** I strongly encourage you to come for this event that will include adoration, confessions, and beautiful polyphonic sacred music. Invite your friends and family - you will not be disappointed!

May God bless you all superabundantly,  
Fr. Greg Merkley



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

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

**Family of the Month - Giannini family - Tony, Daniela, Juliana and Natalia** - are very involved with IHM church life, helping in weekly services, special events, and the Peach Festival. A truly remarkable family - we are blessed to have them in our parish! A donation will be made on their behalf to the Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ in Hamilton.

**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](mailto:ihmchurch@cogeco.net); [leafan299@gmail.com](mailto:leafan299@gmail.com); [r.a.malvaso@gmail.com](mailto: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:**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for us.

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

- May 2/3<sup>rd</sup> —SSVP Collection
- May 4<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 5<sup>th</sup> — 1-3 PM — Crafter's Group, Parish Hall, Sign Green Book
- May 5<sup>th</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- May 7<sup>th</sup> — 12Noon — St. Gabriel's School Mass, here
- May 7<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- May 8<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
- May 9<sup>th</sup> — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- May 9<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Young Adults, Conversatio Christo, All Welcome!
- May 11<sup>th</sup> — 6 PM — Chant Mass
- May 11<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 11<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Men's Recollection
- May 12<sup>th</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- May 13<sup>th</sup> — 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
- May 14<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- May 15<sup>th</sup> — 10:30 AM — IHM School Mass
- May 16<sup>th</sup> — Speed Dating Event, Parish Hall
- May 16/17<sup>th</sup> — Blue Box Collection
- May 18<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 19<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — CWL Mass/Meeting
- May 21<sup>st</sup> — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- May 24<sup>th</sup> — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- May 25<sup>th</sup> — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 25<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — SSVP Meeting, Meeting Rm 1
- May 26<sup>th</sup> — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- May 28<sup>th</sup> — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

**STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 25/26, 2026**

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$3,856.10	\$1798.90	\$125.00	\$260.43	0	<b>\$6,040.43</b>

**Thank you for your Generosity!**



**SOCIAL ACTION:** Our parish continues to feed the growing number of people who come to De Mazenod Door. The number of guests continues to increase every month vs the same months in 2025. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

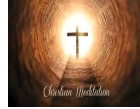
Remember if you want a tax receipt at year end please put your donation in a white envelope and mark your Sunday envelope number on the outside or your name and address. THANK YOU!



**Upcoming Events to Remember:**

**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 next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, May 9th at 8 AM in the Parish Meeting Room.** We are continuing the newest "Into the Breach" video series called "The Dignity of Work". The fourth of five episodes is titled "Work and the World" 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](http://hamiltondiocese.com) or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



**Hamilton Right to Life Baby Bottle Campaign Change for Life - Mother's Day to Father's Day**

Our church is once again partnering with Hamilton Right to Life through their 2026 Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day to

Father's Day. Baby Bottles will be available to take after all Masses on Sunday May 10th, and you are asked to return them on Sunday June 21st. Please take a bottle and fill it up with your coins, paper money or cheque. Hamilton Right to Life needs your support to raise money to educate, advertise, and get the message throughout the City of Hamilton of the devastating effects of abortion, MAiD and other life-threatening issues. Please pray for families affected by abortion and euthanasia today. You can learn more about Hamilton Right to Life at [www.HamiltonRightToLife.org](http://www.HamiltonRightToLife.org)

**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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