

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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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 9a.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 of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Amen

#### 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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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025  MASS INTENTIONS: November 24-30, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GEORGE ZYCHOWICZ — Jadwiga	Rev. Pierre Caouette
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	<b>†EDWARD &amp; HAZEL ADOLPHE</b> —Family <b>†FERDINANDO GIGLIOTTI</b> —Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli <b>†DECEASED OF CIURYSEK &amp; ZYCHOWICZ FAMILIES</b> FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PETER HOFFBAUER FOR TH INTENTIONS OF AGNES MORGAN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALEX NESKE—Peter FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARIA SIMONE	Rev. Jerek John Scherber
		FOR THE BLESSINGS AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR: EWA, ANNA BOZENA, HALINA & FAMILIES	
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	<b>†SLAWOMIR BLEDOWSKI</b> —Friends	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TOMASZ GRONKLEWICZ— Matteo Villella	Rev. Adam Zettel
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†MARK BERALDO—Valerio & Sylvia DeFaveri	Rev. Jerry Punnassery
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†MICHAEL ANZIT & ISABELLA BOTTICELLA—Family         †VINCENZO DITRAPANI—Palmira Caucci & Family         †GIUSEPPE GRECO — Family         †ANNA & JOSEPH GUSTIN - Family         †JOHN MASARO — IHM School Staff         †FLORA & PETER MENEGALDO — Grace Ivezic         †EMIDIO NARDINI — Marcella Ciardelli & Family         †RITA & PETER JOHN TAM — Luisa Verticchio         †PAUL TYMCHUK - Walter & Patricia Tymchuk         HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY — Kunkel Family         FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIELA GIANNINI         FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARIE & JOE GIALLONARDO — Ralph & Mary Fascione         FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL & ANGELA HOFFBAUER         FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY & ILARIA PALETTA	Rev. Rijo Jose
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†ANDREW DONNELLY—Giallonardo Family †PIETRO & ELVIRA VISOCCHI & DECEASED OF VISOCCHI FAMILY— Marta & Luigi PRO POPULO	



My dear parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate Christ the King, and next weekend we will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. Is Christ the King in our life? What about our prayer life? Our work? Our school? Our family? Our use of technology? Christ's Kingship should have practical effects and be more and more complete in every aspect of our life. Advent, a time of preparing for the birth of our King, will give us even more time to think about how we can let the Christ child be

more and more King of our life. What is the King of Kings inviting you to surrender to Him this Advent in order to prepare for Christmas? How can I receive the love of God more in my life, and allow it to take concrete practical effect in every aspect of my ordinary life?

Thanks to the profound generosity of a donor, our Parish has received a gift in the amount of \$30, 000. This gift is part of a significant bequest left to the Diocese of Hamilton by a parishioner whose intent was to support Parishes and charities within the greater Hamilton area. This transformational gift will provide much-needed funds over the next ten years — a profound testament to what is possible through the generosity of legacy giving. Have you ever considered an estate gift to the Church in your Will? For more information, please call 905-528-7988 ext. 2235 or e-mail give@hamiltondiocese.com.

Confirmations are coming up soon on November 26<sup>th</sup> (Immaculate Heart of Mary CES) and November 27<sup>th</sup> (St. Gabriel CES) both at 7 PM! Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to come powerfully upon all those to be Confirmed, that they may become faith-filled missionary disciples of the Lord Jesus, empowered by His Spirit to brightly share His light to the ends of the world! "Come Holy Spirit, descend upon those to be Confirmed, and fill them so that they may become strong and faithful followers of Jesus. Amen!"

Our parish book of remembrance is also out again during this month of **November.** In the book, you can write the names of deceased family or friends. We will pray especially for everyone who is written there!

I strongly encourage you to please attend the *Colamici* Concert on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM – it will be a short but sweet evening filled with beautiful music from many talented experts! Since this is a free event, I would really love to see the Church packed, and I strongly encourage you to invite friends and family and make a nice time together!

There will be upcoming gatherings here at our parish for lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion! It is essential that we sometimes review and improve the way these ministries operate. I am so grateful to all those who carry out these ministries! Lectors will meet Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 PM, and Extraordinary Ministers Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. We will review and clarify best practices, as well as answer any questions you might have!

May God bless you all superabundantly, Fr. Greg Merkley

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** See next page for all our exciting events!





#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IS BACK! We are looking for new items for the

raffle. Please bring donations to the parish office, by November 30. Tickets will be available for sale on the weekends of December 6/7, 13/14. Draw to take place Sunday, December 14 in the parish hall following the 4p.m. Mass.



#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

COOKIE WALK & SILENT AUCTION—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 from 9 AM—2 PM in the parish hall. STOP BY!

Thank you to everyone who baked!

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 beginning at 12:30p.m. cost \$35/member; \$40/guest.

Sign up sheet is in the gathering space.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW EXECUTIVE who will be installed in January of 2026: President: Lucia Marchionda; Secretary: Mary Anilowski; Treasurer: Adele vanTroost; Committee Chairs: Theresa Bennett, Carol McIntosh & Daphne Valles, they will be installed in January.

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

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7:30-9 AM—Cor Men's Program, Meeting Rm 1

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9 AM-2 PM—Christmas Cookie Walk/Silent Auction, Parish Hall

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1- 2 PM - Lector Refresher Training

Nov 23<sup>nd</sup> - 2 PM - Family Catechism, IHM School Gym

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> - 8 PM—Christian Meditation, Church

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM - DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM - IHM Confirmation Liturgy

Nov 27th - 7 PM - St. Gabriel Confirmation Liturgy

**Nov27<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM**—Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - 1 -2 PM - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Refresher Training

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - 7-9 PM - Colamici Concert

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup>** – Coffee Sunday

Dec 1<sup>st-</sup> - 6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8 PM—Christian Meditation, Church

Dec 6/7<sup>th</sup> — SSVP Collection & Clothing Drive Back parking lot

Dec 6/7<sup>th</sup>—Holy Land Religious Article Gift Sale

**Dec 7**<sup>th</sup>—CWL Christmas Luncheon, Parish Hall

Dec 8<sup>th</sup>— 6 PM—Chant Mass, followed by Men's Recollection

**Dec 6-14**<sup>th</sup>—K of C Christmas Raffle

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM - DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 PM—KofC Meeting, Parish Hall

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> - 12 PM—St. Gabriel School Mass

**Dec 11**<sup>th</sup> - **7 PM**—Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8:30 PM—Youth Night, Parish Hall

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:30-9 AM—Cor Men's Program, Meeting Rm 1

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - 6-9 PM - Young Adults, Parish Hall

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - 2 PM - Family Catechism, IHM School Gym

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - 2 PM - Smith's Funeral Home, Memorial Service

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM - SSVP Meeting, Meeting Rm 1

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM - DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM—IHM School Mass



THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COR MEN'S GROUP at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, November 22nd at 7:30am in the Parish Meeting Room. The theme for our meeting Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through is "Marriage: The Foundation of the Family" and includes a video and discussion. The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 7:30am 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!

#### STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 15/16, 2025

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$3766.35	\$1128.65	\$50.00	\$177.95	\$2905.00	\$8027.95



SOCIAL ACTION: Thank you to all who donated to the BLUE BOX last weekend. Your generosity goes directly to our parish to buy the ingredients and to cook meals twice a month for the poor in Hamilton. God Bless.

Next Saturday, a number of people from DeMazenod Door will be running / walking in the Hamilton Santa Race. This year the Santa Race is featuring DeMazenod Door as its charity. If you wish to donate, please see the link below. Fr Tony, Fr Jarek and myself (Larry Mackisoc) are competing to see who can raise the most money for DeMazenod Door. See the link below if you wish to participate in the race as a Santa or wish to donate to the cause. https://raceroster.com/events/2025/109500/the-santa-run/pledge/ participant/41740473, Thank you for your support.

JESSE TREE: There are 24 families that we hope to sponsor this Christmas. Envelopes will be available in the narthex after all the masses on the weekend of Dec 6/7. This is the 5th year that IHM parishioners will support families in Hamilton, many of whom frequent DeMazenod Door . Please take an envelope if you are able to provide for these families.



CLOTHES COLLECTION WEEKEND: The SSVP donation Saint Vincent de Paul truck will be parked at the back of the church on December 6 and 7. Volunteers will be collecting gently used clothing and linens for the SSVP Barton Store 30

minutes before each Mass. These donations directly support our neighbours in need. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. SSVP provides confidential help for individuals and families in need. Assistance is available to those living within our parish boundaries. If you or someone you know could benefit, please contact: ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com or call: 289-799-2314. We are dedicated to serving our neighbours with faith, compassion, and respect. Next Collection: December 6/7, please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul". Thank you for your generosity and for helping us serve those in need within our parish community. Your support truly makes a meaningful difference.



MEN'S STREET MINISTRY: is looking for Men's winter coats, all sizes, you can leave them in the hallway by the lost & found. We thank you for your kindness.



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.

"When we begin to meditate we recognize the constant whirl going on in our mind...The task of meditation is to bring all of

this mobile and distracted mind to stillness, silence and concentration." Father John Main OSB, The World Community for Christian Meditation.



HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS: On the weekend of December 6-7, we will welcome our special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the

conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. You can visit and support us at: www.HolylandChristians.ca. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK: TONY ACETI; GIOVANNI CALTAGIRONE

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



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