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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 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)

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 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

"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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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses		Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: November 17-23, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GRAYSON HOPE — Jadwiga		Rev. John Van Hees
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	PARISH MEMORIAL MASS		Deceased Members of Our Parish Community
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†DECEASED OF GRAZIANI FAMILY		Deceased Consecrated Brothers & Sisters
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†DECEASED OF ALAMPI & ATTARD FAMILIES — Manny & Tina Attard		Rev. Nishil Varghese
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†MARIO & IDA VERTICCHIO — Luisa Verticchio		Rev. Lawrence Parent
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†JAMES BELVEDERE - Family †GUIDO DELUCA — Giancaterina Family †ANTONIO FRISINA—Manny & Tina Attard †FERDINANDO GIGLIOTTI —Tony & Daniela Giannini †JOHN, TOM & JOSIE IVEZIC — Grace Ivezic †EMIDIO NARDINI — Dina & Gabriel Ciardelli †STELLA NARDINI — Mirella Paletta †JOHN PAOLINI & ANTONIO FONTANA — Filomena Paolini & Family †GIUSEPPE PROFETTO—Palmira Caucci & Family †DECEASED OF ANTOLINI, CARLESSO & GIGLIOTTI FAMILIES †PETER & OLIVA ANTOLOVICH, GLORIA D'ALESIO, RITA, PANCRAZIO & TONY PERONI — Family †PIETRO, PIERINA & CORRADA SANTINI, LOREANA & MICHAEL CUSIMANO—Filippo & Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PETER HOFFBAUER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANN KIBILING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CARMELO GRACEFFA		Rev. Jonathan Reitzel
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

This weekend a beautiful image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be on display, organized by the Knights of Columbus. This image is blessed by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori and is a replica of a beautiful image of Jesus’ Sacred Heart found in the *Gesu* in Rome. May it help us to reflect on the love that the Sacred Heart of Jesus has for each one of us, and

may it also help inspire more men to join the wonderful Knights of Columbus! Sacred Heart prayer cards are available for you, please take one!

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 26th (Immaculate Heart of Mary CES) and November 27th (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!”

On Sunday, November 16th, at 2 PM, all are welcome to join me as we visit Our Lady of the Angels Catholic cemetery to pray for all the faithful departed. We will plan to meet near the front entrance of the Mausoleum. Please dress for the weather! We will say some prayers together for all the departed, a most appropriate way to observe this month of November.

On Tuesday, November 18th, we will have our parish’s annual memorial Mass at 7 PM, at which we particularly pray for all those we have lost in the last year (November 2024 to November 2025). Nevertheless, all are welcome as it gives our parish a beautiful way to support and pray with all those who particularly feel the pain of the loss of loved ones.

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 29th, 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 altar servers, 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! Altar servers will meet November 15th at 1 PM, Lectors November 22nd at 1 PM, and Extraordinary Ministers November 29th 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)

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who supported our Coats for Kids fundraising drive! We raised over \$1000 to purchase new coats for kids in our community.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PILGRIM ICON - will be on display during masses on **November 15-16 weekend**. This simple yet profound image reminds us of God's love for us and is meant to inspire our love in return. Prayer Cards are available.

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:

ATTENTION! All Parish Bakers over the next few weeks, please take a box from the foyer and bake either Christmas cookies or squares for our **BAKE SALE ON SATURDAY, NOV. 22, FROM 9A.M-2P.M.** This is our big fundraiser for the year. We thank you in advance! **SILENT AUCTION ITEMS:** We are looking for Auction items for our Bazaar, please drop them off at the office during regular hours. **Any questions email: cwlwinona@gmail.com.**

THANK YOU TO ALL THE LADIES WHO PUT IN NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEW EXECUTIVE. All positions have been acclaimed. If you are interested in knowing who your new executive will be, join us on **Tuesday, November 18** in the parish hall following our 7p.m. Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

Nov 14th - 6:30-8:30 PM - Youth Group, Parish Hall
Nov 15th - 1-2 PM - Altar Server Refresher Training
Nov 15/16th - Blue Box Collection
Nov 15/16th - CCO Appeal weekend
Nov 15th - 6:30-9:30 PM - Young Adults, Speed Dating Event, Parish Hall
Nov 16th - 2 PM - Prayers for our deceased, Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery, All Welcome
Nov 17th - 6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall
Nov 17th - 7 PM - SSVP Meeting, Meeting Rm 1
Nov 18th - 7 PM - Memorial Mass for Deceased
Nov 18th - 8 PM - CWL Meeting/New Executive Info
Nov 18th - 8 PM - Christian Meditation, Church
Nov 19th - 9:45 AM-3 PM— Confirmation Retreat IHM & St. Gabriel Schools
Nov 20th - 7 PM—Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
Nov 22nd - 7:30-9 AM—Cor Men's Program, Meeting Rm 1
Nov 22nd - 9 AM-2 PM—Christmas Cookie Walk/Silent Auction, Parish Hall
Nov 22nd - 1- 2 PM - Lector Refresher Training
Nov 23rd - 2 PM - Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
Nov 24th - 6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall
Nov 25th - 8 PM—Christian Meditation, Church
Nov 26th - 9 AM - DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
Nov 26th - 7 PM - IHM Confirmation Liturgy
Nov 27th - 7 PM - St. Gabriel Confirmation Liturgy
Nov 29th - 1- 2 PM - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Refresher Training
Nov 29th - 7-9 PM - Colamici Concert
Nov 30th—Coffee Sunday
Dec 1st - 6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall
Dec 2nd - 8 PM—Christian Meditation, Church
Dec 6/7th—SSVP Collection & Clothing Drive Back parking lot
Dec 6/7th—Holy Land Religious Article Gift Sale
Dec 7th—CWL Christmas Luncheon, Parish Hall
Dec 8th—Chant Mass, followed by Men's Recollection
Dec 6-14th—K of C Christmas Raffle
Dec 10th - 7:30 PM—KofC Meeting, Parish Hall
Dec 11th - 12 PM—St. Gabriel School Mass
Dec 11th - 7 PM—Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
Dec 12th - 6:30-8:30 PM—Youth Night, Parish Hall
Dec 13th - 6-9 PM - Young Adults, Parish Hall



terrific volunteers will be cooking these meal on November 26th. **THANK YOU & GOD BLESS.**



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**



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 will meet each **Tuesday from 8-9pm**. We meet in the church for a brief teaching and a period of silent meditation followed by discussion. All are welcome.



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 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!



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: We invite you to write in Our Book of Remembrance, the names of your loved ones who have left us to be with Our Lord. During the month of the November we will pray for those whose names are listed in the book. May our dearly departed be in the loving arms of Our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK

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

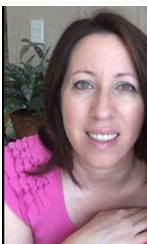


HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS: On the weekend of December 6-7, we will welcome our special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians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

STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 8/9, 2025

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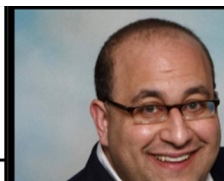



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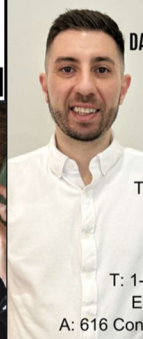
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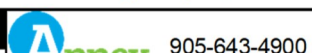
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