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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)

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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.

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses		Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: December 15-21, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	†EMILIA MRUCZEK—Jadwiga Zychowicz		Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†FRANCES BOZZO—Frank & Bianca Bozzo †FERDINANDO GIGLIOTTI †DORA GIGLIOTTI, DECEASED OF ANTOLINI, CARLESSO & GIGLIOTTI FAMILIES —Family †DECEASED OF HENRIQUES FAMILY - Sylvester & Arlette †GIORGIO & ANGELA NASSO—Ralph & Mary Fascione †GIOVANNI PICCOLI—Giancaterina Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARK BRUNACCIONI — Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FASCIONE FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF EDUARDO KABILING IN THANKSGIVING TO THE HOLY FAMILY - I & Z		Rev. Stanley Nwokeji
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†MITCH CIURYSEK - Family		Voluntas Dei Institute
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	DECEASED OF ALAMPI & ATTARD FAMILIES — Manny & Tina Attard		Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†RITA IYING GONZALES — Margaret		Rev. Donald Sanvido
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†JENNIFER ARRUDA AQUIAR, MARIA GRACE FERRERA †GIOVANNI CALTAGIRONE—Deacon Joe & Nadia Gigliotti †WILLIAM DERRY—Tony & Daniela Giannini †LUIGI & VINCENZA FONTANA—Family †ALDO LANCIA—Family †ROSE MIELKO—Family †VERONICA PAWELEC—Diane & Sergio Filippetto †MIKE VALLORANI—Family †VELIKA VELJANOVSKA — Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED—Natalia FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THERESIA CANDY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHRISTINE FRANCIOSA & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LOUISE & FRANK KUNKEL — Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY & ILARIA PALETTA—Ron Ogulin FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOHN & ADELE VANTROOST		Rev. David Weise
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†LIVIO & GIUSEPPINA VENTRESCA — Family †GARNET HARRDENG — Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

As Advent continues, our joy continues to grow as this third Sunday of Advent we light the rose candle, for *Gaudete Sunday*! This word *gaudete* means ‘rejoicing’, as we rejoice because the Lord is coming soon. What are some reasons to be joyful for you? Sometimes we need to cultivate joy with

intentionality. Take a step back and look at your life,

and see how much God has blessed you. Don’t just count the negative things – count the blessings. When you do, you may even find that you have received far more blessings than there are negative things in your life! In addition, we need to always keep in mind that Romans 8:28 says that “God works in all things all to the good of those who love God.” God is even able to turn negative things to positive ones, if we entrust them to Him – and that’s one more source of joy for us!

Are you looking for a chance to slow down, take a break, and reflect this Advent? We will be having an Advent retreat on Saturday, December 20th from 10 AM to noon. This is a wonderful way to enter into the Advent spirit, and prepare for Christmas! Hope to see you there!

Our parish has recently hired Claire Mackness to assist us in the office and with various parish activities. Although she is only here for a short time, has already helped out Ilaria and myself a lot! Here is a little message from Claire!

Hi everyone! My name is Claire, and I’m grateful to share that I’ve recently joined IHM Parish as the Lay Pastoral Assistant. It has already been a blessing to be here with you and to serve however I can. If you see me around, please feel free to say hello — I’d love to meet you! I’ll be at the parish until the end of January, as I am discerning Religious Life with the Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ. They are a beautiful community, and if you’d like to learn more, their website is here: <https://www.sisterspoorofjesuschrist.com/>. I’m looking forward to getting to know you all, and please know you are in my prayers!

Our new parish website has been completed, so take another look www.ihmchurch.ca! There you will find several new features including more information about the Sacraments, and our parish groups. Please let me know what you think! If there is something you suggest should be changed or improved about our parish website, please don’t hesitate to let me know; I am always passionate about trying to make things better in any way we can!

May God bless you all superabundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Tickets will be sold December 13/14 before and after all masses. Draw will take place after 4:00pm mass Dec.14th. Winners will be contacted. Good luck to all participants!

Food Drive! Dec 13-21 Thank you for continued support!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:
WISHING OUR MEMBERS A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON.

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

Dec 12	6-9 PM	Youth Night, Parish Hall
Dec 13	7:30-9 AM	COR Men's Program, Meeting Rm 1
Dec 13	6:15 PM	Young Adults, Church & Parish Hall
Dec 14	2 PM	Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
Dec 14	2 PM	Smith's Funeral Home Memorial Service
Dec 13/14		Bambinelli Weekend, bring your Baby Jesus to Mass
Dec 16	1-3 PM	Crafter's Group —Sign up Required
Dec 16	6-9 PM	Fr. Jeff Oehring- Advent Confessions
Dec 16	8 PM	Christian Meditation, Church
Dec 17	9 AM	DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
Dec 19	10:30 AM	IHM School Mass
Dec 20	10 AM-12 PM	Advent Retreat, Church, Meeting Rm 1
Dec 20/21		Blue Box Collection
Dec 20 - Jan 4		Eucharistic Chapel Closed
Dec 24	4 PM	Christmas Eve Mass
Dec 24	12 Midnight	Christmas Eve Mass
Dec 25	9AM/11AM	Christmas Day Mass
Dec 27	7:30-9 AM	COR Men's Program, Meeting Rm 1
Dec 31	5 PM	New Year's Eve Mass, Holy Day of Obligation
Jan 1	9 AM / 11 AM	New Year's Day Mass, Holy Day of Obligation
Jan 3	7:30 AM	COR Men's Program, Meeting Rm 1
Jan 5	6:30 PM	Card Group, Parish Hall
Jan 6	8 PM	Meditation Group, Church
Jan 9	6:30 PM	Youth Night, Parish Hall
Jan 10	6:15 PM	Young Adults, Church & Parish Hall

STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 6/7, 2025
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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\$5290.25	\$1273.75	\$25	\$356.42	0	\$6945.42



2026 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP: Going "Green" email the parish office: ihmchurch@cogeco.net or visit: ihmchurch.ca for more options. If you don't see a box with your name on it, please let us know!



CRAFTER'S GROUP will meet Tuesday, December 16 from 12:30 to 3pm. Cost \$20 and limited to 16 crafters only. We will be making a flower arrangement. Please sign in the **Green Book** to attend. You must be registered!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL will be Closed on Saturday, December 20 at 9a.m. and will re-open on Monday, January 5 at 10a.m. You are invited to sit in the church throughout the Christmas Season.

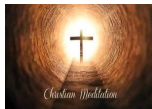


SOCIAL ACTION: MANY THANKS to all our parishioners who chose a family from the Jesse Tree last weekend. There are 24 families who will be grateful for the help you are giving them and their children to have a wonderful Christmas. God Bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Next weekend (Dec 20/21) the BLUE BOX will be in the narthex to accept your donations so our parish can continue to provide much needed meals to all those who come to DeMazenod Door for food and drink. Thank you for thinking of those who are less fortunate. Our parish will once again sponsor the Christmas Dinner at Demazenod Door. Our parish volunteers will be baking their favourite Christmas goodies which will be shared with the guests who come to DeMazenod Door over the next 2 weeks.



A HEARTFELT THANK-YOU to all who donated to our SSVF Clothing and Linen Drive. The truck was filled to the brim thanks to your generosity! Your contributions support local families through the Barton Street Store. God bless our Immaculate Heart of Mary community for your kindness and care. **Next Collection: January 3/4, 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.



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.



COR MEN'S GROUP at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be this **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 7:30AM** in the Parish Meeting Room. The theme for our meeting is "Mission of the Family: The Gift of Children" and includes a video and discussion. We will begin with the Rosary. 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!



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass this weekend, **December 13, 14 to be blessed.** After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger.



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CLOSE OF THE JUBILEE OF HOPE: All are welcome to join Bishop Crosby and Bishop Lobsinger for the close of the Jubilee Year at a Eucharistic Celebration on **Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. We will have an opportunity during this Mass to offer thanks for Bishop Crosby's ministry as Bishop of Hamilton at this celebration.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONE OVER CHRISTMAS? We are taking monetary donations for our Christmas flowers. If you wish to donate, please email the parish office with your donation amount **\$25** and the name(s) of your loved one(s) **by Wednesday, December 17.** Donations can also be dropped off at the parish office or E-transferred to: ihmchurch@cogeco.net, please indicate the of name of your loved one.

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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