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Tuesday to Thursday

9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.

Friday

9:30a.m-12:30p.m

Closed: Saturday, Sunday, Monday

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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)

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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)

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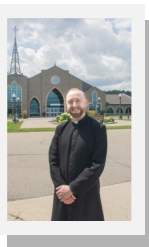
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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: May 11-17, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY FASCIONE — Ralph CHANT MASS		Rev. Michael McHugh
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†FELICE ALOISIO †GIOVANNI CALTAGIRONE — IHM CWL †ANGELA HOFFBAUER - Peter †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family †MARIO VERTICCHIO — Luisa SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JENNIFER BATES—Lou & Lisa Groen FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BRIAN HA FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMICK — Matteo FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANDREA JUSEK — Joe Kiefer FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CLEMENT CLOVER, CAROLINE LAPRISE & CHRISTIE TRUDELL IN THANKSGIVING & PROTECTION OF ANDREAS RIZOPULOS FOR THE BLESSINGS & GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR TANYA, JEFF, TOM, AUNI, BOB & HIS FAMILY IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY		Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†GIUSEPPE TESTA—Silvia & Valerio DeFaveri		Seminarians
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†DELTA FRENCH— Silvia & Valerio DeFaveri		Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†MICHAEL & MARY JANE PUDLO—Lou & Lisa Groen		Rev. Rajesh Madtha
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†MARIA BIANCO & ADELE D'ORAZIO - Lilly & Dan Bianco †ISREALE CERIDONIO & ANTONIO & ANNA TUTTOLOMONDO—Family †ROSALIE CICCHI—Olivia Carravaggio †DIMITRIOS DAOULAS - Yolanda Bozzo †EMMA FELICETTI - Mirella Paletta †RINO GABRIELE - Julie †LAURA MACKISOC & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY MACKISOC †VINCE SCIASCIA—Christine & Gord Weir & Family †LUCIA VECCHI—Romeo & Cindy Andreatta SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY, FR. JEFF OEHRING, FR. DAVID REITZEL, FR. DAVID AVILA FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KAY MATIJASEVICH—Ralph & Mary Fascione IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED—Luisa Verticchio		Rev. Peter Meyer
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS FR. GREG & THOSE GOING ON THE PILGRIMAGE †CECIL & JEAN COUTURE — Giacinto & Jean Nardini PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, including our Heavenly Mother Mary!

This week is also the National Family and Life Week, and so we especially celebrate the importance of family and life in God's plan! God has given us families to be "schools of virtue", as St. Pope John Paul II highlighted. Our family is a

'school of love' where all are called to be valued, loved, and served with the gifts each member has from God. This trains us how to love and serve others *outside* the family. There is a saying – as the family goes, so goes the society. When families are more healthy, society is more healthy. We can be agents of helping families be healthier by being more Christlike to each other, and asking the Holy Spirit to guide our families. Since all human life is sacred, we wish to treat others with the love and dignity inherently proper to them because they are made in God's image and likeness. This week the March for Life also takes place in Ottawa, as a means of helping to spread the awareness of the sanctity of every human life.

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 oneself 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!

Below is a message from Candice, our new parish assistant here at IHM:

Hello IHM Parish Community,

I am very excited to join your community as a Parish Assistant! I am a wife to Elvin, and we have been happily married for 21 years. We have 3 kids, 2 of whom I am homeschooling (11 year-old daughter and 14 year-old son). My eldest daughter, Rain, is in university and she plays for the 4pm Mass here every other Sunday. Everyone in the family is musically inclined, except me. But thank God that my husband has passed on this gene to them! I am part of the 2% of Filipinos who can't carry a tune.

However, I do love teaching, especially teaching the faith and Theology of the Body by Saint Pope John Paul II. My husband and I have been doing this for several years. St. Pope John Paul II is one of our favorite saints!

I also love great movies and great books, and I believe that stories (the True, Good, and Beautiful) can convey truths of our faith in a very powerful way. Everyone in the family shares this love for movies and books, although my kids are more voracious readers than I am.

My family and I also love clean comedy and would highly recommend Catholic comedians Shayne Smith and Jennifer Fulwiler, Tim Hawkins, and Studio C skit comedy.

I would love to meet many of you while working here. So come by and say hi!

Also, please pray for me and the other pilgrims as next weekend we'll be leaving for a pilgrimage to Spain, Portugal and France – seeing Lourdes and Fatima, among other special places!

May Mary watch over you and her Son abundantly bless you,

Fr. Greg Merkley



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

Happy Mother's Day! The Knights will continue our annual tradition of handing out flowers to all the mothers after the services this weekend. May God bless mothers everywhere!

General Meeting—Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30p.m in the parish hall

Yard Sale -Saturday, May 30 from 8a.m to 12Noon. If you have items you wish to donate, **drop off:** 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:

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers!

General Meeting—Tuesday, May 19 beginning with Mass at 7p.m. Followed by meeting in the Parish hall.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

- May 8th** — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
- May 9th** — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- May 9th** — 6:30 PM — Young Adults, Conversatio Christo, All Welcome!
- May 10-17th** — National Family & Life Week
- May 11th** — 6 PM — Chant Mass
- May 11th** — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 11th** — 7 PM — Men's Recollection
- May 12th** — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- May 13th** — 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
- May 14th** — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- May 15th** — 10:30 AM — IHM School Mass
- May 16th** — Speed Dating Event, Parish Hall
- May 16/17th** — Blue Box Collection
- May 16/17th** — Pope's Pastoral Works Collection
- May 18th** — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 19th** — 7 PM — CWL Mass/Meeting
- May 21st** — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- May 23rd** — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- May 24th** — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- May 25th** — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- May 25th** — 7 PM — SSVF Meeting, Meeting Rm 1
- May 26th** — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- May 28th** — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- May 29th** — 1-3 PM Yard Sale Drop Off Day
- May 30th** — 8 AM—12NOON—Parish Yard Sale, back parking lot

STEWARDSHIP - May 2/3, 2026
Thank you for your Generosity!

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$3910.90	\$1436.10	\$115.00	\$269.57	\$2245.00	\$7976.57



SOCIAL ACTION: Next weekend is **BLUE BOX** weekend and your generosity will be much appreciated and is needed if we are going to meet all of the needs of those who come to De Mazenod Door for food and drink.



Upcoming Events to Remember:

Donation Truck: June 13/14 — Back Parking Lot
Next Collection: June 6/7, 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 9 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 National Week for Family and Life Sunday, May 10 to Sunday May 17, 2026, with the theme "I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20) Families are

encouraged to take time during this week to celebrate their families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, and/or share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. This week is an opportunity to uphold the value of life and to live out our calling to love one another within our homes, communities, and the world. Resources can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan website. Watch the video celebrating the week as a family here: National Family and Life Week 2026 (May 10-17) | Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:
Alessandro DiLorenzo

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



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