



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Fr. Gregory Merkley**, Pastor  
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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 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.*

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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 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

## CONFESION 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](mailto:ihmchurch@cogeco.net) (Offering)*  
*We thank you for your generosity & support.*



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Kindly complete the information below and place it in the collection basket.

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All Masses

Confession  
30 mins  
before All  
Masses

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS: January 12-18, 2026

Diocesan Vocation  
Prayer Intentions

MONDAY	9:00 AM	<b>†PETER LAUGHLIN</b> - Giallonardo Family	Rev. Scott Whitfield
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	<b>†JENNIE DOBSON</b> — Walter & Patricia Tymchuk <b>†PETER LE &amp; ANNA NGUYEN</b> — Family <b>SOULS IN PURGATORY</b> <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHERIAN FAMILY</b> <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARIUSZ KOWALCZYK</b> - Jadwiga Zychowicz <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MYRA JUMEAU &amp; GEORGE PIERRE LOUIS</b> — Tony & Bernadette Delville <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JACK RIDDELL</b> —Tony & Bernadette Delville <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF IRYNA PIVEN</b> —Ralph & Mary Fascione <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ISABELLE WILFRED</b>	Rev. Stanley Nwokeji
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	<b>†IRENE KIEFER</b> —Joe Kiefer	Sisters of St. John the Baptist
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	<b>†SARAH TRUDEAU</b> —Giallonardo Family	Rev. Peter Robinson
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	<b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KATHRYN ARNOTT</b> —Ralph & Mary Fascione	Rev. James Petrie
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	<b>†ROBERT BAREY</b> —Henrietta Wasik <b>†FRANCES BOZZO</b> — Tony & Daniela Giannini <b>†ANNA FARR</b> —Daniela Giannini <b>†DOMENICA LEONE</b> —Maria & Palmira Caucci <b>†ALBERT MOCCIO</b> —Filippo Santini & Family <b>†VITTORIA ROCA</b> <b>†MARIA MATTEO RUMMO</b> — Ceridonio Family <b>†BILL NEEDHAM &amp; MARTY RYAN</b> <b>†MARIA TAVARES</b> —Daivd & Anna Arruda & Family <b>†SARA TRINETTI</b> — Family <b>†MIKE VALLORANI</b> — Family <b>SOULS IN PURGATORY</b> —Joe Kiefer <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PETER HOFFBAUER</b> <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANNA STAIRER &amp; FAMILY</b> —Jeannine Falasca	Married Couples
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	<b>†EMIDIO NARDINI</b> — Leo & Rita Santini <b>†STELLA NARDINI</b> —Ralph & Mary Fascione <b>PRO POPULO</b>	



My dear parishioners,

**This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marking the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.** As Jesus enters the waters of the Jordan, He sanctifies them and reveals Himself as the beloved Son of the Father. This

feast invites us to remember our own baptism - when we became God's beloved sons and daughters, called to live in the light of Christ each day. Through baptism, we are called to holiness of life, and to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We do this by following the teachings of Jesus Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic church with fidelity. Do you know someone who isn't baptized? We would love to baptize them, no matter what age!

**I warmly invite you to attend the Bishop's Annual Charity Dinner, a special evening and the first with our new bishop!**

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet him, hear his vision, and support the Church's mission in so many ways. Tickets are \$90 each. I will be going, and I sincerely hope you can join us! Let us know by January 15, 2026.

**This weekend we are also launching something called Flocknote at our parish.** It is a powerful and useful system that allows a priest and pastoral staff to be in even better communication with the parish. Through it, the priest can send messages to particular groups in the parish directly, and can also send out emails (and text messages) directly to the whole parish at any given time, so as to best keep parishioners informed about parish life! It also has lots of other helpful features, but one thing I'm most excited about is the opportunity to send messages directly to the people of our parish myself! Let us know if you have any questions or good ideas on how to use this!

**Thank you to all who have generously offered kind Christmas cards and gifts.** Thank you so much very much for your kind thoughtfulness. I am very blessed to be the pastor here, in such a kind and thoughtful community! May God reward all of you many times over!

**Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and those who serve in our parish.** We look forward to our volunteer appreciation celebration on the evening of January 10th.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly in this sacred season,

Fr. Greg Merkley



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**  
Visit: [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) (Council # 14421)

Happy new year!

Our next meeting is on **January 14** at 7:30p.m. Parish Hall, see you there!  
Membership Fees are due and can be paid at the meeting or by dropping an envelope in the collection basket.

Meet our new Bishop Joseph Dabrowski at the Bishop's Dinner, Saturday, February 14 at Carmen's Banquet Hall, \$90/person.  
Call John vanTroost 289-808-0617 before **January 15, 2026**



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**  
Make a simple resolution to join us in 2026.  
Our First Meeting with the new executive is on **Tuesday, January 20** beginning with Mass at 7pm

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

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup>** — 6:30 PM — Youth Night, Parish Hall  
**Jan 10<sup>th</sup>** — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1  
**Jan 10<sup>th</sup>** — 6:30 PM — Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Hall (RSVP Req'd)  
**Jan 11<sup>th</sup>** — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym  
**Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** — 6 PM — Chant Mass  
**Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall  
**Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** — 7:15 PM — Men's Recollection, Church, Meeting Rm 1  
**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** — 1 PM — Crafter's Group, Parish Hall, No registration req'd  
**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church  
**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>** — 10:30 AM — IHM School Mass  
**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>** — 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall  
**Jan 15<sup>th</sup>** — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall  
**Jan 17/18<sup>th</sup>** — Blue Box Weekend  
**Jan 17<sup>th</sup>** — 6 PM — Young Adults Event, Ice Skating, St. Ann's, Hamilton  
**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall  
**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** — 7 PM — SSVP Meeting  
**Jan 20<sup>th</sup>** — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church  
**Jan 20<sup>th</sup>** — 7 PM — CWL Mass/Meeting  
**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>** — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall  
**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>** — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym  
**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>** — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall  
**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>** — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church  
**Jan 29<sup>th</sup>** — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall



**CRAFTER'S GROUP** will meet on **Tuesday, January 13** from 1-3p.m., in the parish hall. No registration required, all are invited to attend!



**COR MEN'S GROUP** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be this will be on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 AT 8 AM** in the Parish Meeting Room. The theme for our meeting is "Mission of the Family: Healing in the Family" and includes a video and discussion.

**Cor** 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!



**2026 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP:**

Going "Green" email the parish office: [ihmchurch@cogeco.net](mailto:ihmchurch@cogeco.net) or visit: [ihmchurch.ca](http://ihmchurch.ca) for more options. If you don't see a box with your name on it, please let the parish office know!

**TAX RECEIPTS** will be available for pick up at the end of January.

**STEWARDSHIP - JANUARY 3/4, 2026**

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$4,312.80	\$1274.20	\$50.00	\$2,578.77	0	<b>\$8215.77</b>

*Thank you for your Generosity!*

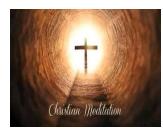


**SOCIAL ACTION:** The number of meals served at DeMazenod Door was 166,989 or a slight increase over last year. Our parish supplied over 8,500 meals and sponsored Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas meals that provided another 1,500 meals. THANK YOU to our wonderful parishioners who helped in many different ways to provide Food & Drink to the poor, working poor, marginalized and homeless in Hamilton - Blue Box donor, volunteer in our parish kitchen, volunteer at the Door, Costco pick up driver, donations in kind, whatever you contributed MANY THANKS. **Next weekend January 17/18 is BLUE BOX weekend** so please be as generous as possible so we can continue to provide those in need in Hamilton. GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU. A special THANK YOU to Gr Greg for his ongoing support and for his prayers.



**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**  
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As we begin this New Year, SSVP offers prayers and best wishes to our parish family. With grateful hearts, we look forward to continuing our mission of serving our neighbours in need with compassion, dignity, and hope. Thank you for your generosity and support. May this New Year bring peace, renewed faith, and many opportunities to serve Christ in one another. **Next Collection: Feb 7/8, 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. "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.



**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

**Ministers of the Word The Diocese of Hamilton** provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. **The cost is \$35 and includes lunch.** **Saturday, January 24, 2026, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/12/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-4/>

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL:** Join the Reel Justice Film Festival **January 22, 7 – 9 PM** for a screening of **PUSH**. Housing prices are skyrocketing in cities around the world. Incomes are not. PUSH examines our increasingly unliveable cities and an escalating crisis that has an effect on us all. Housing is not a commodity, it is a human right. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

**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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