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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 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)

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

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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 One year 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)

We thank you for your generosity & support.



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We welcome you to our Parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Greg.
Kindly complete the information below and place it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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Please check one: Envelopes____ Pre-authorized giving____ (form will be emailed to you)

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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: July 6-12, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTHEW MASLANKA — Walter & Teresa Rzeszotko		Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†WERONIKA WOJTAKOWSKI—Family †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU — Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON PETER HOAN—Giallonardo Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTHEW FASCIONE—Ralph & Mary Fascione FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALBERTO & ILIANA FERNANDES—Theresa Sapra FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RICK LABEL FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LUISA VERTICCHIO IN HONOUR OF ST. JUDE—Mary Agnes		Rev. Ireneusz H. Koziak
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL MASLANKA — Walter & Teresa Rzeszotko		Society of Christ
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†FR. JIRI MACENAYRER— D.B		Very Rev. Tim Uniac
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†PHYLLIS SIEGNER		Rev. Yonas Okubit Ghebru
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†ROSALIE CICCHI — Luch & Anna Antolovich †ALESSANDRO CIRELLA — Mirella Paletta †TOM IVEZIC JR.—Grace Ivezic †DECEASED OF BRYSON & MURRAY FAMILILES —Anne Bryson †MARGARET PATTON — Tony & Daniela Giannini †QUINTO SIMONE—Family †ARTURO TEJEDA & RAMON TEJEDA †WERONIKA WOJTAKOWSKI—Family SOULS PURGATORY— Delville Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG MERKLEY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL BOUCHER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BRAULIO TEJEDA FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KRIS & DANIELA WILK—Bogdan & Margaret IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH—Mary Agnes		Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†GIUSEPPE & ASSUNTA LUCATO — Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF STELLA ROBINSON & FAMILY — Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO		

My dear parishioners,

I’ve just returned back from a very fruitful workshop for priests.

Thank you so much for your prayers while I’ve been away, and for your support of Fr. Ed and Deacon Peter. I am very grateful to them for their wonderful presence and support, and also to all of you for making our parish the amazing faith community that it is!

We plan to have a beautiful parish BBQ on Sunday, August 23rd, at noon after the 11 AM Mass. The barbeque will likely allow both indoor and outdoor seating including the use of our parish hall. Please mark the date on your calendars and join us for a great time! My hope is that this will become an annual parish event that can help bring us together as a parish community. We have so many wonderful people at our parish, and continuing to get to know each other well is part of building up our parish community!

Please plan to join us on Sunday, July 12th at the 4 PM Mass for Fr. Daniel Naim’s first Mass in English! Fr. Daniel lived with us during his seminary formation for his pastoral year, and is very happy to celebrate this special priestly milestone with us. Please join us for the Mass and a special reception in the hall immediately afterward!

If you know anyone interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic, I would be delighted to meet with them! Feel free to let me know or reach out to the parish office, and I’d be happy to chat with them and answer any questions they may have! Our Catholic faith is a beautiful gift, one that is meant to be shared!

Our hearts and prayers are with the people of Venezuela following the devastating earthquakes of June 24. Many families are grieving loved ones, recovering from injuries, and facing the loss of homes and basic necessities.

Pope Leo XIV has called the Church to pray for those suffering and to stand in solidarity with them. As a parish community, we are invited to respond with both prayer and practical generosity.

Until July 14, the Government of Canada is matching individual donations dollar-for-dollar to support humanitarian relief efforts in Venezuela. Every gift can therefore have twice the impact for those in urgent need.

Those who wish to help may donate directly to the Humanitarian Coalition, an established Canadian alliance of leading aid agencies responding to humanitarian crises. Donations are made directly to the organization, which provides tax receipts and oversees the delivery of aid.

Please pray for all those affected: for those who have died, for grieving families, for the injured, for rescue workers, and for all bringing relief and hope.

To donate: <https://www.humanitariancoalition.ca/>

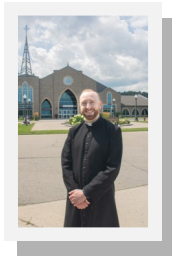
Government matching-fund information:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2026/06/canada-launches-matching-fund-to-support-humanitarian-response-in-venezuela.html>

Pope Leo XIV’s appeal:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-venezuela-appeal-prayers-death-toll.html>

May God richly bless you,
Fr. Greg Merkley





Knights of Columbus: God Bless all our Members, thank you for your support throughout the year. Have a restful Summer.



Catholic Women's League: Thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended, and generously shared food at our 10th Ecumenical Potluck. Your kindness, fellowship, and support helped make it a truly wonderful evening.

As we begin our summer break, we wish you a season filled with rest, joy, and special moments with your loved ones. Please continue to keep our CWL members in your prayers throughout the summer.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, September 15** for our September General Meeting. Until then, may God bless you with a safe, peaceful, and joyful summer!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

July 10th — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
July 11th — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
July 11th — 6:30 PM — Young Adults, Church/Parish Hall
July 11/12th — Missionary Co-op — Fr. Gomi Fernandes
July 12th — 4 PM — Daniel Naim First Mass, Here, Light Reception, Parish Hall
July 13th — 6 PM - Chant Mass
July 13th — 7 PM — Men's Recollection, Meeting Rm 1
July 15th — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
July 22nd — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
July 25/26th — Deacon Peter's Last weekend here, refreshments in gathering space after all the Mass
August 23rd — 12 Noon — Parish BBQ, Sign up sheets coming soon!

Fr. Daniel Naim will be celebrating his First English Mass on Sunday, July 11 at 4p.m. Following the Mass we will have light refreshments in the parish hall. Fr. Daniel has asked for donations to be made in his honour to the Blue Box and SSVP both of our parish. Envelopes will be made available next weekend. We hope you will be able to support Fr. Daniel by attending his First Mass.



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, July 11th at 8AM in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be watching a video on "What Catholics Believe About Original Sin" followed by a discussion and fellowship. The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 8:00 am 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 - June 20/21, 2026

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$4164.50	\$1216.50	\$475.00	\$193.00	0	\$6049.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

Jessie Hemsall

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



Social Action: HAPPY CANADA DAY to all those who contribute to the Blue Box every month, to those who volunteer in our parish kitchen the 3rd and 4th Wednesday each month and to those who drop Most Needed Items in the DMDO bin on a regular basis. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY** of time, money and goods so our parish can meet the increasing needs of all those who come to DeMazenod Door for their Daily Bread.



If you or someone you know is in need of support, please don't hesitate to reach out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are here to help members of our community facing difficult times. All requests are handled with care and confidentiality. **Contact us: 289-799-2314 or by email: ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com. Next Collection: July 4/5,** please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



DIocese of HAMILTON

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT Fr. John Ha, our new **Vocations Director**, invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, August 1st at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

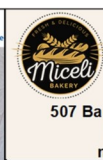
Magnifica Humanitas: On the Protection of Human Dignity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas released publicly on May 25 and focuses on human dignity, ethics, labour, and responsible AI development. As Catholics, we are called to use new technologies wisely, guided by faith, truth, and concern for the common good. You can read this new encyclical here: www.vatican.va

Parenting Tip of The Month: Loving guidance and care for children by parents is a foundational principle of our Catholic teachings. In June we celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose love and care taught us how to live and love in our lives. As summer approaches take some time to relax into the season with purpose. Show how to love by your interactions and activities: pray together daily, attend Mass even when you are away, read together, take time for hiking, have a family games nights, spend time preparing and cooking as a family, etc. Teaching how to love with the heart of Jesus happens through interaction and will help create loving, confident, healthy children.

Marriage Tip of the Month: "Once our hearts welcome the love of Christ in complete trust, and enable its fire to spread in our lives, we become capable of loving others as Christ did, in humility and closeness to all." (Dilexit Nos #203) In June we celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who taught us that we are loved, loved enough for him to accept the Cross for us. This understanding can help to transform us to love in the same meek and intimate ways he did. Our marriage bond will continue to grow as we learn to love more like the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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