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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 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 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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REGISTER WITH OUR PARISH:

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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses		Confession 30 mins before All Masses		SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions	
		MASS INTENTIONS: October 12-18 , 2026					
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	†KATARZYNA MARONSKI — Family CHANT MASS				Rev. Archange Kebe	
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†JOE DELSCHNEIDER —Ralph & Mary Fascione †ANGELA HOFFBAUER — Peter †LAURA MACKISOC — Larry Mackisoc †EMIDIO NARDINI — Family †RITA GONZALES & ARCHIBALD MCNICOLLS — Margaret †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU — Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALBERTO & ILIANA FERNANDES FOR THE INTENTION OF PETER HOFFBAUER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MYRA JUMEAU - Jadwiga Zychowicz FOR THE INTENTIONS OF HOFSTEDE & MARTIN FAMILIES FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BRIAN & JANET PATTON — Larry & Ilaria Paletta FOR THE INTENTIONS OF WALTER & PATRICIA TYMCHUK & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GAIL TYMCHUK & AGNES MORGAN—Walter & Patricia Tymchuk IN THANKSGIVING TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS & THE BLESSED MOTHER FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED—Marisa Ciriello				Rev. Godwin Pinto	
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†JAN & FELIKSA ZYCHOWICZ — Jadwiga				Order of Preachers	
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHARLIE COULTERMAN — Kunkel Family				Rev. Francisco Sordo	
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†DONALD HENDERSON — Giallonardo Family				Rev. Edward Hampson	
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†SALLY BAXA — Sheila & Joe Garcia †BRANKA CEPO — Kunkel Family †ROSALIE CICCCHI — Geri Pezdirc †DONATO IACOZZA — Larry & Ilaria Paletta †EMIDIO NARDINI —Family †ALFREDO & LUIGIA TAM — Luisa Verticchio †RICHARD WALLACE — Family †CHARMAINE WEBSTER — Family †KRISTINA MEROLLI PEERDEMAN & ANTONIO LEDONNE — Tony & Daniela Giannini †MARIO, SILVIA GABRIELE & CATERINA CAUCCI, BRANDON MCINTYRE — Palmira Caucci FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GENEVIVE CALTAGIRONE — Larry & Ilaria Paletta & Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF VERONICA & JAKUB HRYSZKO — Brian & Janet Patton				Rev. John Ha	
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†BRIAN TRUDEAU - Giallonardo Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PAUL & ELVIRA PRESTA & FAMILY PRO POPULO					

My dear parishioners,

Thanksgiving reminds us to renew and deepen our spirit of gratitude for all the countless blessings we often take for granted. Mindful that the word *Eucharist* means “thanksgiving”, we can also renew our sense of how coming to Mass each week is an expression of gratitude towards God. We are grateful, thankful, and blessed to be able to come together and be strengthened by God through His work in the Church. One hour each week really isn’t enough to thank God for all his blessings! May God grant you and your loved ones a very happy Thanksgiving!

Next weekend of October 17th and 18th is “World Mission Sunday”! *World Mission Sunday* is an annual global celebration held on the second-to-last Sunday of October where Catholics unite in prayer and financial support for the Church’s missionary territories. Through a worldwide second collection at Mass, parishioners help fund pastoral care, schools, hospitals, and churches in developing or persecuted areas. *“For World Mission Day 2026, which marks the centenary of a celebration established by Pius XI that is very dear to the Church, I have chosen the theme ‘One in Christ, united in mission.’ Following the Jubilee Year, I wish to encourage the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. This requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust.”*- Pope Leo XIV

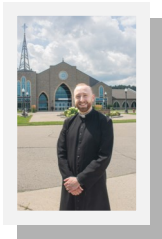
October is the month of the rosary, and in our Diocese, it is also a month of reflection on vocations. As a result, you are encouraged to take up the rosary with even more effort this month, and experience the power of this prayer which is deceptively simple and yet infinitely deep. Even the greatest spiritual masters cannot fully unpack the power and depth of the rosary. If you are looking for something to pray for, please consider offering prayers for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, as well as for me and for our parish, so that God’s will may be done perfectly in all of us with the help of Mary our Heavenly Mother!

Beginning October 11th, our parish will begin offering Children’s Liturgy of the Word, a program during Mass for young people. For now, it will start at the 11 AM Sunday Mass, and be offered for children aged 4 to 8 years old - I understand this is about the age range that is common in our Diocese. Children younger than 4 may join with a parent. Children attending the program must be able to go to the washroom by themselves, or be accompanied by a parent. While our wonderful and well-trained volunteers are properly screened according to the Diocese’s guidelines, I understand that taking the children to the washroom is not something they are allowed to do at this time. The children will be called forth near the beginning of the Mass, and then go to meeting room 1 for an age-appropriate opportunity to reflect on the Word of God and apply it to their lives (the program is not daycare). They will return to their families around the time of the apostle’s creed and the petitions, and remain with them for the rest of the Mass. Please let us know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions so that we can continue to work to make this program the best it can be!

The schedule of our monthly chant Mass will be changing from Mondays to the third Sunday of the month at 4 PM. Having prayed about this and discerned it with the help of spiritual direction, I feel this is a healthier and more balanced approach to when we offer the monthly chant Mass. This means that Sunday on which the chant Mass lands will include more singing of the Mass than usual - anyone who has been to a chant Mass before will know what to expect! Our last regularly scheduled *Monday chant Mass* is *October 12th*, at 6 PM. Please let me know if you have any questions at all!

We are hoping to start a group for mothers in our parish, so please share your feedback with the survey located in the other part of the bulletin, to help us find the best ways to support the moms in our community!

May God bless you abundantly,
Fr. Greg Merkley





Knights of Columbus: General Meeting: Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30p.m in the Parish Hall.



Catholic Women's League: IHM CWL Marian Retreat: Friday, October 30, 2026, following 9 a.m. Mass.

Christmas Bazaar: November 20 & 21, 2026. Interested in volunteering, email cwlihmppresident@gmail.com or sign up using the sheet in the gathering space.

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 @ 8pm Parish Hall

Membership dues \$45. Payment accepted by e-transfer:

cwlwinona@gmail.com, cash or cheque. **Contact President, Lucia**

Marchionda for more information cwlihmppresident@gmail.com

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

September 23-November 1 - 7AM—7 PM – 40 days for Life Prayer Vigil, Main St & Broadway, Hamilton (Hamilton Right to Life)

October 9th—6:30 PM—Youth Group (Parish Hall)

October 10th— 8 AM—COR Men's Group (Mtg Rm 1)

October 10th— 6:30 PM—Young Adults (St. Francis Xavier Parish)

October 11th— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Church/Mtg Rm 1)

October 12th— 6 PM—Chant Mass

October 13th— 1-3 PM—Crafter's Group (Parish Hall)

October 13th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)

October 14th—7:15 PM—The Search Program (Mtg Rm 1)

October 14th—7:35 PM—Knights of Columbus Meeting (Parish Hall)

October 15th—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)

October 17th—8 AM—Our Lady of Victory Pilgrimage (see Bulletin Board)

October 19th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)

October 17/18th— World Mission Sunday Collection

October 17/18th— Blue Box Collection

October 18th— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Church/Mtg Rm 1)

October 19th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)

October 19th—7 PM—SSVP Meeting (Mtg Rm 1)

October 20th—7 PM—CWL Meeting (Church/Parish Hall)

October 20th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)

October 21st—9 AM—DeMazenod Door Cooking Team (Parish Hall)

October 21st—7:15 PM—The Search Program (Mtg Rm 1)

October 22nd—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)

October 23rd—10:30 AM—IHM School Mass

October 24th— 8 AM—COR Men's Group (Mtg Rm 1)

October 25th— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Church/Mtg Rm 1)

October 25th—2 PM—Family Catechism (IHM School Gym)

October 26th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)

October 27th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)

October 28th—7:15 PM—The Search Program (Mtg Rm 1)

October 28th—9 AM—DeMazenod Door Cooking Team (Parish Hall)

October 29th—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)

October 30th—9 AM—CWL Retreat (Church, Parish Hall)

November 2th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)

November 3th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)

November 4th—7:15 PM—The Search Program (Mtg Rm 1)

November 5th—7:30 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall) *Note Time*



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, October 10 at 8 AM in the

Parish Meeting Room. We will be watching the fifth video in a series by Dr. Brant Pitre, "Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Session 5 - The Kingdom of God and the Messiah", followed by a discussion and fellowship. The purpose of our group is to prayerfully explore our Catholic Faith over coffee and donuts. All men of the parish are welcome!



Social Action: Next weekend is **BLUE BOX weekend (October 17/18)** and your generosity will be very much appreciated. As mentioned previously, the cost of food is increasing as are the number of people coming to De Mazenod Door so your donations are needed so we can continue the mission to Feed the Hungry and give Drink to the Thirsty to all who come to DE MAZENOD DOOR. Thank you and God Bless.



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: November 7/8,** please make cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

Can You Spare A Few Hours A Month To Help People In Need? Consider Volunteering at our SSVP Thrift Store. Everyone is welcome! Email Rita: ritassvphamilton@gmail.com. Watch this short video for more info <https://ssvphamiltonnpc.org/store/>



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Preparing for World Mission Sunday: "The invitation is for all peoples" Isaiah sees a feast the Lord prepares "for all peoples" (Is 25:6). In the Gospel the king sends servants to the highways so that the wedding hall may be filled (Mt 22:1-14). Mission is that invitation carried to every nation. **Next Sunday is the 100th World Mission Sunday (October 17/18).** Please plan to pray for missionaries and to support the second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which aids young Churches in more than 1,100 mission territories.



No matter how much you are hurting, no marriage is beyond hope. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, there is RETROUVAILLE! The next weekend is October 16-18. The best kept secret for helping marriages. **For more information call 905-664-5212 or email: hamilton@helpourmarriage.org.**



We want to start a Catholic Moms Group here at IHM to minister to moms from all walks of life. We know how important it is to have an authentically Catholic

community for moms, as life can sometimes be isolating. However, we need your help to ensure we are able to serve you the best way possible. Please take the time to fill out a survey form that will be on one of the tables in our gathering space or by using this link or QR code: <https://bit.ly/4hq8GxD>



Attention Lectors: A new Lector's schedule is coming out soon so if you would like to be a Lector please send an email to: larry.mackisoc@live.ca The schedule covers the next 4 months and you would be reading every 3 or 4 weeks.

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Stewardship - October 3/4, 2026

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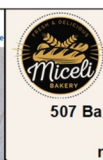
PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK

Pamela Steele

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



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