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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 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

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We thank you for your generosity & support.



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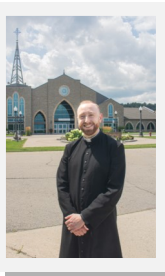
MASS INTENTIONS: April 6-12, 2026

Rosary
30 mins before
All Masses

Confession
30 mins before
All Masses

Diocesan Vocation
Prayer Intentions

| MONDAY | 9:00 AM | †MARIA MUI— Family | Rev. Andrew Quarshie |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| TUESDAY | 7:00 PM | †EDWARD & HAZEL ADOLPHE - Family †JUDY & WINNIEBALD DSOUZA—Family †MILÉ IVEZIC — Grace Ivezic †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family †QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMICK — Matteo Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SIVKAMI MURUGAN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THERESA SAPRA—Brian & Janet Patton FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DINA FASCIONE-VITELLO - Ralph & Mary Fascione FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JADWIGA ZYCHOWICZ | Rev. Ronald Voisin |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 AM | FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTEO ZAREK—Walter & Teresa Rzesotko | Jesuit Fathers |
| THURSDAY | 9:00 AM | FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTHEW ZYCHOWICZ—Jadwiga Zychowicz | Rev. George Nowak |
| FRIDAY | 9:00 AM | †SIENO, ADA & ROBERT GRAZIANI—Family | Rev. Richard Dordunu |
| SATURDAY | 5:00 PM | †EDWARD & HAZEL ADOLPHE - Family †JOE CAUCCI & DECEASED OF FORLINI & CAUCCI FAMILIES—Palmira & Family †MICHELE CIARMOLI—Laura Therriault †RENO CORTIULA—Family †SETTIMIO DELUCA—IHM School Staff †ADELINA DICROCE — Ada Di Iorio †ALIPO GOMES — Catheine & Lucilla †THOMAS FLANAGAN—Larry & Ilaria Paletta †HOWARD JOFFE — Wekerle Family †DAVID & SOPHIE COLTERMAN, FRANK & ELEANOR KUNKEL— Kunkel Family †JOSÉ & MARIA TAVARES—David & Anna Arruda †EMIDIO TIRABASSI—Family †MARIA TONELLOTO—Romeo & Cindy Andreatta †QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SIVAKAMI MURUGAN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHRISTINA ONDRISKA | Rev. Donald Sanvido |
| SUNDAY | 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM | †BREANNA ROLO—Family †FRANCES BOZZO — Family PRO POPULO | |



My dear parishioners,

Wishing all of you and your loved ones a very happy

Easter! Easter is a time to celebrate the greatest victory in human history – that of Jesus Christ over sin and death. It is a time where we reflect on how Christ has not given death the last word, but rather by dying He overcame death itself. Through the Sacraments and our prayer life, we are united with Christ, and insofar as we are united with Him, we have hope to rise with Him one day to eternal life. What a comfort and consolation this is to countless people in difficult situations. How can you let the light bursting forth from the empty tomb shine in your life, and into the lives of others?

Thank you to all the many volunteers who have helped put in countless hours of work to make our Holy Week celebrations so beautiful and special.

Thank you to those who cleaned the Church, to our music ministers, altar servers, lectors, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, as well as those who decorated the Church and have helped in countless other ways! May the Lord reward you for every good work!

Thank you also to those who donated Easter flowers in memory of loved ones – your generosity is a testament to the love we share for all those who have gone before us as well as the hope we have in the Risen Christ who has triumphed over death!

The Divine Mercy novena is a beautiful set of prayers for 9 days that begins on Good Friday and ends in preparation for the second Sunday of Easter. I encourage you to learn more about this novena, and we will provide copies for you so that you can pray it, as I will be too! There are some powerful

promises from Jesus for those who express their devotion to the Divine Mercy, which includes the Divine Mercy image, hour, chaplet, and Divine Mercy Sunday which we will especially celebrate as we have in past years.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we'll have 1:30 PM exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, a talk at 2:45 PM by yours truly on the Divine Mercy, and then at 3 PM pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet before solemnly venerating the Divine Mercy Image and offering benediction (that is, a blessing with the Most Holy Eucharist). After that, 3:30 PM confessions as usual will continue before the 4 PM Mass!

Peter, our seminarian who has been staying with us to discern formation for the priesthood, has a message for you:

"Dear parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Thank you so much for the wonderful time I have experienced with you here. Since I have arrived, so many have been kind and supportive, and I know many of you have been praying for me as I discern God's will for my life. Having found this time living at the parish very helpful for my discernment, at this time I have decided not to apply for the seminary this upcoming year. That said, I am seriously considering consecrated life, and am exploring possible religious communities to join. I ask your continued prayers and thank you for your friendship. As a result of my decision not to apply for seminary with the Diocese of Hamilton this year, my time living here at the parish will end on or before Monday, April 13th. Nevertheless, I look forward to celebrating Holy Week with you. I also hope to continue to see you even after I have moved out. Thank you - this time has been a great blessing to me, and I will not forget it!" Let's pray for Peter, and on April 7th at 7:45 PM we'll have a small reception for him!

May God bless you abundantly,
Fr. Greg Merkley



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

Food Drive - thank you to everyone who contributed to the food drive this Easter, supporting our brothers and sisters in need!

The Knights of Columbus wishes all the members of our parish a **Happy Easter!**

Family of the Month - Johnstone family - Congratulations to Adam, Jennifer and Ewan, in recognition of your participation in church life and your commitment to raise a family in the teachings of the Catholic Church. At their request, our Council will make a donation to the Sisters of the Poor. Thank you for all that you do for our parish, the Church, and the community!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

2026 Memberships: \$45; E-transfer: cwlwinona@gmail.com

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HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

- Apr 2nd — 7 PM — Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Eucharistic Adoration Chapel closes at 11 PM Holy Thursday until Easter Monday at 10 AM
- Apr 3rd 11 AM — Good Friday Liturgy, Family
- Apr 3rd — 3 PM — Good Friday Liturgy
- Apr 3rd — Needs of the Church in the Holy Land Collection
- Apr 4th — 12 Noon Blessing of Easter Food
- Apr 4th — 8 PM — Easter Vigil Mass (No Mass earlier this day)

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

- Apr 4/5th — SSVP Collection
- Apr 7th — 7:45 PM — Goodbye for Seminarian Peter
- Apr 7th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Apr 8th — 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
- Apr 9th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Apr 10th — 6:30 PM — Youth Group, Parish Hall
- Apr 11th — 5 PM — Mass for New Catholics, Cathedral of Christ the King
- Apr 12th — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- Apr 12th — 1:30 PM — Divine Mercy Sunday, Church
- Apr 13th — 6 PM — Chant Mass
- Apr 13th — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- Apr 13th — 7 PM — Men's Recollection, Meeting Rm 1
- Apr 14th — 1-3 PM — Crafter's Group, Parish Hall
- Apr 14th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Apr 15th — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
- Apr 16th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Apr 18/19th — Blue Box Collection
- Apr 19th — 11 AM — St. Gabriel, First Holy Communion
- Apr 20th — 6:30 PM — Card Group
- Apr 21st — 7 PM — CWL Meeting
- Apr 21st — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Apr 22nd — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
- Apr 23rd — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Apr 24th — 10:30 AM — IHM School Mass
- Apr 25/26th — SSVP Lottery Ticket Sale

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STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 28/29, 2026

Thank you for your Generosity!

TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up in the gathering space.



SOCIAL ACTION: To all our Blue Box donors, kitchen volunteers and Costco drivers we wish you a very Happy and Holy Easter. May the Peace of our risen Jesus Christ be with you and your family.



Upcoming Events to Remember:

SSVP Lottery Sales at the Parish: April 25/26
Donation Truck, June 13/14

Next Collection: April 4/5, please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



Men's Street Ministry is looking for donations of used Tim Horton cup holder trays. The trays are used to hold drinks, soup and sandwiches for those who live on the streets. They can be left in the hallway across from the meeting rooms.



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 Parish Improvement Team is committed to working with Father Greg to help make our parish an even more welcoming and vibrant place. You may have noticed the new Suggestion Box in the Gathering Space. We invite you to share your ideas, suggestions, or any questions you may have.

The Team meets regularly to prayerfully review all submissions. **THANK YOU** to those who have already submitted - we appreciate your thoughts and questions. If you choose to include your contact information, a member of the Parish Improvement Team will be happy to follow up with you.



There will be no meeting of the Cor Men's Group on Saturday, April 11th. Instead, we will be attending a Men's Retreat at St. Pius X Church in Brantford. The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, April 25th at 8:00am in the Parish Meeting Room. We are continuing the newest "Into the Breach" video series called

"The Dignity of Work". The third of five episodes is titled "Work Life and Family Life" 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 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the

Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

Rosalie Cicchi

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

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