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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)

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

Call/Email the Parish Office.

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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)

We thank you for your generosity & support.



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ADDRESS: _____

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30 mins before
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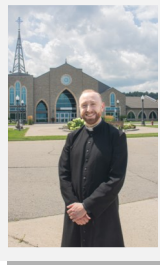
Confession
30 mins before
All Masses

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS: March 22-29, 2026

Diocesan Vocation
Prayer Intentions

MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TERESA RZESZOTKO—Walter	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†EDWARD & HAZEL ADOLPHE - Family †GABRIEL CAUCCI — Family †GERRI GRZOSEK - Jadwiga Zychowicz †ALOIS KIEFER—Joe Kiefer †A DECEASED SOUL —Vesna †PETER LE & ANNA NGUYEN — Family †ANTONIO PICCIRILLO— John & Christina Usyk †QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Maria Simone SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JAKE BLAIS - Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE DELVILLE FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMICK —Matteo Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KAITLYN KIMEDA— Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SIVKAMI MURUGAN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JADWIGA ZYCHOWICZ —Theresa Sapra FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE RCIA CANDIDATES OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	The Annunciation of the Lord
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	DECEASED OF THE ALAMPI & ATTARD FAMILIES	Rev. Lajos Angyal
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	SPECIAL INTENTION TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†EDWARD & HAZEL ADOLPHE - Family †GINO ALESSI —Giacomo Ferrara †DIANNE AMOR — Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli †RENO & LEONARDO CORTIULA —Family †EMIDIO NARDINI – Josie, Chris, Megan & Emily Stevens †ANTONIETTA PACENZA - Family †MIKE VALLORANI —Family †QUINTO SIMONE & WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLITS — Maria Simone SOULS IN PURGATORY— Wekerle & Braun Families IN THANKSGIVING—Marconato & Noseworthy Families FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BRAD FOR THE INTENTIONS OF VINCE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANA & UROSH ALEKSIC—Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PETER HOFFBAUER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CLAIRE MACKNESS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SIVKAMI MURUGAN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MIRELLA PALETTA—Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF EDWARD & DANIEL SZYDLOWSKI—Family	Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE MARY †ANTONIO & GIOVANNA LOPRESTI PRO POPULO	



My dear parishioners,

This weekend I'll be visiting our seminarians at St. Peter's seminary.

A seminarian is someone studying to be a priest, and since we have a shortage of priests, it is very important for us to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Each of us has a *vocation*, a

“calling” from God. For some, that is priesthood, for some, consecrated life (e.g. a nun, sister, monk, brother, etc.), and for others their vocation might include marriage. Some men are also called the permanent diaconate. Every one of us however shares the same *primary vocation*, that is, *holiness*. We are all called to be holy – that is, united with God and seeking to do what He wants for us. He loves us, and knows what is best for us. Have you asked God to guide you to live your vocation to the full? We often call priesthood, marriage, and the other possible callings a *secondary vocation*, whereas *holiness* is the *primary vocation* of all. Holiness isn't just for priests or nuns, but for every single person called in Christ to love God with all

our heart, mind, soul and strength. Please pray for our seminarians that they may become good, holy priests who will reflect the mind and heart of Christ, and help draw all people to fulfill their primary vocation of holiness!

The *Divine Mercy Novena* is a beautiful set of prayers that begins on Good Friday, and continues until the Sunday after Easter which is called “Divine Mercy Sunday.”

Just like last year, we will make copies of this beautiful novena available, and also celebrate Divine Mercy here with adoration, confessions, and other elements of the celebration, according to how Jesus requested the day be celebrated in His instructions to St. Faustina. I encourage you to learn more about St. Faustina, the Divine Mercy Devotion, the Divine Mercy novena, and Divine Mercy Sunday!

May God bless you abundantly,
Fr. Greg Merkley



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

Catholic Men's Retreat (for all men) at St. Pius X, Brantford, April 10 & 11. Retreat leader Fr. Paul Pearson; Topic: "Come, Ring out your joy to the Lord". Email glk14421@ontariokofc.ca for more details or to carpool.

Lenten Food Drive - non-perishable goods will be collected **March 21-29** in the gathering space. Thank you for your generous support!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Easter Bake Sale: Saturday, March 28, Sunday March 29, after all the Masses in Meeting Room 1

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

- Mar 20th — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross
- Mar 21/22nd — Share Lent Collection
- Mar 21/22nd — Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ selling Religious Articles
- Mar 23rd — 7 PM—SSVP Meeting, Mtg Rm 1
- Mar 23rd — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 24th — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Mar 25th — 9 AM — DeMazenod Cooking Group, Parish Hall
- Mar 26th — 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
- Mar 27th — 7 PM — Stations of the Cross
- Mar 28th — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Mar 28/29th — Palm Sunday
- Mar 28/29th — CWL Easter Bake Sale, Meeting Rm 1
- Mar 30th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall

EASTER LITURGIES

- Apr 2nd — 7 PM — **Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper**
(No Morning Mass is permitted in parishes)
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)**
- Apr 5th — **9 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM —Easter Sunday Masses**

- Mar 31st — 8 PM — Meditation Group, Church
- Apr 6th — 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
- 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 — 8 AM — COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1
- Apr 11th — 6 PM — Young Adults, Church, Parish Hall
- Apr 12th — 2 PM — Family Catechism, IHM School Gym
- Apr 12th — 2 PM — Divine Mercy Sunday, Church

Stewardship - MARCH 14/15, 2026

Thank you for your Generosity!

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
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TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up in the gathering space. Please note: If you made donations on Canada Helps, you can download your receipt off the site.



Memorial Easter Flowers: Once again this year we will have Easter Flowers available for a donation of \$30 in memory of your deceased loved ones. Donations can be made in person or e-transfer: ihmchurch@cogeco.net.

Please include the name of your loved one so we may post the names on the Sanctuary, Bulletin and Shrine. **The deadline is Friday, March 27.**



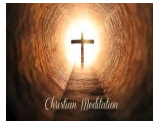
Shepherd's Pie, 5 double trays of Roasted veggies, 8 trays of garden salad and close to 300 fruit cups. In addition, we purchased 6 large cans of ground coffee, 6 large cans of creamer and 6 large containers of Hot Chocolate mix, enough to last almost one week. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS.

SOCIAL ACTION: Thank you to all who donated to the Blue Box last weekend. We are blessed to have so many parishioners who support the work that we do here and the number of people who love the meals we cook. Last Wednesday we made 25 trays of



Tax receipts have now been mailed to all those who donated in 2025. We are deeply grateful for your generous support, which allows us to continue serving our neighbours in need with compassion and hope. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community.

Next Collection: April 4/5, 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, March 28th at 8:00am in the Parish Meeting Room. We are continuing the newest "Into the Breach" video series called "The Dignity of Work". The second of five episodes is titled "Work and Holiness" 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

Lenten Film Screening: Triumph of the Heart: The Passion of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Register now for a special Lenten screening of the acclaimed film **TRIUMPH OF THE HEART - THE PASSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE** on

Wednesday, March 25 at Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre, Peller Hall (Theatre). Advance tickets only. Triumph of the Heart is a feature film about St. Maximilian Kolbe and his companions' triumph over the darkness of Auschwitz. Suggested PG13. Tickets \$16.95 and all proceeds go to "Restoring the Beauty of St. Ann" Ancaster Campaign. Visit dunnmedia.ca/triumph to register. Limited number of complimentary tickets for clergy and students. More about the movie at triumphoftheheart.com. For any other inquiries, please contact us at production.dunnmedia@gmail.com.



Novena for the Unborn: As we approach the Feast of the Annunciation, how can you say YES to life like Mary did? This year let's all pray this novena - Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Child (by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen). **The**

prayers are said for nine months – from March 25 thru December 25. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Pray one decade of the Rosary. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us. Amen. For more information on how you can help with pro-life issues, visit our website Hamiltonrighttolife.org or call 905-528-3065.

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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