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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)

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

Call/Email the Parish Office.

SCHOOLS

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905-523-2468

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905-528-7988 ext. 2341
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

ihmchurch@cogeco.net

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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 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

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)
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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, AUGUST 31, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: September 1-7, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	†PIETRO & GABRIELLA PAN — Lucato Family	Rev. Jeff Bergsma
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†ADELE GRANATA, GREGORY COLTERMAN - Kunkel Family †JERRY CZERWENIEC †IRENE CEMENTI —Cathy Scattolon †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU - Family †GEMMA STANLEY-THORNE - Family HEALING/DEDICATION FOR BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG	Our Parish Community
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHAD RIDDELL & FAMILY — Tony & Bernadette Delville	Rev. Michael Anderson
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS — Jadwiga Zychowicz	Rev. Patrick Ohl
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†JENNIFER ARRUDA AGUIAR & MARIA GRACE FERREIRA †ANGELA ASSETTINO — Ferrante Family †RENO CORTIULA — Family †DAVID HABERMAS - Nancy †SERGIO SCATTOLON — Family †NICOLE VERWOLF — Rita Santini FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MANNY & TINA ATTARD	Rev. Mario Fernando Cabal Muriel
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†CARLA PUGLIA RIBEIRO — Tony & Daniela Giannini †EMIDIO TIRABASSI - Family PRO POPULO	



My Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we are blessed to have Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) and world expert on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, come and speak after Masses the weekend of August 30th and 31st.

Alex will briefly share stories of people being pressured into MAID as well as the upcoming legislation (2027) to allow MAID for mental illness. As disciples of Jesus who follow a Biblical worldview, we believe that each and every human life is sacred, and therefore we wish to protect vulnerable persons from the pressure to end their own lives. As a result, I am personally pledging to match at least \$1,000 to help support this organization and the great works they do. If you'd like to help with this cause, there will be envelopes attached to the August 30-31 bulletin.

This weekend and on Tuesday, September 2nd, we will be blessed to have a relic of Blessed Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus (the world's largest Catholic organization for men). The relic will be present for all Masses this weekend and on Tuesday, and for 30 minutes after each of these Masses. There will also be a special holy hour of prayer this Sunday (August 31st) from 3-4 PM, where anyone can bring their prayers for the sick, anyone in distress, and any personal intentions and ask Blessed Michael McGivney to intercede for those needs! This is a great opportunity to bring your special intentions to God through the intercession of this holy priest!

Thank you to our peach festival committee and volunteers for a superbly successful participation in this year's Winona Peach Festival!

Our parish's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program will begin on September 30th - if you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about becoming Catholic, we would absolutely love to hear from them! Questions are always welcome, and I love meeting with anyone with questions about our faith or becoming Catholic!

On September 20th, our parish will be very blessed to have a special presentation from Nestor Buendia (Lay Oblates of Divine Mercy) about the Divine Mercy Devotion given to the Church through St. Faustina and St. Pope John Paul II. I am very pleased that this is being offered at our parish, and I strongly encourage anyone who is able to attend this very informative day. Many Catholics still do not know much about St. Faustina, a Polish nun from the 1930s to whom Jesus revealed many things. St. Pope John Paul II said that canonizing her and spreading the devotion to the Divine Mercy was the greatest event of his life. You can also learn more about this by watching Fr. Michael Gaitley's "Divine Mercy" on www.formed.org. It is an incredible part of our faith in the last 100 years. Please try your best to come to this event and learn more! Come for whatever portion of the day you can, and the event begins with a special Mass at 9 AM!

I previously shared how I really enjoyed watching the film *Permission* by Kevin Dunn about Fr. Bob Bedard - and I now have very good news! On September 24th at 7 PM, we will have a screening of the film where Kevin Dunn himself and other priests will join us. Please join us for this film, it is powerful and will help you to welcome God even more deeply into your life!

A reminder that our chant Masses will become monthly at the end of August, and coincide with our monthly men's recollection evenings; our next monthly chant Mass dates are September 15th, October 13th, November 10th, and December 15th. (These are the correct dates!)

Please note that the Diocesan young adults' jubilee year pilgrimage is on September 27th (which I'll be going on too), and the 40 days for life program begins September 24th.

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley

UPCOMING EVENTS: See next page for all our exciting events!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

GOLF TOURNAMENT: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14! \$160/

Golfer at South Brook Golf & Country Club Shot Gun Start: 1p.m Rain or Shine. Includes: lunch, green fees, cart, dinner, door prizes and lots of fun! Start putting your 4somes together!

Email: Guy, leafan299@gmail.com; Al, GK14421@ontariokofc.ca; ihmchurch@cogeco.net

Enjoy a Safe & Restful Summer!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

OUR FIRST MEETING in the fall will be **September 23**. It will be our tree dedication and memorial mass. All ladies invited.



PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Will break for the summer and start up again on Thursday, September 11 at 7p.m.



CHOSEN - Season 4 — Saturdays at 6:15p.m.
Meeting Room 1, Join us!



PARISH PEACH FESTIVAL NEWS: Thank you to everyone who supported our booth/parish by purchasing items! We are so blessed by our Parish Community!

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

Sept 8th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
Sept 10th - 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus meeting, Parish Hall
Sept 11th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
Sept 12th - 6:30 PM—Youth Group, Parish Hall
Sept 13th - 6:15 PM—Young Adults Night, Church/Parish Hall
Sept 14th - 1 PM — Parish Golf Tournament, Southbrook (Book Now!)

Sept 15th - 6 PM—Chant Mass/Men's Recollection
Sept 15th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
Sept 15th - 7 PM —SSVP Meeting, Meeting Room 1
Sept 18th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
Sept 20th - 9 AM-3:30 PM — Divine Mercy Presentation Church/Hall
Sept 20/21 - Blue Box Collection Weekend
Sept 21st - 3-7 PM— Live Music for Life Concert By 40 days for life Hamilton
Sept 23rd - 7 PM - CWL Meeting/Tree Dedication
Sept 24th - 7 PM Permission by Kevin Dunn about Fr. Bob Bedard, Parish Hall
Sept 27th - The Diocesan Young Adults' Jubilee Year Pilgrimage
Sept 24th - 40 Days For Life Program
Sept 30th - 7:45 PM - RCIA begins



TELL ALL SOULS ABOUT MY MERCY: Divine Mercy Presentation: **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 9AM**, followed by presentation in our parish hall ending at 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please see the bulletin board for more information.



JOIN US FOR MUSIC FOR LIFE CONCERT

hosted by 40 days for life for an evening of amazing music at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, September 21st from 3-7pm!** Get ready to groove to the beats of local talented Catholic artists. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to support live music and have a blast with friends and

family. There will be pizza, games and a silent auction. Suggested Admission is \$5 and kids under 12 are FREE! Pay cash at the door or register ahead to save your families spot at bit.ly/musicaforlifebit.ly/musicaforlife



SOCIAL ACTION: Summer is almost finished so let's hope for a real nice Fall. Over the summer months we continued to supply meals to DeMazenod Door through the generosity of those who contributed to the Blue Box and we **THANK YOU**. As well, our volunteers came in 2 Wednesdays a month, as they

always do throughout the year, to prepare and cook the meals for those in need at DeMazenod Door and again we say a big **THANK YOU**. God has blessed this parish through the many gifts that parishioners do to give to support those in need. Your kindness and generosity is wonderful to see: **FAITH** put into **ACTION**



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION MEETING: will break for the summer and **will resume Tuesday October 7 at 8pm** in the church."



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DESIGNER PURSE BINGO! FRIDAY OCTOBER 3,

2025 @ St. Naum's Banquet Hall, 1150 Stone Church Rd. E. Doors Open: 4:30p.m. Regular Ticket: \$55 Includes: Bingo cards, dabber, door prize

ticket, buffet dinner and Cash Bar. VIP Ticket \$75—email for list of extras! 2 Grand Prize Games: Jimmy Choo & Prada. For more information or to order tickets-email: pursebingoforssvp@gmail.com



WE HAVE VERY EXCITING NEWS - A RELIC OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, is coming to Immaculate Heart of Mary **this weekend! (August 30/31)** All parishioners and their families are invited to venerate with the Blessed Michael McGivney Relic and **pray for healing**. The Relic will be made available for veneration for 30 minutes after each of the following masses, and there will be notes to write your intentions and place them in the box provided, and also prayer cards.

The times/dates are as follows: **Saturday August 30th** at 5:00pm; **Sunday August 31st** at 9:00am, 11:00am, Holy Hour at 3:00pm, and 4:00pm; **Tuesday September 2nd** at 7:00pm - this will be a healing/dedication Mass for Blessed Father Michael McGivney. Take advantage of this special opportunity to pray for healing of yourself or your loved ones.

STEWARDSHIP AUGUST 23/24 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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