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Tuesday to Thursday

9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.

Friday

9:30a.m-12:30p.m

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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)

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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 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.

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: August 18-24, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF WILL ARMSTRONG — Walter & Teresa Rzesotko *****		
	6:00 PM	CHANTED MASS Rev. Vernon Boyd		
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†GAVIN DESILVA - L.H †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU - Family SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RACHEL DAVIDSON—Matteo Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARIE GIALONARDO FOR THE GRACE OF CONVERSION OF GODMOTHER & GRANDCHILDREN—Grace Rev. Eric Jensen		
WEDNESDAY	NOTE TIME 7:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE PARISHIONERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ		
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†JAMES MACRI—Angela & Family Rev. William Clarke		
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†DECEASED OF THE JACONELLI & WADDICK FAMILIES The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†PETER BARBERA — Carol McIntosh †ADA CIPRIETTI †ANGELO GIANREGORIO —Marcella Ciardelli & Family †FERNANDO MACIEL—Donna & Family †PIOTR SZYDLOWSKI — Family †MIKE & CRISTINA TIMBERIO — Family †DOUGLAS TOWNSEND — Kathleen Whyte †DANUTA ZDEBSKA — Bogdan & Margaret Wilk FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TYLER & HANAH PECKHAM & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ROSEMARY TRATCH—Falasca Family Rev. Dirk Dunfee		
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†DECEASED OF THE ATTARD & ALAMPI FAMILIES — Manny & Tina †BRUNO BORTOLOTTI — Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO		



My Dear Parishioners,

The Peach Festival is next weekend! (August 22-24) We are still looking for volunteers to help at the festival. Please see one of our committee members after Mass or email the committee, as the e-mail address is in the bulletin. If you did sign up, please see our committee

members after Mass to pick up your festival lanyard.

Thank you to the Peach Festival Committee and everyone who has signed up to help!

I will be away briefly with other priests on vacation from August 17th to the 21st. Please note that on Wednesday, August 20th, Mass will be at 7 PM in the evening rather than the usual 9 AM in the morning. Other than that, our usual confessions and Mass schedule will not be different! Thank you to the priests who are covering for me while I am away!

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!

It will be a privilege for our parish 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 we wish to protect vulnerable persons from the pressure to end their own lives. Therefore, 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.

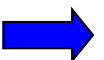
I previously shared how I really enjoyed watching the film *Permission* by Kevin Dunn about Fr. Bob Bedard - and I now have very good news! On September 24th at 7 PM, we will have a screening of the film where Kevin Dunn himself and other priests will join us. Please join us for this film, it is powerful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

Some other neat upcoming events are the special goodbye celebration for seminarians Giuseppe and Salvatore (August 16th after the 5 PM Mass), the Diocesan young adults' jubilee year pilgrimage (September 27th, 2025) which I'll be going on as well, and the 40 days for life program (begins September 24th, 2025).

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

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Enjoy a Safe & Restful Summer!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Wishing you a Restful Summer! See you in the Fall!



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!



READ, WRITE, MATH WITH ART CAMP: SK to Gr 6

This camp focuses on reading, writing, and math using art and inquiry based on learning!

CAMP DATE & TIME: August 18-22 9AM to 12:30 PM

at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Register: daniella.albano123abc@gmail.com

Cost: \$175 per student/week



PARISH PEACH FESTIVAL NEWS: The Peach Festival is around the corner and we will be looking for volunteers to help with food prep at the parish, set up and serving at the festival. **If you would still like to help at the Festival, please email us: ihmpeachfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com**

If you signed up, you will need to pick up your lanyards this weekend (August 16/17)

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

Aug 15th 7 PM - Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Aug 16/17th - Blue Box Collection Weekend

August 16th - Following 5PM Mass — Our special goodbye celebration for seminarians Giuseppe and Salvatore

Aug 16th - 6:15 PM - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1

Aug 18th - 22nd - 9 AM-12:30 PM - Read, Write, Math, Art Camp, Mtg Rm 1

Aug 18th - 21st - Peach Festival Prep Week

Aug 22nd-24th - Peach Festival, Winona Park, stop by our Booth!

Aug 23rd - 6:15 PM - Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1

Aug 27th - 9 AM - IHM/Demazenod Door Cooking Team, Parish Hall

Aug 30/31 - Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Appeal, Alex Schadenberg

Sept 8th - 7:15 PM - Men's Recollection

Sept 14th - 1 PM — Parish Golf Tournament, Southbrook (Book Now!)

Sept 15th - 7 PM —SSVP Meeting, Meeting Room 1

Sept 20th - 9 AM-3:30 PM— Divine Mercy Presentation Church/Hall

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



MISSION CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM 2025 — We sincerely thank you for your participation in our 2025 Diocesan Mission Co-operative Program, **Your remittance of \$2535 on behalf of the Mission Group from the Missionary Sisters of Mary Mother of the Church, Uganda is gratefully**

acknowledged. The continuing generosity and interest shown by you and by your parish community in the mission work of our Universal Church are very much appreciated.



SOCIAL ACTION: BLUE BOX weekend (August

16/17) is this weekend and as always we count on your support so IHM Parish can continue to cook meals for those less fortunate. The guests who come to DeMazenod Door for their "Daily Bread"

love the meals that our volunteers cook for them

every month. This is only possible due to your generosity and your kindness to those who need our help. Thank you and GOD BLESS



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



WHEN LIFE CHANGES – HAS SOMEONE YOU CARED ABOUT

DIED? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese offers two six-week grief programs for your support. Part one will be offered later in the fall and registration will be up soon. For those who have taken part one, the second part of the program will be offered from **September 10 to October 15, 2025**, from 7:00-8:30pm, at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West.in Hamilton. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look under upcoming events on the home page.



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.



EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION: It will be a privilege for our parish 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

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DESIGNER PURSE BINGO! FRIDAY OCTOBER 3,

2025 @ St. Naum's Banquet Hall, 1150 Stone Church Rd. E. Doors Open: 4:30 p.m. Regular Ticket: \$55.00 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

STEWARDSHIP TOTALS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Date 2025	Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized	Total
July 27	\$3228.30	\$991.70	0	\$279.86	0	\$4499.86
August 3	\$3183.05	\$905.95	\$25	\$717.68	\$2055.00	\$6886.68
August 10	\$3317.40	\$837.60	\$95	\$578.17	0	\$4828.17



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