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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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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

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- REGISTER WITH OUR PARISH:

ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: September 15-21, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions	
9:00 AM MONDAY		FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARISA CIRIELLO - Jadwiga	Rev. Phillip Cook	
	6:00 PM	CHANT MASS — MEN'S RECOLLECTION		
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†GORDON CUNNINGHAM - Walter & Patricia Tymchuk †ELISA & MARIO DIMARTINO — Family †JOHN IVEZIC - Family †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU - Family	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka	
		†DECEASED OF ANTOLINI, GIGLIOTTI, CARLESSO FAMILIES SOULS IN PURGATORY— L & L Groen FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GRACE & JANUSZ		
		FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE BARTOLOTTI, GROEN, JAMES & THOMSON FAMILIES FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE RESIDENCE OF ORCHARD TERRACE - Alberto Fernandez IN THANKSGIVING TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY & ST. JOSEPH FOR GRACES & BLESSINGS RECEIVED — S & A Henriques		
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†GIUSEPPE & ASSUNTA LUCATO — Lucato Family	Missionary Sisters of Christ the King	
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†DECEASED OF ATTARD & ALAMPI FAMILIES - Manny & Tina	Rev. Kevin D'Souza	
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. PETER JURZYK - Jadwiga	Rev. Piotr Golinski	
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†SANDRA BAMBER - Lillian Cortiula †RAFFAELE CARUSO— Family †PASQUALE D'ANGELO — Jim & Michele McCarthy †DANNY FIORILLO & MARY HICKS - Tony & Daniela Giannini †DAVID HABERMAS — Nancy †ANGELO GIANGREGORIO — Mary Agnes Auer	Rev. Rafal Tomon	
		†SARA SANTINI — Filippo, Maddalena & Remo Santini & Family †MIKE VALLORANI—Family †FLORA FACCHINI—VERTICCHIO - Luisa Verticchio		
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	TRICHARD BROWN — Robertson-Schneider Family TLOUIS ZURINI - Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

Saint Carlo Acutis designed an exhibit that would display Church-approved Eucharistic miracles of the world throughout history – and a large part of this exhibit is in our gathering space at this present time! Please feel encouraged to look around and read the displays, exploring what Saint Carlo Acutis designed and arranged, so as to learn about the many miraculous ways that God has confirmed the importance of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is

Jesus Himself, and so many of the miracles show this in fantastic ways. Saint Carlo Acutis' research and arrangement of all of this into an easier method to share with countless people is part of what made him a saint! Don't miss out on reading each one of the displays, with the information Saint Carlo put together!

This weekend we welcome the *Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ* who will be selling religious items which will support their ministries to those in need on the street!

As fall approaches, many ministries in our parish prepare to begin again! I want to encourage you to learn more about what activities take place in our parish, and which ones you can get involved in! I propose that to fully develop our faith, as important as it is to merely attend Mass each weekend, we should also really strive to be involved in at least one ministry or additional activity in the parish. Please take a look at our events and stay tuned, asking the Holy Spirit what He is inviting you be a part of!

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 now we will be blessed to have it at our parish! On September 24th at 7 PM, we will have a screening of the film where Kevin Dunn himself and other priests will join us. <u>Please join us for this film</u>, it is powerful and will help you to welcome God even more deeply into your life! Considering inviting your friends and family to this wonderful event!

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) **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

Wednesday, October 8 at 7:30p.m in the parish hall.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

OUR FIRST MEETING in the fall will be September 23. It will be our Memorial Mass and Tree Dedication. Beginning at 7p.m. All ladies invited.



PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP Thursdays beginning at 7p.m. in the Parish hall



CHOSEN - Season 5 — SEPTEMBER 20 at 6:15p.m. Meeting Room 1. No Chosen on September 13.

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

Sept 12th - 6:30 PM—Youth Group, Parish Hall

Sept 13/14th—Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ—Rosary Sale

Sept 13th - NO CHOSEN, Season 5, starts Sept 20!

Sept 13th - 6:15 PM—Young Adults Night, Church/Parish Hall

Sept 14th - **1 PM** — Parish Golf Tournament, Southbrook

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 2

Sept 18th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

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

Sept 20th/21st - Blue Box Collection Weekend

Sept 20th - 6:15 PM—Chosen Season 5, Meeting Rm 1

Sept 21st - 3-7 PM— Music for Life Concert By 40 days for Life, Parish hall

Sept 22nd - 6:30 PM - Card Group, Parish Hall

Sept 23rd - 7 PM - CWL Mass/Tree Dedication/Meeting

Sept 24th - 7 PM Permission by Kevin Dunn about Fr. Bob Bedard, Parish Hall

Sept 24th - 40 Days For Life Program

Sept 25th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

Sept 26th - 12Noon — St. Gabriel School Mass

Sept 26th - 10:30 AM — IHM School Mass

Sept 27th - The Diocesan Young Adults' Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

Sept 28th - **2 PM** — Family Catechism at IHM School

Sept 30th - 7:45 PM - RCIA begins

Oct 1st —1 PM - Planning For the Future, Smith's Funeral Home, Parish Hall

Oct 2nd - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

Oct 4th/5th - SSVP Collection Weekend

Oct 4th - 6:15 PM—Chosen Season 5, Meeting Rm 1

Oct 6th - 6:30 PM – Card Group, Parish Hall

Oct 7th - 7:45 PM - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1

Oct 7th - 8 PM - Meditation, Church

Oct 8th - 7:30 PM—Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall

Oct 6th - 6:30 PM – Card Group, Parish Hall

Oct 7th - 7:45 PM - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 9AM, tickets-email: pursebingoforssvp@gmail.com followed by presentation in our parish hall ending at 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please see the bulletin board for information.



JOIN US FOR A FREE SCREENING OF KEVIN DUNN'S NEW DOCUDRAMA FILM PERMISSION: FR. BOB BEDARD'S VISION FOR THE CHURCH on September 24 at 7PM at our Parish. Following in the footsteps of Fr. Patrick Peyton and Venerable Fulton Sheen, the late Fr. Robert Bedard, founder of the Companions of the Cross order, emerges as a modern-day hero of the Catholic Church and

priesthood. Affectionately known to thousands—perhaps millions—around the globe as "Fr. Bob," his life of holiness, passion, and his cause for canonization might soon be opened. Produced by DunnMedia in association with the Companions of the Cross.



SOCIAL ACTION: Next weekend (Sept 20/21) is BLUE **BOX** weekend. Please be as generous as your heart desires. There are many people hoping for your continued support of our parish's effort to feed the many people who come daily to DeMazenod Door. **GOD BLESS YOU!**



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION MEETING: will resume Tuesday, October 7 at 8pm in the church.



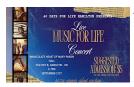
BISHOP CROSBY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION—His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the 50th anniversary with the Eucharist on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall following Mass. All are welcome.

JUBILEE MULTICULTURAL MASS: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown (715 Centre Rd) is hosting the Diocesan Jubilee Multicultural Mass on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 3:00pm. This vibrant celebration embraces the rich cultural diversity that enriches our diocesan community. The Mass will feature prayers, readings, and hymns proclaimed in multiple languages including Spanish, Polish, Italian, Vietnamese, Korean, and others, reflecting the many cultures united in faith. Following the Mass, join us for a reception featuring cultural foods and entertainment from various communities. This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, fellowship, and joyful celebration of our shared faith.



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 Retrouvaille weekend is October 17-19, 2025. For

more information call 905-664-5212 or email: 1013r@helpourmarriage.org or to register visit www.retrouvaille.org.



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 21 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



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 TELL ALL SOULS ABOUT MY MERCY: Divine Mercy Presentation: Grand Prize Games: Jimmy Choo & Prada. For more information or to order

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