



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

**FR. GREGORY MERKLEY**, Pastor  
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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.

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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.*

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## 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)

We thank you for your generosity & support.



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## ✂----- REGISTER WITH OUR PARISH:

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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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Bulletin yes/no \_\_\_\_\_

ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025</b> <b>MASS INTENTIONS: September 29-October 5, 2025</b>		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL KUNKEL—Kunkel Family		Rev. Ignatius Saiki
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†FR. HAMISH CURRIE—Giallonardo Family †LINA FORTINO - Scott, Anna & Alex Duffield †MERVIN JOBITY - Family †PAULINA, BOB, JADWIGA MORAWSKI— Grace & Janusz †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU - Family †FR. EUGENE PIETRASIK & SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARIA SCATTOLON & DOREEN ZAMPERIN—Jadwiga FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PATRICK		Rev. Emmanuel Azike
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†DECEASED OF BROZOVICH FAMILY		Felician Franciscan Sisters
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†ARMANDO BERALDO & SANTO DIDONÉ — Lucato Family		Rev. Romelito Guillen
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS		Rev. Thomas Manninezath
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†JENNIFER ARRUDA AQUIAR & MARIA GRACE FERREIRA †ANGELA ASSETTINO —McConnville Family †RENO, ANGELINA & LEONARDO CORTIULA - Lillian & Family †MARIA FIDANZA — Family †DECEASED OF HABERMAS FAMILY — Nancy D †ALBERT MARRONE - Grace Ivezic †JOAN MARTINELLO — Pat Black & Family †ALLAN MURRAY - Anne Bryson †LARRY PALETTA SR— Family †MARTY RYAN & BILL NEEDHAM †EMIDIO TIRABASSI — Family †NINO VERTICCHIO - Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF NANCY BERTOVIĆ — Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GIACOMO PALETTA IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY		Rev. Grayson Hope
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†MSGR ROGER FORMOSI—Tony & Daniela Giannini FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG — Marek & Teresa Kazimierski PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

**Our parish is blessed to be the home of a new Society of St. Vincent de Paul chapter!** I am very grateful to all who have helped make this happen, and I am very excited for all the good this will do in our parish and community. Do you want to help those in our own community who need a helping hand and some loving encouragement? Get involved! Our first collection to support their work

for those in our community will take place next weekend. (October 4/5)

**The annual *Life Chain* event is next Sunday, October 5 from 2:30-3:30 PM.** The location is Highway 8 (Queenston Rd. East) at Gray Road, (parking at Stoney Creek Shopping Plaza). I plan to show my face and be there the time I can make it!

**The blessing of pets takes place this year on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM – bring any animals you’d like to be blessed!** “Can I bring my pet to get blessed again?” Of course! “Is really any pet able to be blessed?” Yup!

**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 30<sup>th</sup> - 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!

**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!

**Please note that the Diocesan young adults’ jubilee year pilgrimage is on September 27<sup>th</sup> (which I’ll be going on too), and the 40 days for life program began September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

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](http://kofc.org/join) (Council # 14421)

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH:** The Knights of Columbus will be recognizing one family a month for their dedication to the Catholic Faith, including regular church participation and charitable works. This is not a competition, but rather a celebration of a few of the many deserving families in the parish. This recognition will not be limited to members of the Knights, though there may be some overlap. As a "THANK YOU" to the family, our Council will donate \$300 to a charity of the family's choosing, which will be identified at an upcoming mass. Thank you to all who choose to raise their families in the Church! **THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER IS THE MALVASO FAMILY.** Al, Michelle, Jordan and Ethan are actively involved in several church ministries throughout the year, and are most deserving of this recognition. Congratulations, and thank you for your wonder example of a Catholic family at IHM.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

**COFFEE SUNDAY:** this weekend (Sept 28) join us in the gathering space after the 9a.m. & 11a. m Masses.

**APPLE CRISP ORDERS** Sept 27/28, Oct 4/5 order your crisp for pick on Thanksgiving weekend! \$25 each!

## UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

**Sept 27/28<sup>th</sup>**— Apple Crisp Orders, Gathering Space all Masses  
**Sept 27<sup>th</sup>** - The Diocesan Young Adults' Jubilee Year Pilgrimage  
**Sept 27<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM**—Chosen Season 5, Meeting Rm 1  
**Sept 28<sup>th</sup> - 2 PM** — Family Catechism at IHM School  
**Sept 28<sup>th</sup> - 9 & 11 AM** — Coffee Sunday  
**Sept 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:45 PM** - RCIA begins  
**Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1 PM** - Planning For the Future, Smith's Funeral Home, Mtg Rm 1  
**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7 PM** — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall  
**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM** — Blessing of Pets, outside front of church, all pets welcome  
**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>** - SSVP Collection Weekend  
**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM**—Chosen Season 5, Meeting Rm 1  
**Oct 5<sup>th</sup> - 2:30-3:30 PM** Life Chain, Hwy 8 & Grays Rd  
**Oct 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM** — Card Group, Parish Hall  
**Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:45 PM** - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1  
**Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - 8 PM** - Meditation, Church  
**Oct 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 PM**—Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall  
**Oct 8<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM**—Activate, Meeting Rm 1  
**Oct 9<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM** — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall  
**Oct 10<sup>th</sup> -6:30 PM**—Youth Group, Parish Hall  
**Oct 11<sup>th</sup> -7:30-9 AM**—Cor Men's Group First Meeting, Mtg Rm 1  
**Oct 11<sup>th</sup> -6:15 PM**—Young Adults, Church/Parish Hall  
**Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Chosen—Season 5, Meeting Rm 1  
**Oct 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM** — Card Group, Parish Hall  
**Oct 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM**—Chant Mass & Men's Recollection, Church, Mtg Rm 1  
**Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - 1-3 PM** - Crafting Class, Parish Hall, please register  
**Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:45 PM** - RCIA, Meeting Rm 1  
**Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - 8 PM** - Meditation, Church  
**Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM**—IHM/DeMazenod Door Cooking Team, Parish Hall  
**Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM**—Activate, Meeting Rm 1  
**Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM** — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall  
**Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM**—IHM School Mass  
**Oct 17<sup>th</sup> -7 PM**—Ask Fr. Night, Parish hall  
**Oct 18/19<sup>th</sup>** - Blue Box Collection Weekend  
**Oct 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Chosen—Season 5, Meeting Rm 1



**BLESSING OF PETS:** You are invited to bring your family pets to the church outside, **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 at 10a.m.** Invite friends and family with pets to join us!

NEW



Cor

**THE COR MEN'S GROUP** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will be starting up on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 7:30AM IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM.** We are planning on meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 7:30am to 9:00am. The purpose of Cor is to prayerfully explore our Catholic Faith. All men of the parish are welcome. Coffee and donuts will be served.



**SOCIAL ACTION: THANK YOU** to all who donated to the BLUE BOX last weekend. It is much appreciated by all those who come to DeMazenod Door to be given food and drink.



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



**LIFE CHAIN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, FROM 2:30-3:30PM:**  
Hwy 20 (Centennial Pkwy) at Hwy 8 (Queenston Rd. East), (parking at Eastgate Square); Hwy 8 (Queenston Rd. East) at Gray Road, (parking at Stoney Creek Shopping Plaza).  
Join the thousands across the globe to witness to the

sanctity of all human life peacefully and prayerfully. Your presence can save lives and change the hearts and minds of those who still believe that abortion is healthcare. Show up at one of the locations below for one hour to stand on the sidewalk with others who are not ashamed to publicly witness to their pro-life beliefs. We will provide you with a non-graphic Life Chain sign to hold, and you may pray silently for an end to abortion and for those affected by it. If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Louise Kunkel at 905-664-1871.



**RETRouvaille:** Is your marriage struggling? Think you've tried it all? Think it's hopeless? Think he/she can't or won't change? There is help and hope that is totally different than counseling, there's **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](http://www.retrouvaille.org).



**SSVP provides confidential help for individuals and families in need.** Assistance is available to those living within our parish boundaries. **If you or someone you know could benefit, please contact:**

[ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com](mailto:ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com). We are dedicated to serving our neighbours with faith, compassion, and respect. **First collection October 4/5**



**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE — DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?** We will be sharing information about Funerals and planning ahead. What your family is responsible for when someone passes away. How you can help them to make it easier. You are invited to attend an information session on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 beginning at 1p.m. in MEETING ROOM 1.** This event is sponsored by Smith's Funeral Home and guest speaker, Sarah Sunnucks. Bring your questions!



**DEAR PARISHIONERS:** You raised over **\$1942** in support of promoting respect for human life from conception to natural death. Thank you for your generosity!

## STEWARDSHIP SEPTEMBER 20/21, 2025

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
\$4270.75	\$909.25	\$50.00	\$199.44	\$2905.00	\$8334.44

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

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

**CHOSEN - Season 5 at 6:15p.m.** Meeting Room 1.





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