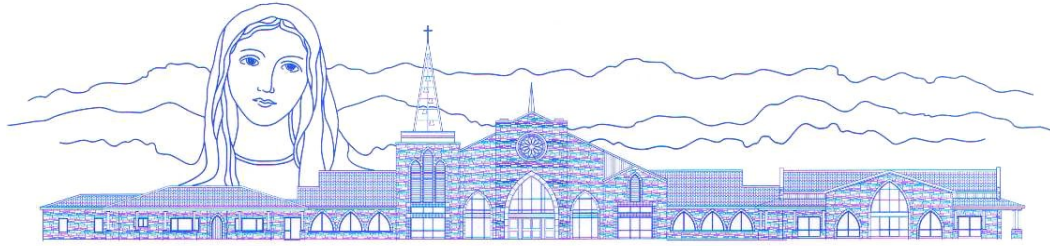


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## ***Our Parish's Vision Statement:***

*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.*

**FR. WILLIAM TRUSZ**

**SEMINARIAN INTERN:** Daniel Naim

**PASTORAL ASSISTANT:** Ilaria Paletta

**YOUTH MINISTER:** Billie Filice

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: SUMMER HOURS**

**Tuesday to Thursday 9:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.**

Closed: Monday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

**WEEKEND MASSES: SATURDAY 5:00p.m;**

**SUNDAY 9:00a.m; 11:00a.m; (4:00p.m Sept-June)**

**CONFESSIONS:**

Tuesday 6-7p.m; Saturday 3:45-4:45p.m

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Monday & Tuesday: 10a.m. - Midnight;

Wednesday: 10a.m. to Saturday 9a.m.

**BAPTISMS:** Please call the Parish office to book.

*Prep 1st Sunday of month (Sept-June)*

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Speak with Fr. Bill

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** 11AM.Mass - JK to Grade 2 only. (Sept to June)

**HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS:** Please call the Parish Office

**VOCATIONS:** Rev. M. King 905-528-7988 ext. 2246  
visit: [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

**SCHOOLS:** Immaculate Heart of Mary 905-523-2332  
St. Gabriel's 905-523-2468

**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.

**HEALING VIGILS:**

3rd Friday of Each Month from 7-9p.m. (Sept to June)

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:**

Tuesday evenings 8pm in the church (Sept-June)

**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:**

Tuesday evenings 6:30p.m. followed by Mass

**CHOIRS:**

**Music Ministry Director:** Teresa DiFalco

Ken Bates (Tuesday 7p.m);

Marisa Giarmoli (11a.m. Youth Gr 3-)

Teresa DiFalco(5p.m); Luigi Visocchi (11a.m. All Ages)

**ELECTRONIC BULLETIN:** Email: [ihmchurch@cogeco.net](mailto:ihmchurch@cogeco.net)

**SOCIAL MEDIA:**  Immaculate-Heart-of-Mary-Parish



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**KEEP THIS PRAYER & RECITE EACH DAY:**

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.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:**

We welcome you and your family to our Parish, please introduce yourself to Fr. Bill.

To register with our Parish; kindly complete the following and place it in the collection basket.

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**Envelopes are available from January to June only and will be in the sacristy the weekend after your registration is received by the parish office. Thank you**

# SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019

**MASS INTENTIONS ~ AUGUST 25-31, 2019**  
~Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish~

**Diocesan Vocation  
Prayer Intention**

MONDAY	9:00A.M	† GIUSEPPE MAIOLO—Family	Rev. Robert Hetu
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	† ALBERT MARRONE—Family † MARY BOICH, BLAZ PERIN—Pavic Family	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR IHM PEACH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Jesuit Fathers
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	† JAIME OCHOA—Family † DARRELL & TIM MCDERMOTT—Mary Agnes & Frank Auer	Rev. Piotr Machnacki
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	† JOSEPH & ILSE ALTONDORFER—Silvia & Valerio DeFaveri	Rev. Mark Gatto
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	† RINA & GETULIO BALDELLI—Ivana † STEFANIA & JOSEPH BURY—Family † ROSINA DOMANICO - Agata Domanico & Mary Cortese † FRANK SETTIMI—Romeo & Cindy Andreatta † NIKKOLAS SIENNA - Emidio & Irma Tirabassi † DORIS WEST—Kathleen Whyte † DOMINIC FOX & CHARLES DOWNEY SPECIAL INTENTION FOR IVANA BALDELLI	Rev. Ross Campbell



## DEAR FELLOW PARISHIONERS;

The readings for the next three Sundays lend themselves to profitable reflection on spiritual growth. Beginning with last Sunday's second reading—a passage from the great Letter to the Hebrews—we are exhorted to see our faith as a call to participation in a life-long race. We are meant to be "athletes for the Lord."

The time-honoured way of understanding this in our Catholic tradition is to see our spiritual growth in *three stages, three "laps" around the race track, so to speak*. The first lap has been called the **"Purgative" stage**. It is purgative because in this phase God's spirit urges us to take seriously—perhaps for the first time—the negative affects of sin in our lives. The Spirit spurs us on to "lay aside the sin that clings to us so closely."

The second stage of spiritual growth has been called the **"Illuminative" stage**. We have entered into a personal relationship with Jesus. We have become intentional disciples. Our minds are illuminated by the knowledge of Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and we are spurred to share the light of that knowledge with others.

In the third stage the Spirit moves us to unite ourselves with Christ's sufferings in order to share in his resurrection. For this reason this third phase has been called the **"Unitive" phase**.

Last Sunday we were on the first lap. We have looked at the Purgative Stage. This Sunday, we will run the second lap as we reflect on the Illuminative stage. On the third, and last, Sunday we will consider the Unitive stage, which is the "final sprint."

**Are you ready to run the race? To the finish line?**

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**More excerpts from Sister Briegen McKenna's book, "Miracles Do Happen."** Enjoy! Obedience is not something that smothers people. Obedience frees people. It is not something that weakens people; it empowers them. Obedience ennobles the body of a community. The authority of a superior rests in the community. Consider the story of the centurion. He said Jesus didn't have to go to where his servant boy was to heal him. All Jesus had to do was command that the boy be healed and he would be healed. He told Jesus, "I, too, am a man under authority. And when I say come, they come; when I say go, they go.

Speak but the word and my serving boy shall be healed." (Mt 8:8-9) The centurion realized that when he was in obedience to the emperor, he had the emperor's authority. He could do many things in the name of the emperor. So it was with Jesus. Because Jesus, as a human being, was totally committed to and obedient to the Father, he had the Father's power. He could heal. He could bring the dead to life. He could give sight to the blind and cure lepers and the lame. Nothing was impossible to Jesus, because through obedience, he was vested with the full power and authority of the Father. So it is with Christians who obey the Lord. That is why the Lord can preach, teach, heal, comfort, and admonish through his people—because the Church is obedient to the Lord. If Christians truly believe what Jesus taught, they will obey the Church, because the Church has the very authority of Jesus to pastor, guide, and govern the Christians of the world. The same is true for married people. There must be mutual respect and love in a marriage. Every Christian marriage has mission to make Jesus present in the world. Husband and wife must constantly check their individual inspirations with the other, to protect the unity, the vision, the impact of their love on society and on the Church. We celebrate faith by being faithful. There is no other way. Exercising our faith is a celebration of it. When people are in love, they marry, and the union of their spirits and bodies, they celebrate love. We have faith, and we celebrate that faith by clinging to it, with love and commitment, to the object of that faith, Jesus the Lord. For Jesus, the ultimate word of love is his cross. For us, the ultimate word of love for Jesus is doing his will, regardless of the cost, which is often for us, a cross.

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**RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**— will begin in October, if you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, we invite you to call the parish office **905-643-1637** or email: **ihmchurch@cogeco.net**.



**COMMUNION AT THE PEW:** Are you unable to walk to the front to receive the Eucharist? Please let our ushers know when you come to mass and they will make sure Fr. Bill comes to you.



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Check our website from time to time to find out what is happening starting in September.

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**FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTRY—**

We will begin our Confirmation preparation classes on **Sunday, September 15 for 4 weeks**, the sessions are 9a.m to Noon or 2:30p.m. to 5p.m. **If you are interested in**



**helping out, please contact Billie at ihm youth@cogeco.net**

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**N.E.T MINISTRIES—**On OCTOBER 5 a group of young adults will be arriving in our parish to minister to our Grade 7 Confirmandi & their parents and a retreat for our Grade 8 students. **Part of making our retreats possible is providing a place for our missionaries to spend the night, as well as any needed meals for the time they'll be with you. Most commonly, parishes and schools seek volunteer families in the community to take in 2-12 missionaries. This is a tremendous gift to us! Our missionaries seek to be a gift in return in getting to know the family, helping out around the house, sharing their faith, and inviting them to pray together. If you are able to provide a place to stay for our missionaries for 3 nights, please email Billie at ihm youth@cogeco.net.**

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**CONTEMPORARY 4P.M. MASS—JOIN US ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 FOR OUR WELCOME BACK MASS & POTLUCK!** The day begins with mass and ends with fellowship in the parish hall. **Bring your family and friends and your favourite dish to share!**



**SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY** - Thank you to all parishioners who donated last weekend to The BLUE BOX. Even though our donations drop in the summer months due to vacations we still collected sufficient funds to carry on our mission to feed the poor of Hamilton. Next week our second group of volunteers will be cooking another meal in our kitchen for The DeMazenod Door. Thank you to those who donate money and those who donate time to this very worthwhile mission. May God continue to bless you.



**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** Group meditation on Tuesday evenings will resume in September. If you are looking for a quiet peaceful place to mediate may I suggest you visit the Adoration Chapel. Why not mediate in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



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**STOP BY OUR PEACH FESTIVAL BOOTH THIS WEEKEND!** We have a variety of delicious food for anyone who's hungry! Sausage on a bun; Meatball sub, Pasta & Meatballs, Peach Cobbler, Espresso, Iced Coffee and Free Smiles!

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**Thank you** to our Peach Festival Committee for all their hardwork in preparing for this busy weekend! Thank you to all our volunteers who helped with all the preparations!



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE—THANK YOU TO ALL THE LADIES WHO HAVE COME OUT FOR OUR CRAFTING SESSIONS!** We will pick up again in

September, please check the bulletin for dates.

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**HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT ACTIVELY SERVING AT MASS?** If this is something you have been praying about, you may attend the following Formation dates:

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; St. Augustine Parish, Dundas

**If you would like to register, please call or email the parish office 905-643-1637; ihmchurch@cogeco.net**

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**HELPING THE HOMELESS:** In line with the spring/summer cleaning that many of us do ... We want to do a summer drive, looking for the following: 1) **Men's Running shoes, good condition, no rips please, sizes 6 to 14;** 2) men's t-shirts; 3)men's shorts; 4) men's track pants; 5) Spring jackets; 6) long sleeve t-shirts. **More importantly is they are in need of canned tuna and mayo for the men to eat. For more information, please contact Ann-Marie Schneider 905-643-4701 ext #1 , please drop them off in the gathering space.**



**EUCHRE MONDAYS!** The Immaculate Heart of Mary Euchre Club will begin on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 7P.M. IN OUR LARGE MEETING ROOM.** Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship for \$3. Everyone is Welcome!!!

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

**1st Reading:** Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

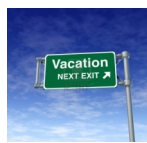
**Gospel:** Luke 14:1, 7-14



**STEWARDSHIP — AUGUST 18, 2019 — \$6174.00**

The foundation of stewardship is a generous heart. Please note on the 15th & 30th of each month the pre-authorized figures are included.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**



**LOOKING FOR A SUMMER VACATION SPOT?** Book some time in our Eucharistic Chapel. This place is quiet, the company is refreshing and the blessings are unbelievable! We ask you to take a challenge and stop in for just 10mins once a week to start!



**PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be on Summer Hour schedule from July 1, until September 3. Please check the front of the bulletin for hours.**



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