



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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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

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<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

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**VISIT:** [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

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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](mailto:ihmchurch@cogeco.net) (Offering)

We thank you for your generosity & support.



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## ✂----- REGISTER WITH OUR PARISH:

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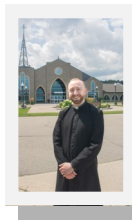
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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025</b> <b>MASS INTENTIONS: August 4-10, 2025</b>		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:00 AM  6:00 PM	<b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARIE GIALONARDO</b> ***** <b>CHANTED MASS</b>		Rev. Hayden Starczala
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 PM	<b>†PETER NGUYEN &amp; MARIA VI</b> - Family <b>†MARTY RYAN</b> - Alberto & Iliana Fernandez <b>†GUNI SAPRA</b> <b>SOULS IN PURGATORY</b> — Joe Kiefer <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MICHELE BLAIS</b> - Walter & Patricia Tymchuk <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALBERTO &amp; ILIANA FERNANDEZ</b> <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF IRA YSABELLE SAGARINO</b> —Theresa Sapra <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THERESA SAPRA</b> <b>FOR PRESERVING THE DEPOSIT OF FAITH, UNSPOILED BY HERESY AMONG THE SHEPHERDS OF THE HOLY CHURCH</b>		Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 AM	<b>†EDWARD ADOLPHE</b> — Family		The Transfiguration of the Lord
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 AM	<b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KATHRYN ARNOTT</b>		Chancery Staff
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:00 AM	<b>DECEASED OF DELVILLE &amp; PINSONNEAULT FAMILIES</b> — Tony & Bernadette		Rev. Robert Hétu
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:00 PM	<b>†JOSEPH CARLOS MATTINA</b> —Mary Anilowski <b>†PIERINA SANTINI</b> — Vince & Sara Santini <b>SOULS IN PURGATORY</b> <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THERESA BENNETT</b> <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JULIE GABRIELE</b> — WWP Sisters <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LUCIA MARCHIONDA</b> <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MR DAN PEREIRA</b> — Johanna Martin <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOHN &amp; ADELE VANTROOST</b>		Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	<b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALFREDO &amp; ARLENE DOMINGOS &amp; FAMILY</b> <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALICIA VUKOVIC</b> - Ralph & Mary Fascione <b>PRO POPULO</b>		



My dear parishioners,

**On September 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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.

**Here's a wonderful message for you from our summer student Rain:** Hi, I'm Rain Tolentino, the summer student working at Immaculate Heart of Mary! I am also the musician for the Sunday, 4:00pm Mass every other week. I'm going into my second year at McMaster University, studying Molecular Biology & Genetics and pursuing a minor in Music. It has been such a blessing to work with Fr. Greg, Ilaria, as well as the many dedicated volunteers at the parish. So far, I've been helping clean out the storage rooms, fixing up the walls and repainting them, making posters and signs for the church, organizing documents, and covering for the office while Ilaria is away on vacation. I love

working in the church because it's a comfort that Jesus is in this building with me. Working in His house has helped me to reflect on the sanctification of work, as I carry out a variety of tasks each day that contribute to the parish. Thank you, Fr. Greg, Ilaria, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary community for the warm welcome I've received the past few weeks in my time here! Please continue to pray for me as I spend the rest of my summer here, and ultimately that it continues to help me grow in holiness. God bless you!

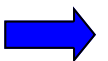
**I previously shared how I really enjoyed watching the film *Permission* by Kevin Dunn about Fr. Bob Bedard - and I now have very good news!** On September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, we will have a screening of the film where Kevin Dunn himself and other priests will join us. [Please join us for this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

**As the Winona Peach Festival approaches, please be generous in signing up and helping to continue our parish's involvement in this annual community event!**

**Formed.org is a great resource, which our parish has a subscription to.** I encourage you to sign up for [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), and explore the incredible content there! They have great reflections, movies, documentaries, kids' shows, and much more!

May God bless you,  
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)

**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:**  
**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.  
**We will begin prepping the week of August 18-24 including the Festival days.**

**SIGN UP SHEETS ARE OUT! CHECK THEM OUT!**

**You can now email us: ihmpeachfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com**

#### Upcoming Events (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

**Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Chosen Season 4, Meeting Rm 1  
**Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1-7 PM** - Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage Day @ Basilica Of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph  
**Aug 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Young Adults, Church/Parish Hall  
**Aug 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Chosen Season 4, Meeting Rm 1  
**Aug 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:15 PM** - Men's Recollection  
**Aug 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Celebration for Seminarians Giuseppe and Salvatore  
**Aug 17/18<sup>th</sup>** - Blue Box Collection Weekend  
**Aug 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Chosen Season 4, Meeting Rm 1  
**Aug 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - 11 AM - 2 PM** - Read, Write, Math, Art Camp, Mtg Rm 1  
**Aug 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** - Peach Festival Prep  
**Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>** - Peach Festival, Winona Park  
**Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:15 PM** - Chosen Season 4, Meeting Rm 1  
**Aug 27<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM** - IHM/Demazenod Door Cooking Team, Parish Hall  
**Aug 30/31** - The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Appeal  
**Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM** — Parish Golf Tournament, Southbrook (Book Now!)  
**Sept 15<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM** —SSVP Meeting  
**Sept 20<sup>th</sup> —** Divine Mercy Presentation  
**Sept 24<sup>th</sup> —** Permission Film Screening



**PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS UNTIL AUGUST 29, 2025.**  
**We will be open Tues to Thurs 9:30AM-4:30PM**



**SOCIAL ACTION:** Thank you to all who support IHM's initiative to feed the homeless, poor, working poor and marginalized of Hamilton who come daily to DeMazenod Door. GOD BLESS YOU



**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](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under upcoming events on the home page.

**JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE DAY THE OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY** is excited to welcome young people in grades 7-12 to join us for a Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage Day on August 3rd, 2025 hosted at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The pilgrimage day will run from 1:00pm – 7:00pm. Those interested in attending are encouraged to register with a parish group! For more information and to register please visit: <https://bit.ly/youthpilgrimage2025>

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** Our children learn from their parents and family, more than from any other source. They are watching more than listening, so be aware of your own actions so you can influence them positively. They also judge themselves according to how we treat them: love, respect and dignity should be at the base of all we say and do with them. So, spend time with them, have fun together and see how healthy and strong they will become!

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** Summer is often a little less hectic, so a perfect time to have a cold drink or coffee on a deck or patio and talk with your spouse. Discuss past happy memories, future goals, what things you love and where you are challenged. Time spent together is always good for a relationship and helps us connect in deeper ways.

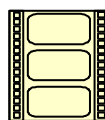


**TELL ALL SOULS ABOUT MY MERCY:** Divine Mercy Presentation: **Saturday, September 20** beginning with Mass at 9am, followed by presentation in our parish hall ending at 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please see the bulletin board for more information.



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Join us for a free screening of DunnMedia's new docudrama film *Permission: Fr. Bob Bedard's Vision for the Church* on September 24 at 7 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, with special guest Kevin Dunn, filmmaker and director!

Please Note: Stewardship for the next two weeks will be in the bulletin Sunday, August 17, 2025.

Thank you for your patience.





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