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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)

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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

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: August 25-31, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	†TED ZYCHOWICZ — Jadwiga ***** CHANTED MASS (Last One) Next one September 15, 2025	Rev. Robert Wong
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†HALINA SAWICKI - Family †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU - Family †MIKE CASCIO—Family DECEASED OF THE LOJIC, BOZICEVIC, PUCIC, GVOZDENOVIC FAMILIES FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE LOJIC, BOZICEVIC, PUCIC, GVOZDENOVIC FAMILIES FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JULIE CASCIO & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO — Grace & Janusz FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LUKA GVOZDENOVIC —Family IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY — Grace	Rev. Philip Shano
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL YOUNG MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD	Ursuline Sisters
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†BERTILLO & RINA BERALDO — Lucato Family	Rev. Wieslaw Berdowicz
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	†BETTY & ERNIE LUKACS — Family	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†MICHAEL BARKER — Kathleen Whyte †MARIA & VINCE CIARRONI, GIANFRANCO VARRASSO — Tony & Daniela Giannini †PAPSLYN POWELL — Juliana & Blaise †ALBERT MARRONE— Family †HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY—Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BRENT CONDARI & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LEA MARRONE & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DAVID SCOTT - Walter & Patricia Tymchuk	Very Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†ROMEIO LAMAYAN — Romel Pioquinto †TILSON TANG - Family PRO POPULO	



My Dear Parishioners,

The Peach Festival is this weekend - thank you to the Peach Festival Committee and everyone who has committed to help with this tradition of our parish! If you have the chance, please drop by our parish's peach festival booth to say hello and show your support!

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.

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!

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!

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!

A reminder that our chant Masses will become monthly at the end of August, and coincide with our monthly men's recollection evenings; our next monthly chant Mass dates are September 8th, October 13th, November 10th, and December 15th.

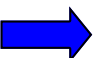
Please note that the Diocesan young adults' jubilee year pilgrimage is on September 27th (which I'll be going on too), and the 40 days for life program begins September 24th.

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley

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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!



SOCIAL ACTION: THANK YOU & GOD BLESS all who were able to contribute to the BLUE BOX last weekend. Your generosity is much appreciated by all those who come to DeMazenod Door for FOOD & DRINK



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



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

OUR FIRST MEETING in the fall will be **September 23**. It will be our tree dedication and memorial mass. All ladies invited.



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!



PARISH PEACH FESTIVAL NEWS: It's Finally PEACH

FESTIVAL WEEKEND! Thank you to everyone who

volunteered behind the scenes to make the food, set up of our booth, we are truly Blessed! Thank you to all those who will be at the booth serving visitors to the festival! **Thank**

you to everyone who supports our booth/parish by purchasing items!

We are so blessed by our Parish Community!

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

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 10th - 7:30 PM — Knights of Columbus meeting, Parish Hall

Sept 11th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall

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

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

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

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 1

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

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

Sept 20/21 - Blue Box Collection Weekend

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

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

Sept 30th - 7:45 PM - RCIA begins



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. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



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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

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\$4166.00	\$889.85	\$25.00	\$333.78	\$2960.00	\$8374.63



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.



PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS UNTIL AUGUST 29, 2025.

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