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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)

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.

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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Please check one: Envelopes _____ Pre-authorized giving _____ (form will be emailed to you)

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses		Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: September 22-28, 2025	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG - Carola		Rev. David Reilander
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†BRUNO BORTOLOTTI - IHM CWL †GIOVANNI BRIATICO - Family †MARIA DALBELLO - Family †GASPARE & PINA SCIARRA — Julie Cascio †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU - Family †GRACE CIANCONE, EILEEN GIANREGGARIO, FLORENCE MACDONALD, PATRICIA STEWART, TERESA VERTICCHIO FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ILIANA FERNANDEZ FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JENNIFER IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED —Luisa		Rev. Andrew Czarny
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	†JEANNETTE MAZZA — Family		Salesians of St. Don Bosco
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE ITENTIONS OF FR. BILL		Very Rev. Joseph Okoko
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	SOULS IN PURGATORY - Kathleen Whyte		Sts. Martyrs Canadiens
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†BRENDA AGOSTINI — Terry Ferrelli & Cindy Andreatta †IRENE D'AMBROSIO — Irma Tirabassi & Family †PASQUALE D'ANGELO — Family †RICHARD HERMANN - Sam & Luci Frosina †IAN MACINTOSH - Carol †SYBIL & PAUL PEREIRA - Gomes Family †VIRGINIA PRETTO —Luisa Verticchio †TILSON TANG — Family †HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY—Kunkel Family †ELIZABETH CIARDULLO & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DIANA MONTECRISTO - Falasca Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KATHRYN ARNOTT FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARISA CIARMOLI		Rev. Livinus Okamgba
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	SPECIAL INTENTION — Family †VYVYAN REILLY - Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

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

Thank you for so warmly welcoming the *Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ* this past weekend and purchasing religious

items. This wonderfully supports 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 new parish website is almost ready, which will also include helpful descriptions and contact information for our parish groups!

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!

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 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. 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. [Please join us for this film](#), 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)

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who participated in our annual golf tournament. Everyone had a great time and the food was delicious. Thank you to our sponsors who helped make the event a success! Special thank you to Guy Brucculeri and Al Malvaso for all the hard work in organizing and running the event.

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



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The CWL will meet this Tuesday after the 7pm Mass. We will hold our memorial tree dedication followed by a social and meeting. All ladies of the parish are invited to come.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS (APART FROM MASS AND CONFESSIONS)

Sept 20th - 9 AM-3:30 PM — Divine Mercy Mass/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 - 10 AM — Blessing of Pets, outside front of church, all pets welcome
 Oct 4th/5th - SSVp Collection Weekend
 Oct 4th - 6:15 PM—Chosen Season 5, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 5th — 2:30-3:30 PM Life Chain, Hwy 8 & Grays Rd
 Oct 6th - 6:30 PM — Card Group, Parish Hall
 Oct 7th - 1-3 PM - Crafting, Parish Hall, please register
 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 9th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
 Oct 11th - 6:15 PM - Chosen, Meeting Rm 1
 Oct 17th—7 PM—Ask Fr. Night, Parish hall



LIFE CHAIN: Sunday, October 5th, 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.



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!



SOCIAL ACTION: The BLUE BOX is in the narthex this weekend (Sept 20/21) to accept your monetary donations that go towards our parish preparing and cooking delicious meals for the hungry of Hamilton. The guests line up at DeMazenod Door 7 days a week to have breakfast and a hot lunch. IHM is

dedicated to providing the guests delicious meals cooked in our own kitchen 2 times a month. These meals are prepared and cooked by our wonderful volunteers who put their heart and soul into making the very best meal and the guests love it when they know they will be getting one of our meals. THANK YOU to all who in anyway contribute to this effort



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.



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.

RETRouvaille: Tens of thousands of struggling couples headed for cold, unloving relationships have successfully overcome their marriage problems through Retrouvaille. The next



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 us at ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com.** We are dedicated to serving our neighbours with faith, compassion, and respect.



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 the parish hall.** This event is sponsored by Smith's Funeral Home and guest speaker, Sarah Sunnucks. Bring your questions!



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.

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