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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 3p.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

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 One year 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.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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Please check one: Envelopes____ Pre-authorized giving____ (form will be emailed to you)

EMAIL: _____ E-Bulletin yes/no

Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: September 21-27, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	†LUCIANO & LUIGI LUCATO — Family		Rev. Grayson Hope
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†GIOVANNI BRIATICO — Family †THERESA CURRAN — Theresa Sapra †MARY LOU GELINEAU — Family †DONATO IACOZZA — Luigi & Marta Visocchi †PETER PASZYNSKI — Family †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU — Family †PETER TRAN & SOULS IN PURGATORY - Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE KIEFER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN REITZEL—Alberto & Iliana FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMINK — Matteo Gigliotti FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RYSZARD JAKUBOWSKI — Krystyna & Kaz FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LINO & LYNN VALLORANI — Larry & Ilaria Paletta & Family		Rev. John Schnurr
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JELICA VLAKOVIC		Congregation of the Holy Cross
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	†JEANNETTE MAZZA — Falasca Family		Rev. William Trusz
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. BILL TRUSZ — Jadwiga Zychowicz		Rev. Francis Chibuzor Ahuekwe
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†SANDRA BAMBER — Family †MICHELE CIARMOLI, DEMETRIOS ILIOUS —Tony & Daniela Giannini †RALPH CICCIA — Manny & Tina Attard †JEAN KHAN — Family †VITTORIO MARCONATO — Doreen Zamperin †JEFF TOOLE — Frances & Vince LoPresti HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY —Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARGHERITA DETORRES — IHM School Staff FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TANYA RODGERSON FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KASIA KUSZHER, TADEUSZ SZCZESNY, ADAM SZCZESNY—Krystyna & Kaz FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RICHIE VIZZARI—Emilio & Gloria Marconato		Rev. David Perrin
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JODIE SHAW & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JESSICA VON BRAUN — Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO		

My dear parishioners,

Is it possible that you, or someone you know, has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Or, if you are legally married, that you have not yet received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony? Sometimes it happens that in our busy and hectic lives, things can fall through the cracks. If you've never received the Sacrament of Confirmation but are older than grade 8, we are happy to help you prepare to receive this important Sacrament. Also, if you or someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, we would love to help you with this. For example, if someone baptized Catholic is afterwards legally married *outside* of the Church and without the Church's official permission, that Catholic hasn't received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony - which is an important part of how married couples receive God's grace and strength to live the fullness of God's plan for them. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions whatsoever!

A new school year can also be an invitation for all of us to revisit our habits, and the ways we are following God. What can I do to get closer to God this year? What is working well in my relationship with God? What is not? What is preventing me from following God's plan in my life? I encourage you to reflect on these questions!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to invite you to consider ways you can be more involved in our parish. What might that look like? I encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and reflect on the list of groups on our parish website. We also participate in parish life by attending Mass each week (unless something really serious prevents us), making generous time each day for prayer time with the Lord, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly (with any

Catholic priest), and trying to be involved in our parish through sharing the unique gifts and talents we have each received from God. On that last point, sometimes people who are older can wonder, "What can I contribute - what is God's plan for me? I feel like I have nothing left to give." If you ever feel like that, know that your role is very important in the Church. It could be at this time that you are called to especially offer your prayers, fidelity to the Lord, and the everyday crosses of life up to the Lord as a powerful prayer for the flourishing of the Church. Know that your contribution, even if unseen, is great and very necessary for the health of our parish.

On September 9th, we started offering a weekly program that all are welcome to participate in called "The Search." The program will take place Wednesdays and begin at 7:15 PM and end by 8:30 PM. This program can welcome anyone wherever they are on their spiritual journey. You are welcome to come, and bring a friend! Also, if you miss an episode, you can still watch it on www.formed.org by using our parish subscription!

If you know anyone interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic, I would be delighted to meet with them! Feel free to let me know or reach out to the parish office, and I'd be happy to chat with them and answer any questions they may have! Our Catholic faith is a beautiful gift, one that is meant to be shared!

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley





Knights of Columbus: Thanksgiving Food Drive — October 3-11, please remember those less fortunate.



Catholic Women's League: IHM CWL Marian Retreat: Friday, October 30, 2026, following 9 a.m. Mass.

Christmas Bazaar: November 20 & 21, 2026. Interested in volunteering, email cwlihpresident@gmail.com or sign up using the sheet in the gathering space.

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 @ 8pm Parish Hall

Membership dues \$45. Payment accepted by e-transfer:

cwlwinona@gmail.com, cash or cheque. **Contact President, Lucia**

Marchionda for more information cwlihpresident@gmail.com



Social Action: This weekend (September 19/20) is BLUE BOX weekend and your donations will be very much appreciated. As you know the money raised each month goes to the purchase of ingredients that our wonderful parishioners turn into delicious meals

in our parish kitchen for those who come to DeMazenod Door every day. Last month our meals alone were not enough to feed all those who came to the Door August 20 & 27. Thankfully, DeMazenod Door's kitchen was able to supplement the shortfall through meals they were preparing for the next day, so NO ONE was turned away. With your ongoing donations to the BLUE BOX, we are hopeful that we can increase the number of meals from 325-350 to 375-400. THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOUR KINDNESS.



Men's Clothing Drive — ONLY MEN'S ITEMS Clean & Gently Used: Track pants, Hoodies, Sweaters. Please drop them off in the bin Marked Men's Clothing Drive. NO Women's Or Children's Items, please. Thank you for your kindness.



If you or someone you know is in need of support, please don't hesitate to reach out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are here to help members of our community facing difficult times. All requests are handled with care and confidentiality. **Contact us: 289-799-2314 or by email: ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com. Next Collection: October 3/4,** please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



Seniors Outreach Services (SOS) of Stoney Creek will be hosting an information afternoon here at our Parish on **Tuesday, September 29 at 2p.m in Meeting Room 1.** This service supports seniors 60 years and older who live in Stoney Creek, helping them remain independent and safely in their own homes. Services include transportation to and from appointments, housekeeping, gardening and grass cutting, snow removal, and minor home repairs. **If you or someone you know could benefit from these services, please come and learn more about this wonderful community resource. Everyone is welcome.**



The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on the weekend of September 26/27.

When you give, your offering begins in our parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the

country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone - from providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. **Please give prayerfully and generously the weekend of September 26/27. To donate online, scan the QR code or visit cccb.ca/donate.**



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, September 26th at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room. The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room for 60 to 90 minutes. We will be

watching the fourth video in a series by Dr. Brant Pitre, "Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Session 4", followed by a discussion and fellowship. The purpose of our group is to prayerfully explore our Catholic Faith over coffee and donuts. All men of the parish are welcome!



Hamilton Right to Life Quarterly Youth Get Together —

In response to feedback from the youth on the March for Life trip, Hamilton Right to Life will be starting a quarterly get-together for youth in Grade 11 thru University. This is to fulfill a spoken need for these pro-life advocates to be with like-minded students where they are free to discuss their pro-life values. The first get-together will be held here at IHM Parish on Sept. 25, from 7pm to 9pm. There will be a movie and a Q&A or reflection component afterwards. Pizza and refreshments will available while youth are hanging out to chat. **Please register at <https://www.hamiltonrighttolife.org/event-details/youth-event>**



No matter how much you are hurting, no marriage is beyond hope. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, there is RETROUVAILLE! The next weekend is October 16-18. The best kept secret for helping marriages. **For more information call 905-664-5212 or email: hamilton@helpourmarriage.org.**



Blessing of Pets: You are invited to bring your family pets to the church outside, **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 at 9:30 AM.** Invite friends and family with their pets to join us!

Stewardship - September 12/13, 2026

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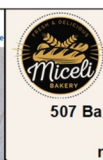
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



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