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(September to June)

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(September to June)

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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

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.

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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: October 26 — November 1, 2026	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	**9:00 AM**	✝**SARAH TRUDEAU** — Giallonardo Family	Very Rev. David Walter
TUESDAY	**7:00 PM**	✝**EVA JUSEK** — Joe Kiefer ✝**MARIANNA, JOZEF, TADEUSZ, STANISLAW, RUZZARD & JAREK KUSMIERCZAK** ✝**DECEASED OF THE MCNICOLLS, GONZALES, SALNDY, GRANT, MASTROMAURO, BORGEMEISTER, LEEFOON, DUPWELL, ALEXANDER, LUETEN & JOSEPH FAMILIES** - Margaret ✝**PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU** — Family **SOULS IN PURGATORY** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOMAS DOCHERTY** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE GVOZDENOVIC FAMILY** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE IHM CARD GROUP** **SPECIAL INTENTION TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**—Z.J.	Rev. Ron Cote
WEDNESDAY	**9:00 AM**	✝**FR. BRIAN DONNELLY** — Giallonardo Family	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
THURSDAY	**9:00 AM**	**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GEOFF SANFORD**—Walter & Teresa Rzeszotko	Rev. William Meehan
FRIDAY	**9:00 AM**	**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANDRZEJ RZESZOTKO** - Walter & Teresa Rzeszotko	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
SATURDAY	**5:00 PM**	**SOULS IN PURGATORY** ✝**ANGELA HOFFBAUER, FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PETER HOFFBAUER & FAMILY** ✝**STANISLAWA & FRANCIS DOBOSZ, JANINA & GEORGE WYGLENDACZ, WANDA & TADEUSZ WILK** —Margaret & Bogdan ✝**DECEASED OF AUER, MCDERMOTT & MCWILLIAMS FAMILIES** — Mary Agnes Auer ✝**PIOTR SZYDLOWSKI**—Family ✝**DECEASED OF FILIPPETTO, MAZUN, SZABUNIA, PAWELEC, LUBERA** - Sergio & Diane Filippetto **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOMAS DOCHERTY** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE & MARIE GIALLONARDO** — Ralph & Mary Fascione **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOSH & VANESSA LUPO** — Tony & Daniela Giannini **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTHEW MAYICH** — Gino & Marisa Ciarmoli **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ROGER SALDAT** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIEL & EDWARD SZYDLOWSKI** — Krystyna **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. BILL TRUSZ** **IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. JOSEPH**—Luisa Verticchio	Rev. John Van Hees
SUNDAY	**9:00 AM** **11:00 AM** **4:00 PM**	✝**DECEASED OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH** ✝**DECEASED OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH** **PRO POPULO**	

My dear parishioners,

As November approaches, we remember how November is a month where we honor and pray more for the dead, which we'll recall especially on November 1st and 2nd. On November 1st, we recall *All Saint's Day*, a day to remember and celebrate all the saints in Heaven. On November 2nd, we celebrate *All Souls' Day*, or it's longer title, *The Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed*. On this day, priests may celebrate more Masses than usual. On All Souls' Day (Monday, November 2nd), we will have our usual 9 AM Mass but also a 7 PM Mass as well.

As some of you have noticed, we recently received some new altar server vestments, and the feedback has been very positive! Thank you to those who helped make that happen!

We are starting a new series for our Wednesday faith nights, *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*. It's a great chance to learn more about who Jesus really was and the historical circumstances of his life. Come and join us on any Wednesday night from 7:15-8:30 PM, and see our poster!

Have you noticed the poster on the bulletin boards about Anna, who is need of a liver transplant? Please do look and pray for the family. If you know someone who could help, that would be most appreciated!

Halloween is coming up, but did you know about the Catholic origins of Halloween, that is, *All Hallows' Eve?* All Hallows' or All Saints' Day is November 1st, and the eve is a night on which the Church already begins to celebrate all the saints who are in Heaven. If you'd like to help rediscover the Christian origins of Halloween, you're welcome to join us on Halloween for a time of prayer and fellowship!

October is the month of the *rosary*, and in our Diocese, it is also a month of reflection on *vocations*. As a result, you are encouraged to take up the rosary with even more effort this month, and experience the power of this prayer which is deceptively simple and yet infinitely deep.

Starting October 11th, our parish has begun offering *Children's Liturgy of the Word,* a program during Mass for young people, targeted for ages 4-8. If you have any questions or feedback, please let us know!

May God bless you superabundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley



Knights of Columbus: Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Thanksgiving Food Drive. You helped provide food for those who cannot make ends meet.

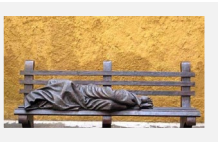
Catholic Women's League: Mary Retreat: Our CWL warmly invites everyone to a FREE Mary Retreat on Friday, October 30, 9 a.m. to 12Noon in the Parish. Enjoy Mass with Fr. Greg Merkley, prayerful reflection, a coffee break, and the Rosary. Sign up on the sheet in the gathering space. We would love to see you there!
Christmas Bake Sale: Get ready for some Christmas sweetness! Our Christmas Bazaar is moving to the Spring, and in its place, we'll be hosting a Christmas Bake Sale after all Masses on November 21 and 22 in the parish hall. Love to bake? We would be delighted to have your treats! Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space.
Membership dues $45. Payment accepted by e-transfer: cwlwinona@gmail.com, cash or cheque. **Contact President, Lucia Marchionda for more information cwlihmpresident@gmail.com**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)
October 14th—November 2nd—CWL Scarf & Mitten Drive (Gathering Space)
October 24th— 8 AM—COR Men's Group (Mtg Rm 1)
October 24th— 6:30 PM—Teen Group (St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall)
October 25th— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Mtg Rm 1)
October 25th—2 PM—Family Catechism (IHM School Gym)
October 26th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
October 27th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
October 28th—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
October 28th—9 AM—DeMazenod Door Cooking Team (Parish Hall)
October 29th—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)
October 30th—9 AM—CWL Retreat (Church, Parish Hall)
October 31st— 7PM—All Hallow's Eve (Church, Parish Hall)
November 1st— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Mtg Rm 1)
November 2nd—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
November 2nd—7 PM—All Souls Mass
November 3rd— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
November 4th—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
November 5th—7:30 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall) *Note Time*
November 7th/8th—SSVP Collection
November 7th/8th—Holy Land Sales
November 8th— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Mtg Rm 1)
November 8th—2 PM—Family Catechism (IHM School Gym)
November 10th—10 AM—3 PM—Confirmation Retreat, Parish Hall
November 10th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
November 11th—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
November 11th—7:30 PM—Knights of Columbus Meeting (Parish Hall)
November 12th—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)
November 13th—6:30 PM—Youth Night (Parish Hall)
November 14th—7 PM—Young Adults(Church, Parish Hall)
November 15th— 11 AM—Children's Liturgy (Mtg Rm 1)
November 15th— 4 PM—Chant Mass



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, October 24 at 8 AM in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be watching the sixth video in a series by Dr. Brant Pitre, "Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Session 6 – Did Jesus Claim to Be God?", 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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK
Filippo Santini
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Social Action: Guests of De Mazenod Door got a real good meal last Thursday THANKS TO IHM volunteers who cooked for them. We made enough to feed everyone who came to the Door. The main course was 90lbs of Roast Pork loin smothered with a terrific spice rub — Yummy. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped in our parish kitchen.

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: November 7/8**, please make cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

SSVP Collection: Reusable Grocery Bags: Our IHM Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting reusable grocery bags for De Mazenod Door to help support those in need. If you have any reusable grocery bags to donate, please bring them to the church and place them in the collection box located under the coat racks. Thank you for your generosity and support

Parenting Tip of The Month: October is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, a chance to remember all that we are grateful for in our lives. It is a perfect time to have children focus on the good things in their lives: the people they love and care for and who love and care for them, their friends, the ability to go to school, having a place to live and food to eat, to name a few. It is also a time to remind them to thank God for their gift of life and faith.

Marriage Tip of the Month: An attitude of gratitude has proven to bring more happiness and contentment to a person's life. Expressing gratitude to your spouse for their love and all they bring to your life has a two-fold benefit, it makes them feel respected and appreciated and it helps you see the goodness in your relationship. Sometimes we forget to recognize the many wonderful things our spouse brings to us, so take the time to do so and see how your relationship can flourish!

A day for your marriage! Healthy marriages matter and marriage enrichment helps keep them strong! Keeping your marriage healthy and strong requires love, but also time spent fine tuning your relationship and reconnecting. Join us on **Saturday, November 21** at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown for a day to reconnect for our enrichment day: Discovering New Paths for Your Married Love. We will share new ways to deepen your relationship and give you time with the one you love! Registration can be found online at hamiltondiocese.com, under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

Respect Life Fundraising Dinner: The Annual Hamilton Right to Life Respect Life Fundraising Dinner is set for **Wednesday, November 4** at Marquis Gardens on Rymal Road. Tickets are $70 each. This year's theme is "Life is Precious at Every Stage". Besides an amazing meal and a incredible keynote speaker, there will be raffle prizes, a silent auction and a bakery table. Find out more and purchase tickets on their website at hamiltonrighttolife.org or call 905-528-3065.

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