

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 4, 2026



**"Through faith and virtuous life, together with love and service,
we will lead people to Jesus and each other in charity."**

SUNDAY MASSES Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am WEEKDAY MASSES Monday, Thursday 7:30am Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 9:00am Wednesday 7:00pm Public holidays 9:00am	RECONCILIATION Wednesday: 6:15 – 6:45pm Friday: During the Holy Hour Saturday: 3:45 – 4:15pm Or by appointment OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 12:00pm 1:00pm to 3:00pm HOLY HOUR with Adoration and Benediction Friday: 9:30 – 10:30am	BAPTISM Speak to the Pastor after Sunday Mass for an information package. MARRIAGE Speak to the Pastor after Sunday Mass for an appointment. Approved Marriage Preparation and at least six months' notice required. ANOINTING OF THE SICK Call the parish office.
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NEW TO OUR PARISH? WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT!

**To register as a member of our parish, please fill out a registration form
available at the tables near the entrance of the church. Thank you, and welcome!**

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK	 MASS INTENTIONS	
Joined to Jesus Christ as branches to the vine, we may live in praise and truth, yielding a rich harvest of justice and mercy. When we take something for granted, it is very easy to misuse it, however wonderful it may be in itself. Whether it is the gift of salvation or the gift of this planet, how we treat it will determine whether or not we will be able to keep it and enjoy it fully. Today, we hear Jesus' warning, which outraged many self-righteous Pharisees. They saw no need to change their lives in order to belong to the Kingdom promised them. Conviction or Conformity We face the same problem today. It is often easier to change our convictions to conform with the times than to change our lives to be more authentic witnesses of the Gospel. If we try to conform the Gospel to something else, we are not following it; we are using it as a tool for something less than Jesus Christ. This may be comforting in the short term, but it does not bear lasting fruit. October and the Rosary With the reform of the Church calendar, May is now usually part of Easter and no longer the 'month of Mary.' October, as the month of the Rosary, is therefore a good time to reflect on Mary as the model of discipleship. The Rosary highlights basic Christian attitudes that are associated with Mary as a woman of faith. It is a form of Scriptural reflection on the Life of Christ, replacing the one hundred fifty Psalms of the monastic Liturgy of the Hours. The ideas of praise, confidence, trust in God, and accepting his love are recalled throughout this meditative prayer. Life Chain If you can take part, consider joining in a small but important act today: an hour of silent witness to the value of human life from 2-3pm at the corner of St. Laurent Blvd. and Montreal Rd. May the Lord Jesus fill us with a hunger to change our hearts so that we truly belong to his Kingdom and bear fruit in all that we do. 	Saturday 4:30pm	October 3-27th Sunday in OT †Norman Sheahan by K of C (IHM)
	Sunday 9:00am	October 4-27th Sunday in OT All Parishioners
	11:00am	†Renatus Lukumbuzya by his family †Charles Charron by Beatrice Chelvam
	Monday 7:30am	October 5, 2026 Intentions for Peter Gambell by Cathy Gambell
	Tuesday 9:00am	October 6, 2026 †Ida Serrao by her estate
	Wednesday 7:00pm	October 7, 2026-Our Lady of the Rosary Special intentions of Arthur D'Silva & family by Arthur & family
	Thursday 7:30am	October 8, 2026 †Ida Serrao by her estate
	Friday 9:00am	October 9, 2026 †Dan Harrison by Greg & Rose Ann Hart
	Saturday 9:00am	October 10, 2026 †Wayne Nordstrom by Sephora Tang
	Saturday 4:30pm	October 10-28th Sunday in OT †Derek Leman by K of C (IHM)
	Sunday 9:00am	October 11-28th Sunday in OT All Parishioners
	11:00am	†Renatus Lukumbuzya by his family
MASS READINGS First Reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) Second Reading (Philippians 4:6-9) Gospel (Matthew 21:33-43).		
<i>Pray For...</i> Marie Franken, Jacob Cannon, Kitty Serrao, Larry Mercer, Peter Gambell, Dan Smedra, Dusan Kocian, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Fe Tabora		

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some Coming Events

Oct. 4 - Coffee Sunday	Oct. 4 - Life Chain
Oct. 12 - Thanksgiving	Oct. 17/18 - Bundle Sunday
Oct. 18 - Parish Breakfast	Oct. 29 - Vocations Dinner
Nov. 1 - All Saints'	Nov. 7 - Parish Supper
Dec. 6 - HEFC Benefit Concert	

Becoming Catholic?

Interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic? Baptized adult Catholics who never received Confirmation, together with baptized Christians of other denominations and persons who were never baptized are invited to join a weekly small group discussion and information series beginning in September. Known as the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (R.C.I.A.), these Wednesday evening sessions will introduce participants to the Catholic faith in Jesus Christ and help them explore their own personal journey of faith. For more information, contact the office.

Heart to Heart Coffee Hour

Our Heart to Heart Coffee Hour season resumes today in the parish hall following the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. Come enjoy coffee, tea, snacks, and more in a cozy setting on the first Sunday of every month. New to the parish? This is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and discover ways in which you can benefit from the many opportunities available in our parish. Sponsored by the Secular Franciscans in our parish.

BIBLE STUDY

Romans: the Gospel of Salvation - Join Fr. Frank on Tuesday mornings for this eight-part small-group Bible study program using videos and a workbook. Begins Tues. **Oct. 13** (9:45- 11:15 am). To register, contact the office.

WINTER CLOTHING

The *St. Vincent de Paul Society* is a Catholic organization assisting the poor. Since they had to remove their donation boxes because of repeated vandalism, we are organizing a one-day collection of gently used winter clothing. A truck will be in the parking lot on a Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning **Oct. 17/ 18** to receive your donations.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Book of Remembrance will be at the back of the church until 10:00am Oct. 31 so that throughout October you may enter in it the names of deceased relatives and friends. On Sun. Nov. 1, the Feast of All Saints and at 7:30am Mon. **Nov. 2**, the Commemoration of All Souls, it will be placed before the Altar before Mass so that we may pray with you for them

Pope Leo's October Prayer Intention

For mental health: Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Season of Prayer for the Care of Creation

The season will conclude today, emphasizing the world's need for healing and peace for all. As Christians, we are called to move from words to deeds, sowing the seeds of justice, peace, and hope with love, perseverance, and co-operation. Let us pray and work to protect and preserve creation and practice responsible stewardship of the earth, sustainable living and peace.

40 Days for Life

This is a worldwide campaign to pray for the end of abortion. A key component is a prayer vigil held near abortion facilities to pray and witness for life. People are asked to gather in groups of at least two people to pray silently at the southwest corner of Queen and Bank streets, Ottawa, from **Sept 23** to **Nov 1**, between 7 am and 5 pm. Please keep the plight of the unborn in your prayers.
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/ottawa/>

Life Chain

Join in an hour of silent prayer and witness (pray and hold a sign) to the value of the child in the womb on **Sun. Oct. 4** from 2:00 - 3:00pm at the corner of Montreal Rd and St. Laurent Blvd.

Faith Podcasts

Ascension Press provides two very popular podcasts by Fr. Mike Schmidt:

Bible in a Year

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/>

For the complete reading plan, visit

ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear

Catechism in a Year AscensionPress.com/CIY

The *Catholic Register* newspaper (Toronto) now has a weekly podcast called REGISTERED at:
podcast.catholicregister.org



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Sat, 4:30pm - Christina Ronzio
 Sun. 9:00am - Elisa Pulmano
 Sun. 11:00am - Francine Brisebois.....613-824-9199

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sun 9:00am

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Wednesday Afternoon Euchre: 1-3pm (twice a month)

Environment

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Catholic Women's League

Alina Lopez...faithandfellowship21@gmail.com; 416-816-0788
 Meets 2nd Saturday Sept-May in the Boardroom after the morning Mass

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Secular Franciscan Order

Patrick Denison.....613-265-4453
 Meets monthly, first Saturday, Sept-June, 10:00am- Noon

Outreach to the Poor

Call the parish office.....613-733-9636

Hard of Hearing?

Using earbuds/ earphones and your FM receiver, you now can get the signal from our sound system directly to your ears by tuning in to **FM 92.3 MHz**. Your tuner has to be on exactly the right frequency so turn the dial slowly - you may need to venture a bit left or right before you get our signal.

Note that cell phone 'apps' may take you to something completely different.

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