

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Oct 31

11:00 am **Parkhill – Funeral Mass** – Jerome Spruytte

Wednesday, Nov 01

8:30 am **Parkhill** – Intention of our Parishioners

Thursday, Nov 02

9:30 am **Craigweil Gardens – Ailsa Craig**
Deceased Members of the Pontes Family:
Margarida Pontes

Friday, Nov 03

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Ron Garinther: Joan & Tom Brewer
William Maguire: Ed Maguire & Family
10:30-11:15 am Adoration with Reconciliation

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Nov 04

6:00–6:45pm **Parkhill -** Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00 pm **Parkhill -** Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, Nov 05

9:00 am **Parkhill -** Intention of Our Parishioners
11:00 am **Grand Bend** – Intention of Our Parishioners

Let us work together to find concrete solutions to help the poor, refugees, victims of modern forms of slavery, in order to promote peace.

Pope Francis, September 19, 2017

The Parishes of *SACRED HEART* and *IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY*

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October 29, 2017

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Silenced. Through the stunning simplicity of his message, Jesus sometimes left his listeners absolutely speechless. The truth of his message could not be argued. It simply stood there as fact.

Light-heartedly, we might chuckle as we note that they chose a lawyer to question him. Their spokesperson was someone accustomed to winning arguments. They were represented by someone skilled in the art of asking questions that were often intended to intimidate. Jesus was not cowed, but responded with confidence.

With pinpoint accuracy, Jesus focuses on the heart of the matter: *love*. Love of God, love of self and love of neighbor. He cuts through the multitude of rules and regulations that direct and dictate our words and actions. Jesus simply silences all the confusing questions.

In the midst of our own confounding and confusing times, it might be helpful if we simply stop and quietly ask ourselves: What is the most loving thing to do – right now – for myself and for the other? Imagine how quickly anger, sarcasm, hatred and violence could be transformed into words and actions that are loving.

In the end, that is all that is asked of us. Quiet and prayerful, we might imagine the simplicity of a face-to-face conversation. As we listen, God gently inquires: Did you love?

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Our Mission Statement:

Our parishes of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary will live our faith through service to others, invite all people to become intentional disciples, to be fed by the Living Eucharist

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Building Committee at Sacred Heart met this week on Thursday evening and discussed the results of the recent Building Survey. **The results showed that 72% of those who submitted a survey are in favour of building a new church!** As we move forward on this building project, the next step will be to find an architect who will develop a concept design to meet our pastoral and environmental needs. In the meantime, the roof on the south side of the church will be re-shingled. We are hopeful that work will begin this week. Our Building Committee, Jim Vandersanden, our chairperson, and I are happy to receive your questions and concerns regarding this process. Let us continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



With regards to a new sound system at Immaculate Heart of Mary, I have had two meetings with one particular audio company to discuss our needs and concerns. They will soon be providing an estimate for this project.

Our RCIA Process has resumed once again as we welcomed our new candidates last Wednesday evening. It was a wonderful experience hearing how the Holy Spirit is at work our lives. Everyone is welcome to join us each Wednesday at Sacred Heart for the opportunity to learn more about our faith and support these new candidates.

I was so excited about the number of children who showed up for the training of our new altar servers at Sacred Heart last week that I exaggerated. There were actually 12 young children who are interested in becoming altar servers. **Our next training session will take place on Wednesday, November 1st at 12 pm.** Our new altar servers are welcome to attend any Tuesday evening Mass at Sacred Heart to practice their new skills.

Save the Date! - Join us on **Thursday November 30th**, for a Potluck Supper, 7 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary to learn all about ALPHA!

What is Alpha? - Alpha is a kerygmatic tool for parish and community renewal. Alpha introduces people to the first proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ, otherwise known as the Kerygma: 'Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you, and now he is living at your side to enlighten, strengthen and free you.' (Evangelii Gaudium, 164)

Electronic Waste Depot – The Community Pathways class at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, in partnership with the Ontario Electronic Stewardship, will be hosting an electronic waste depot, at HCC. The Electronic Waste Depot will run **Nov. 1-8** during school hours and Saturday and Sunday **Nov. 4 & 5** 9am-12:30pm. Please remember to remove personal data (photos and documents) from these devices. Recycle Bins will be located around back by the auto shop garage doors.

Remember - We return to Standard Time next weekend! Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.



Open House – You are welcome to attend the Open House celebrating the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Arnold and Coby Vanden Boomen, held on **November 11, 2017** from 1 to 4pm at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall.

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



Sun Oct 29: Deacon Raymond Girard
Mon Oct 30: Seminarians of the Diocese of London
Tue Oct 31: Fr. Antonio Del Ciancio
Wed Nov 01: Fr. John Betkowski
Thu Nov 02: Fr. Robert Rocheleau
Fri Nov 03: Deacon Gary Coyle
Sat Nov 04: Sister Lise Jolie, Pastoral Minister

When we think of how the Mass or the Eucharist is presented in the Bible, likely the first passages that come to mind

are the gospel accounts of the Last Supper, when Jesus celebrated the Jewish Passover and broke bread with his Apostles. This isn't surprising, as it is from these gospel accounts that we find the words of Jesus that the Priest repeats at each Mass. But what Bible passage on the Eucharist would you look up next? For many of us, finding that second passage about the Eucharist might prove more difficult. We might even wonder if there *is* another passage about the Eucharist in the Bible. Would you like to learn more? Join us for the ten sessions of our Fall Bible Study series **LECTIO – EUCHARIST**, as we discover the Mass in the Bible! There will be a choice of two sessions to attend. Tuesdays at 2pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary or Tuesdays after the 7pm Mass at Sacred Heart. Start date for both is **November 7th**! Watch a short video about the study at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGJiigADatY> Details coming soon for registration on our new and improved website! Contact Julie de Gouw at jdegouw@dol.ca for more information.

Grand Cove Craft Fair and Sale - will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 10am-2pm in the Grand Cove Club House, Hwy 21 across from Oakwood Resort. Everyone is invited to come out.

Grand Bend Diners meet at St. John's By The Lake Anglican Church at 12:00 noon on November 9th. We will be hearing from local author Dorothy Henderson. Blood pressures will be taken also this day for those interested. We meet again on November 23rd when we will hear from the choir out of Grand Cove Estates in Grand Bend. For registration for any of the dining dates, please contact Faye Skinner at 1-877-502-8277 before the events. All newcomers are welcome.

Our new Youth Ministry Team has reviewed and evaluated our first meeting with the young people and have unanimously decided to welcome the Grade 5 & 6 students along with all the Grade 7, 8 & 9 students. **Our next EDGE Ministry meeting will take place at Sacred Heart Parish Hall on Thursday, November 23rd at 7 pm.** Watch for details about this awesome event in our bulletin and new parish website and come join us.

What a wonderful and warm October it has been. Now that the weather has changed, we can start thinking about the Advent and Christmas seasons. **Our Liturgy Committee will be gathering at Sacred Heart on Wednesday, November 8th at 12 pm.** We will begin with lunch and meet to discuss our preparations for the new liturgical year which begins on the First Sunday of Advent (December 3rd). If anyone is interested in assisting with these preparations, please join us for this lunch and meeting.

Fr. Tony

Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate – Eight men will be ordained to the order of Deacon at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, London, on **Saturday, Nov. 4** at 11 am. All are welcome to attend. Please keep in your prayers: Arthur Joseph Jean Bondy, Brian Karel Hanley, Anthony Gerard Hogervorst, Daniel David Lemire, Thomas Wayne MacLeod, Anthony George Rebkowec, Victor Hugo Salazar Carvajal, and Donald Gilles St. Onge.

World Mission Sunday – Thank You - Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on *World Mission Sunday*. It's a blessing for young dioceses, priests,



sisters, brothers and catechists who depend on it. Please continue to pray for all who serve in mission countries that they may remain strong in faith and in their vocation as they go about proclaiming the Good News of Christ.

Looking For Volunteers to help with **Children's Church**. It is



offered every Sunday during the 9:00 Mass and is a great way for the kids in our church to learn the same message that Father talks about in church but in fun ways that they can understand. The material is all provided and all of the supplies needed are there

as well...all we need are the adults to help! We are in need of three or more people, which will make your commitment one Sunday a month...please take some time to consider helping out to ensure that this wonderful ministry can continue. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Father Tony, Kathy Willemse or Debbie Godts...thank you for taking some time to consider helping out!



Regenerate(d) 2017 - Sponsored by Branches Catholic Ministries,

Regenerate(d) 2017 will take place again at the Scotia Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario on Saturday, November 18th. This year's theme is based upon one of the most important questions of our time, "What is Truth?" and how and where do we find it? In a culture that promotes that truth is relative how do we as Catholics respond? Keynote speakers such as Jennifer Fulwiler, Trent Horn, Dr. David Anders and Steve Weidenkopf will address atheism, relativism, the historical divisions in Christianity and how to discuss this with family and friends. For the first time **Regenerate(d) Youth 2017** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18 years. Early-bird tickets are available now! To purchase tickets and more information about these conferences visit www.branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000. If you are in need of financial assistance please contact info@go2branches.com.

Coffee Sunday – Sacred Heart – Everyone is invited to attend the coffee social immediately following the 9am Mass on **Sunday, November 5th** in the Parish Hall.



Office Closed – The office will close at **1pm** on **Friday, November 3rd** and reopen Tuesday, November 7th at 9am.



COME ONE, COME ALL to the BAZAAR at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, **Saturday, November 4th** from 9:30am - 1:30pm. Bring family and friends for a delicious lunch, fresh local vegetables, Christmas planters, baked goodies and handicrafts. Try your luck at the prize table and the raffle. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.



Grand Bend Parishioners are invited to make donations to the CWL Bazaar; *new, unused* items for the prize table; baked goods; preserves and/or handicrafts will be gratefully accepted in the Fr. Beck Auditorium, by 1pm **Friday, November 3rd**. Please call Rose VanBruaene 519-238-8396.

Fitness Classes – Fitness for all ages and all fitness levels will run from October 30, 2017 until December 22, 2017 in the Fr. Beck Auditorium at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Classes will run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00am – 9:00am. The first class is always free! Cost is \$8.00 per class (\$5.00 if you are a spouse) \$5.00 for any student. Bring indoor shoes, water bottle and a towel, we provide all the rest. Be sure to have a light protein/carb breakfast. Certified Fitness Instructors: Beth Sweeney (519-238-5555) and Shelley Van Osch (519-319-5989) can answer any of your questions.



November is the Month for Remembrance – You are invited to write the names of loved ones and friends who have died in the past year in the "Book of Life" which will be at the foot of the altar in both parishes throughout the month of November. They will all then be included in the Prayer of the Faithful throughout the month.