

## 1st Sunday of Advent – Nov 29, 2020

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Dec 1 - 9:00 a.m. Eileen Murray Req'd by Pastoral Care Team  
Wed. Dec 2 - 9:00 a.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller  
Thur. Dec 3 - 9:00 a.m. Nellie Franco Req'd by Pastoral Care Team  
Fri. Dec 4 - 9:00 a.m. Jonathon Eurig Req'd by Dee Dee Eurig & Family  
Sat. Dec 5 - 4:00 p.m. Nellie Franco Req'd by Joan Jeffery  
Sun. Dec 6 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. Dec 5 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins  
Sun. Dec 6 - 9:00 a.m. Debra Ross

**CONFESSION only by appointment, call Fr. Joe at: 519-323-1054 ext. 7**

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Dec 5 - 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Dec 6 - 11:00 a.m. Garvey & Burns Families Req'd by Estate of Bernadette Burns

**"The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God."**  
**-St. John Damascene**

### DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. A. Czarny Tue.- Rev. F. Stasinski, C.R.

Wed.- Discalced Carmelite Fathers (O.C.D.)

Thurs.- Rev. J. Redmond

Fri.- Rev. P. Cook Sat.- Rev. Very L. Kopaniak S.A.C.

**"Lord, when was it that we saw you...? have you heard the Lord as well?"** "If God is calling you to serve as a priest, contact **Fr. Michael King**, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**"God will not allow you to be lost if you persist in your determination not to lose him."**  
**- St. Pius Pietrelcina**

**One who desires nothing but God is rich and happy.**  
**-St. Alphonsus Liguori**

**Truth suffers, but never dies.**  
**-St. Teresa of Avila**

**People go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering.**  
**-St. Augustine**

**Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.**  
**-St. Teresa of Avila**

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading

*Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7*

Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19*

A prayer for the Lord's protection

#### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

#### Gospel Reading

*Mark 13:33-37*

Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the season of [Advent](#), which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each

year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

#### Family Connection

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also check to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Read as a concluding prayer Paul's words to the Corinthians found in today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, or pray the Lord's Prayer.

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#### Liturgical Calendar

Nov 30- St. Andrew- a disciple of John the Baptist

Dec 3- St. Francis Xavier- a patron all foreign missions

**"People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care about them."** - St. Francis Xavier

#### Advent Confessions

In preparation for Christmas, we are having Confessions after the weekday and weekend masses during this season of Advent. Guest priest is available.

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



#### Christmas Eve- Thurs. Dec 24

**Mt. Forest** at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

**Harriston** at 7:00 p.m.

**Ayton** at 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

#### Christmas Day- Fri Dec 25

**Mt. Forest** at 9:00 a.m.

**Harriston** at 10:00 a.m.

**Ayton** at 11:00 a.m.



#### Floral Tribute Sheets

To make a donation in honor of a deceased relative and/or friend, please fill out a Floral Tribute Form and attach it to the Dec.6 blue envelope boxes or hand in the Tribute Sheet by itself. The forms are available for pick up in the foyer. Deadline is Dec. 17th

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the **Novena to Infant Jesus**, **December 16th to December 25th, 2020**

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:  
Carmel of Saint Joseph  
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1  
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed over the holidays from Dec. 24 to Jan.5, 2021. The office will be re-open on Wed. Jan. 6, 2021.



*St. Mary of the Purification Church  
Mount Forest, Ontario.*

### *Christmas Floral Tribute*

*In this holy season of Christmastide, as a mark of my respect for the  
late*

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*and all my deceased relatives and friends, I dedicate a floral  
tribute and request that it be placed in our church as a sign of  
remembrance and an expression of my faith in Christ's promise  
of eternal life.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My church envelope number: \_\_\_\_\_

*During the Christmas season the name of your deceased loved ones  
will be placed in our Christmas Bulletin and be remembered at all  
Christmas Masses.*

## Christmas Mass Attendance

Please indicate the Mass you wish to attend for Christmas and how many of you will be attending.

### Christmas Eve -- St. Mary Church Mount Forest

No	Mass Time	Choice	How many
01	4:00 PM		
02	5:30 PM		
03	7:00 PM		
04	8:30 PM		

### Christmas Day -- St. Mary Mount Forest

No	Mass Time	Choice	How many
01	9:00 AM		

### Christmas Eve -- St. Peter Church Ayton

No	Mass Time	Choice	How many
01	7:00 PM		
02	8:30 PM		

### Christmas Day -- St. Peter Church Ayton

No	Mass Time	Choice	How many
01	11:00 AM		

### Christmas Eve -- St. Thomas Church Harriston

No	Mass Time	Choice	How many
01	7:00 PM		

### Christmas Day -- St. Thomas Church Harriston

No	Mass Time	Choice	How many
01	10:00 AM		

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Note: The Email & phone number will not be shared with anyone)**