

# St. Mary of the Purification Parish

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**New Parishioners - WELCOME! - Please introduce yourself to the priest.**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

## LORD'S DAY LITURGIES:

### SATURDAY:

St. Mary: 4:00 pm Mass

St. Thomas: 5:30 pm Mass

### SUNDAY:

St. Mary: 9:00 am Mass

St. Peter: 11:00 am Mass

## WEEKDAY LITURGIES:

Please refer to schedule inside.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm or by appointment.

**MARRIAGE:** Please notify the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

\*Deadline for all announcement for the bulletin is on Wednesday.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact the parish office.

### PASTORAL CARE NEEDS:

Please contact the Parish Office - for a priest to administer the Sacrament of the sick ( best to call at the onset of illness )

- Holy Communion to the sick.  
- Home, hospital and nursing home visit.

**FUNERAL:** When death occurs in the family, please contact the parish office.

## PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS

**LIFE:** For information or assistance, see

[www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

## DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:

For information about home activities & events of interest in Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online diocesan newsletter at:

[www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

## SCHOOL:

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, 390 Parkside Drive, Mount Forest ON N0G 2L3  
Telephone: 519-323-2586  
Fax: 519-323-9446

## PARISH BEQUESTS:

Keep your love for parish alive in your will & expression of sympathy.

## 6th Sunday of Easter - May 22, 2022

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. May 24 - 7:00 p.m. Aidan Felsbourg Req'd by Kathleen Boone

Wed. May 25 - 9:00 a.m. Maria Arruda Req'd by Luis Arruda

Thur. May 26- 9:00 a.m. Martin Sokol Req'd by Jolanta Sokol

Fri. May 27 - 9:00 a.m. Lou Murphy Req'd by Myrtle Gorman & family

Sat. May 28 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. May 29 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. May 28 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins

Sun. May 29 - 9:00 a.m. Carl Dalla Costa

**CONFESSION: Tue. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and by appointment,  
call Fr. Mike at 519-323-1054 ext. 7**

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. May 28 - 5:30 p.m.- Dec'd members of the Andrade & Bairos Families Req'd by Mary & Tony Andrade

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. May 29 - 11:00 a.m. – Mary Garvey Req'd by Mary Frances & Kevin Grubber

### **Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29*  
*The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 67:2-3,5,6,8*  
A prayer that all the nations sing praise to God.

**Second Reading:** *Revelation 21:10-14,22-23*  
The vision of the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 14:23-29*  
Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: The Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of

everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/>

### **Novena to the Holy Spirit**

Please join us in praying our next novena, to the Holy Spirit as we prepare ourselves for Pentecost Sunday. Starting on Friday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (May 27<sup>th</sup>)

**What is the novena to the Holy Spirit** – It is the oldest of all novenas and is where our tradition of novenas come from. Jesus himself sent his apostles to await the coming of the Holy Spirit and ‘They devoted themselves with one accord to prayer...’ Acts 1-14

**Why the novena** – With this novena we pray to the Holy Spirit to strengthen in us the gifts we received at our baptism and confirmation.

**How to pray the novena** – We can pray the novena as a group. This adds solidarity to our prayers and we practice ‘communion of the saints’. For those who are able to join us after mass on the weekends and weekdays, we will pray as a group. We can also pray it on our own time and we strongly encourage everyone who cannot come together with us to do so.

- 1)start with the sign of the cross
- 2)read and dwell on the meditation of the day
- 3)prayer of the day

4)one Our Father, one Hail Mary, seven Glory Be to the Father

5)pray the Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

6)prayer for the Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Benefits to us** – by the Grace of God we cooperate in the gifts given us and strengthen our resolve to avoid sin and to live our lives according to His Divine Will in all things

**Further Instructions** - Paper copies of the prayers will be available at the back of the church. You can also access it online at

<http://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309>

### **SHUFFLEBOARD**

starts again on **Thursday's** at 1:00 pm.

**EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!**

**The most beautiful creed is the one we pronounce in our hour of darkness.**

**–St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

### **MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY**

**Please pray the Rosary for peace in our families and in the world!**



*Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!*

### CWL- Catholic Women's League

Dues for the CWL are still \$25.00 and must be submitted ASAP to my attention, Colleen Dalla Costa, president of the CWL. Any questions please call me. If you have not paid for 2021 as yet that can still be submitted as well or if not a year will just show up as unpaid and deducted from your total years.

### Ramoth House

Are you looking to give to a mission field a few hours a month? Ramoth House needs moms, grandmas and aunts to support young moms.

Ramoth House is urgently seeking women to join our Support Staff Team. Training provided! A detailed job description is available at

<https://www.ramoth.ca/pages/career-and-volunteer-opportunities> to apply email your resume to Jennifer

Sanabria, Director of Programming at [director@ramoth.ca](mailto:director@ramoth.ca)

Ramoth Life Centre is seeking a Full Time Support Staff for a 40 hr per week. This Full-Time Support.

For more information, visit

<https://www.ramoth.ca/pages/career-and-volunteer-opportunities> to apply email your resume to Jennifer at [director@ramoth.ca](mailto:director@ramoth.ca)

To start using **FORMED** simply follow these instructions:

1. In your internet browser type in <https://formed.org/>
2. Click the SIGN UP button
3. Then click the SIGN UP AS A PARISHIONER button
4. Under the heading FIND YOUR PARISH or ORGANISATION type in "St. Mary of the Purification". In the box below our parish name as well as the address should appear. Click on the name and press next.
5. You will be asked to enter your name and an email address. Once this is done press the SIGN UP button and you should have full access to the service.



### **Bottle Collection:**

Thank you for participating in the Michael House Baby Bottle Campaign. Please leave your bottles in your church's designated drop off location when you leave today. Money given will support the life-changing programs at Michael House. Every returned bottle matters. If you want to discover more ways to get involved with Michael House or, are looking for more helpful information, visit [www.michaelhouse.ca](http://www.michaelhouse.ca).

Here is a 60 sec video might just fit what is needed to express our thoughts on the event.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/zd9uuhooyugadkf/Baby%20Bottle%20Video.mp4?dl=0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJkNCTU7p8Q>

### **Fr. Joe's Silver Jubilee Invitation**

Dear Parishioners of Mount Forest/Ayton/Harriston

Please join me celebrate

### **The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my Priestly Ordination**

On Tuesday June 21, 2022 at 5:00 pm Holy Mass

**At St. Patrick's Catholic Church,**

53 wellington Street, Cambridge, ON. N1R 3Y6

And afterwards the reception

**At Paragon Banquet & Catering**

15 International Village Dr. Cambridge, ON. N1R 7M5

***You have all touched my heart and are dear to me. I hope you will join me for this joyous event.***

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