

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

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:

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

www.hamiltondiocese.com

SCHOOL:

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

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 26, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. Jun 27 – 6:00 p.m. Graduation Mass

Tues. Jun 28 - 7:00 p.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller

Wed. Jun 29 - 9:00 a.m. Joe Pereira Req'd by Smolko Family

Thur. Jun 30 - 9:00 a.m. Barry McCormick Req'd by Lisa & Mark Cranston

Fri. Jul 1 - 9:00 a.m. Ron Weiler Req'd by Dan & Doris Tone

Sat. Jul 2 – 9:00 a.m. 1st. Sat. - Our Lady's Mass

Sat. Jul 2 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Jul 3 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Jul 2 - 4:00 p.m. Luis Arruda

Sun. Jul 3 - 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. Jul 2 - 5:30 p.m.- Kyle Req'd by Jan Kempers

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Jul 3 - 11:00 a.m. – Murray & Ryan Req'd by The Family

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *1 Kings 19:16b,19-21*
Elijah anoints Elisha as his successor.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11*
I set the Lord ever before me.

Second Reading: *Galatians 5:1,13-18*
Christ has set us free.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 9:51-62*
Jesus resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do

Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

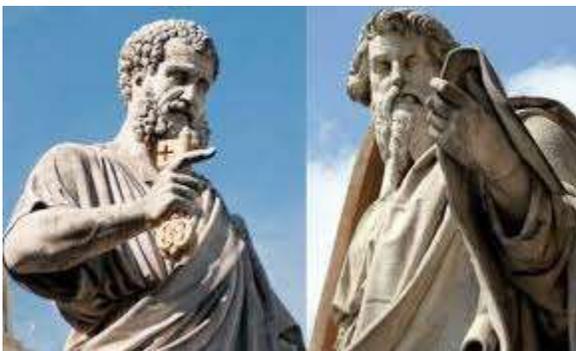
Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.

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

St. Cyril of Alexandria- June 27

Cyril was a patriarch of the Eastern Church and a Greek theologian. Cyril held that the relationship between the divine and human in Christ was so closely united that the Virgin was actually Theotokos (Mother of God) in 431. In 1882, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

St. Peter and St. Paul- June 29



These two apostles were martyred in Rome. Peter, a fisherman, was chosen by Jesus to be his disciple. Paul was born in Tarsus, a Roman Citizen raised and educated as a Pharisee. His experience of the risen Christ resulted in his conversion from a zealous persecutor of Christians to an apostle. Paul called himself "Apostle of the Gentiles."

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church- June 30

This day is dedicated to the Christians martyred under the Emperor Nero. The historian Tacitus wrote that while no one believed this, countless Christians were seized nevertheless, mocked and put to death in unspeakable ways.

Canada Day - July 1 July

Let us Rejoice as Canadians in this great country. As we celebrate Canada Day, let us pray for one another. May God bless our country, Canada.

Happy Canada Day!



God bless Canada.

July 1st is celebrated as Canada birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christians principles and attitudes.

Saint Thomas- July 3

Since the early Church there has been a tradition that Thomas is the Apostle of India and Pakistan. His name means "twin", in Syriac, "Didymus" in Greek. The phrase "doubting Thomas" it overlooks both loyalty in troubled times and surrender. Saint Thomas is a patron of builders.

"The saints have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Church's history." - St. John Paul II

"We must show charity towards the sick who are in need of help. Let us take them some small gift if they are pure, or at least let us go and wait on them and comfort them." - St. Alphonsus Liguori



2020 Baby Bottle Campaign

Thank you for participating in the Michael House Baby Bottle Campaign. Money given will support the life-changing programs at Michael House.

Thank You from the team at Michael House!

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.

“The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.” - St. Boniface

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. S. Whitfield

Tue.- Most Rev. D. Crosby, O.M.I.

Wed.- Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans) (C.S.Sp.)

Thurs. – D. Lewis

Fri.- Rev. R. Cote

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5. 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.
6. 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.

Consider service as a priest. If God calling you contact **Fr. Michael King**, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

“Only in eternity shall we see the beauty of the soul, and only than shall we realize what great things were accomplished by interior suffering.”

- Mother Angelica

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

July - Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Family Connection

Parents are always striving to help their children to set priorities. Children need to learn to finish homework before watching TV or going out to play. They need to know that they have to finish their chores before they can go out with their friends. They need to know that paying attention to curfews for their safety is more important than being popular.

As a family, talk about these examples of setting priorities. Share examples of how you learned to prioritize as you were maturing. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about the importance of making him the number-one priority in our lives.

Read aloud Luke 9:51-62. Talk about how going to Sunday Mass as a family is an important way of keeping God at the center of our lives. Talk about other ways that the family can make Jesus a priority.

“Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven. “ – St. Pius X

SHUFFLEBOARD

1st week of June Donations was \$ 36.00

Thank you!