

# St. Mary of the Purification Parish

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

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Closed, Wednesday - 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 visits.

**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  
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## PARISH BEQUESTS:

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

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 24, 2022

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Jul 26 - 7:00 p.m. Peter Mogensen Req'd by Marylou & Paul Bolen

Wed. Jul 27 - 9:00 a.m. John Droog Req'd by Linda Shupe

Thur. Jul 28 - 9:00 a.m. Rita Tangney Req'd by Maria & Paul McMillan

Fri. Jul 29 - 9:00 a.m. Ray Horrigan Req'd by Evelyn Collins

Sat. Jul 30 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Jul 31 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. Jul 30 - 4:00 p.m. Maxine Schmidt

Sun. Jul 31 - 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 30 - 5:30 p.m.- Peace in our families

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Jul 31 - 11:00 a.m. – Kathleen, Harold & Kenneth Lehman Req'd by Estate Kay Lehman

### Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:** *Genesis 18:20-32*

Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 138:1-3,6-8*

Lord, on the day I cried for help, you answered me.

**Second Reading:** *Colossians 2:12-14*

You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 11:1-13*

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

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

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an

important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

### **Family Connection**

When someone in our family is going through a hard time, we can't just sit by and watch. We try to do everything we can to let him or her know that he or she is not alone. Sometimes we even try to find a special gift for him or her—something that will help that person to understand how important he or she is to us. Talk about times in your family when this has happened.

Like a good father, God saw that his children needed help. He decided to offer his beloved children a special gift to reveal his love. What did God give us? Not a thing, but a person—the Father's beloved Son, Jesus. Jesus, in turn, taught us to approach God as we would approach a loving father. He gave us the words of a prayer that we call the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer.

Read aloud Luke 11:1-13. Talk about how Jesus teaches us to be persistent in prayer. Think of times when family members were persistent about something until they were able to achieve a goal or receive what they sought. Talk about what it means to be persistent in prayer. Help your children understand that prayer is not like sitting on Santa Claus's lap, asking for what we want until we get it. Emphasize that prayer is a way of striving to recognize how God is reaching out to us in love and responding by presenting him with our needs.

Conclude this time together by joining hands and praying the Lord's Prayer.

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

**“Success in life consists of standing without shame before God.”**

**– St. Sharbel (Charbel) Makhlouf**

### **DIOCESAN CALENDAR**

Mon.- Rev. G. M. Catarino    Tue.- Rev. P. Edmondstone  
Wed.- Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus  
Thurs.- Rev. E. J. Mahony                      Fri.- Rev. D. Walter  
Sat.- Rev. F. J. Ahouansou

### **Prayer for Vocations**

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

### **“Walking Together”**

#### **- Papal Visit to Canada July 24 to 29, 2022**

The Holy Father will visit Canada from July 24 to July 29, 2022. Pope Francis' historic visit to Canada will provide an opportunity for the Pope to listen and dialogue with Indigenous Peoples and to address the impact of residential schools in Canada. The Holy Father will begin his Canadian visit by traveling to Edmonton, Alberta, then to Quebec City, St. Anne-de-Beaupré and then to Iqaluit, Nunavut before returning to Rome. Drawing on the theme, “Walking Together”, the Holy Father's journey of reconciliation, healing and hope includes visits to a former residential school, Indigenous pilgrimage sites, and several private and public events, including two public Masses. Parishes are encouraged to share the details of the Papal Visit with parishioners on your Parish websites and social media. Please share this link from the Papal Visit's official website: <http://www.papalvisit.ca/> (English) or <http://www.visitepapale.ca/> (French). You can also find detailed information on the Healing and Reconciliation Journey and the Papal Visit on our diocesan website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/papal-visit-2022/>. We will be sharing additional live streaming details as they are confirmed in the days ahead. Please direct all media requests to: Pamela Aleman Communications and Public Relations Manager 289-253-7696 [paleman@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:paleman@hamiltondiocese.com).

### July- Parenting Tip

Celebrating Family: In July we celebrate Canada, its history, values, cultures and traditions. It's a good time to remind ourselves to celebrate our own families. Teach your children what is important about your family's traditions, history, values and faith. Encourage them to honour and love who they are as family.

"Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."

(Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

**"It is those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially."**

**-St. Francis de Sales**

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe into me Holy Spirit, that all my thoughts may be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Amen.

### St. Michael, For Personal Protection

St. Michael, the Archangel! Glorious Prince, chief and champion of the heavenly hosts; guardian of the souls of men; conqueror of the rebel angels! How beautiful art thou, in thy heaven-made armor. We love thee, dear Prince of Heaven!

-We, thy happy clients, yearn to enjoy thy special protection. Obtain for us from God a share of thy sturdy courage; pray that we may have a strong and tender love for our Redeemer and, in every danger or temptation, be invincible against the enemy of

our souls. O standard-bearer of our salvation! Be with us in our last moments and when our souls quit this earthly exile, carry them safely to the judgement seat of Christ, and may Our Lord and Master bid thee bear us speedily to the kingdom of eternal bliss. Teach us ever to repeat the sublime cry: "Who is like unto God?" Amen.

**"Every mornig you put on your clothes to cover your nakedness and protect your body from inclement weather. Why don't you also clothe your soul with the garment of faith? Remember each morning the truths of your creed, and look at yourself in the mirror of your faith."**

**- St. Augustine**

### A Parent's Prayer for Their Children

O Father of mankind, who hast given unto me these my children, and committed them to my charge to bring them up for Thee, and to prepare them for everlasting life: assist me with Thy heavenly grace, that I may be able to fulfil this most sacred duty and stewardship. Teach me both what to give and what to withhold; when to reprove and when to forbear; make me gentle, yet firm; considerate and watchful; and deliver me equally from the weakness of indulgence, and the excess of severity; and grant that, both by word and example, I may be careful to lead them in the ways of wisdom and true pity, so that at last I may, with them, be admitted to the unspeakable joys of our true home in heaven, in the company of the blessed Angels and Saints. Amen.

**"Christ does not force our will; he only takes what we give him. But he does not give himself entirely until he sees that we yield ourselves to him."**

**-St. Teresa of Avila**

### St. Anne and Joachim- July 26

Saints Joachim and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary.

