

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 visits.

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
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PARISH BEQUESTS:

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 17, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Jul 19 - 7:00 p.m. Barry McCormick Req'd by Evelyn Collins

Wed. Jul 20 - 9:00 a.m. Mary Black Req'd by Steven Caughlin

Thur. Jul 21 - 9:00 a.m. Ray Horrigan Req'd by Pastoral Care Team

Fri. Jul 22 - 9:00 a.m. Lorenz Thout Req'd by Lisa & Mark Cranston

Sat. Jul 23 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Jul 24 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Jul 23 - 4:00 p.m. Marian Flanigan

Sun. Jul 24 - 9:00 a.m. Emma Westendorp

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 23 - 5:30 p.m.- Dec'd members of the Tony & Mary Andrade Families Req'd by Tony & Mary Andrade

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Jul 24 - 11:00 a.m. – Loretta Murray Req'd by Elsie McAsey

Gospel Reading: *Luke 10:38-42*

Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

Family Connection

In our families and homes, we have boundaries. Some are geographical; we may have our own room or part of a room that we want others to stay out of. Parents may have home offices that are off-limits to children. Some boundaries are behavioral; children may speak one way to their friends, but they are not allowed to speak the same way to their parents or other adults. A Curfew is another type of boundary; whose purpose is to protect children's safety. Talk about examples of boundaries in your family. For the most part, these boundaries are good. Talk about how sometimes we set up boundaries for the wrong reasons. For example, if we are angry with a sibling, we may draw a line and tell him or her to

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Genesis 18:1-10a*

Abraham entertains three strangers and is promised a son.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 15:2-5*

Those who do justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: *Colossians 1:24-28*

The mystery hidden from ages past has now been revealed in Christ.

stay on his or her side. Explain that when we use boundaries to exclude others, we are being hurtful. Point out how in Jesus' time, some boundaries were used to unfairly exclude people. One example was from last week's Gospel: Samaritans. This Sunday's Gospel has another example: women. Talk about how the role of women has changed in your lifetime. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus breaks down a barrier that kept women from being disciples.

Read aloud Luke 10:38-42. Talk about how Martha is conditioned by the existing boundaries of her society, but how her sister, Mary, breaks through that boundary and becomes a disciple of Jesus. Talk about how you can work as a family to break down boundaries that separate people. Point out that when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we call God "Our Father," meaning that we are all his children; no boundaries should separate us. Conclude this time together by praying the Lord's Prayer.

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

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. P. Meyer	Tue.- Rev. E. Olusola
Wed.- Pallottine Fathers (S.A.C.)	Thurs. – R. Okpuruka
Fri.- Rev. K. Miskiewicz	Sat.- Rev. T. Seh

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

St. Mary Magdalene- July 20



Mary Magdalene, sometimes called Mary of Magdala, or simply the Magdalene or the Madeleine, was a woman who, according to the

four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of his followers and was a witness to his crucifixion and resurrection.

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

St. Mary Magdalene was a disciple of Jesus. According to the Gospel accounts, Jesus cleansed her of seven demons, and she financially aided him in Galilee. She was **one of the witnesses of the Crucifixion and burial of Jesus and, famously, was the first person to see him after the Resurrection.**

Mary Magdalene is considered a saint by the **Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran** churches with a feast day of 22nd July. The Eastern Orthodox churches also commemorate her on the Sunday of the Myrrhbearers which is the second Sunday after Pascha (Easter).

Prayer:

Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love. You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that someday I may share in the same everlasting joy. Amen.

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).

Act of Charity

O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul because you are all good and worthy of all my love.

I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you.

I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. 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.

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.

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.

“Love cannot remain by itself- it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service.”

– St. Teresa of Calcutta