

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
Telephone: 519-323-2586
Fax: 519-323-9446

PARISH BEQUESTS:

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug 28, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Aug 30 - 7:00 p.m. Aidan Felsbourg Req'd by Kathleen Boone

Wed. Aug 31 - 9:00 a.m. Dec'd Members of the Moore & Downey Families Req'd by Helen & Bert Moore

Thur. Sept 1 - 9:00 a.m Braedon Coburn Req'd Adell Mueller

Fri. Sept 2 - 9:00 a.m. . Ray Horrigan Req'd by Frank & Jo Anne McKenna

Sat. Sept 3 – 9:00 a.m. Peter De Jong Req'd by Dorothy De Jong & Family

Sat. Sept 3 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Sept 4 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Sept 3 - 4:00 p.m. Marian Flanigan

Sun. Sept 4 - 9:00 a.m. Debra Ross

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. Sept 3 - 5:30 p.m. Guidance

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Sept 4 - 11:00 a.m. Gloria Hepp Req'd by Roy & Agnes Diemert

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29*

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 68:4-7,10-11*

The just rejoice and exult before God.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24*

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:1,7-14*

When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society. It is yet another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal the kingdom brings about.

Family Connection

Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about doing good deeds for others and expecting nothing in return. Ask your children how they would feel if you told them to take on more chores without ever expecting another raise in allowance. Emphasize that Jesus teaches us that it is our duty as his followers to take care of the needs of others and to do so without expecting repayment. Discuss what other types of rewards we can find when doing good things for others.

Point out that we sometimes fall into the trap of wanting too many things and that, in the Our Father, we pray for "our daily bread," meaning that we pray

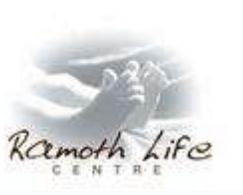
for only that which we really need in life. Conclude this time together by praying aloud the Our Father.

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

“Let your whole life be spent in self-surrender, in prayer, in work, in humility, in giving thanks to our good God. “
–St. Pius of Pietrelcina

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. Msgr. D. Noon Tue.- Rev. V. Onwunjiogu
Wed.- Ursuline Sisters (o.s.u.)
Thurs.- Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre
Fri.- Re. A. P. Rudinkas Sat.- Rev. M. Downey



Are you looking for something to do? How about giving a few hours a month or be on call? Give Ramoth a call and join our Support Team, change your life forever along with a young mom's and baby's life. 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 office@ramoth.ca

CWL

CWL Meeting - Tue Sept 13 at 1:00 p.m.
New members are welcome.

Election forms for the CWL will be in the foyer.
The positions that are needed to be filled are
1 – TREASURER. 2 - SECRETARY.
Please nominate someone you know that may be interested or apply yourself.
The CWL is a vibrant and fulfilling organization to belong to and we would like more ladies from the parish to come out and participate.

Please leave the forms in the collection basket addressed to the CWL.



Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs:

The Diocese of Hamilton and the Wellington Catholic District School Board will be hosting the 20th Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs on Thursday, October 13 at the Italian Canadian Club of Guelph. The evening will include dinner, a silent auction, and an opportunity to celebrate Catholic education within our community. All net proceeds directly benefit families in need within our community. To purchase tickets and learn more about the event, please visit

<https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/apps/pages/bishopsdinner>

International Students Seeking Host Families for

Exchange: Wellington Catholic Secondary Schools will be welcoming international students this fall. Through this international program, students stay with families in the area where they study to provide a fully immersive experience for the students involved. The Wellington Catholic DSB's partner agency, MLI Homestay, is currently looking for host families for students while they are attending our schools. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in welcoming an international student from September 28 until November 16 please visit this webpage for more information

<https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/apps/news/article/830045>.

September is the Month of Our **Lady of Sorrows**



A MOTHER'S PROTECTION

**O Mother of Jesus, and my Mother,
let me dwell with you, cling to you,
and love you with ever-increasing love.**

I promise the honour, love and trust of a child.

**Give me a mother's protection,
for I need your watchful care.**

**You know better than any other
the thoughts and desires of the Sacred Heart.**

**Keep constantly before my mind
the same thoughts, the same desires,
that my heart be filled with zeal**

**for the interest of the Sacred Heart of your
Divine Son.**

**Instill in me a love of all that is noble,
that I may no longer be easily turned to
selfishness.**

**Help me, dearest Mother,
to acquire the virtues that God wants of me:
to forget myself always, to work solely for God,
without fear of sacrifice.**

**I shall always rely on your help to be
what Jesus wants me to be.**

I am his; I am yours, my good Mother!

**Give me each day your holy and maternal
blessing until my last evening on earth,
When your Immaculate Heart will present me
to the heart of Jesus in heaven,
there to love and bless you and your divine Son
for all eternity.**

Amen.

– St. John Henry Newman

The Pope's Intention for September 2022

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

Liturgical Calendar

Mon. Aug 29- Passion of St. John the Baptist

Sat. Sept 3- St. Gregory the Great

Pope Gregory I - commonly known as **Saint Gregory the Great**, was Bishop of Rome from 3rd September 590 to his death in 604. He is known for instigating the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome, the Gregorian Mission, to convert the then largely pagan Anglo-Saxons to Christianity. Gregory is also well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as pope. The epithet **Saint Gregory the Dialogist** has been attached to him in Eastern Christianity because of his *Dialogues*. English translations of Eastern texts sometimes list him as Gregory "Dialogos", or the Anglo-Latinate equivalent "Dialogus".

Throughout the Middle Ages, he was known as "the Father of Christian Worship" because of his exceptional efforts in revising the Roman worship of his day. His contributions to the development of the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, still in use in the Byzantine Rite, were so significant that he is generally recognized as its *de facto* author. Gregory is one of the Latin Fathers and a Doctor of the Church. He is considered a saint in the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, Anglican Communion, various Lutheran denominations, and other Protestant denominations. Immediately after his death, Gregory was canonized by popular acclaim. The Protestant reformer John Calvin admired Gregory greatly and declared in his *Institutes* that Gregory was the last good Pope.

He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

August 1-6, 2023- Lisbon, Portugal