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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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 31, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Aug 2 - 7:00 p.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller

Wed. Aug 3 - 9:00 a.m. Garry Bray Req'd by Staff & Students St. Mary School

Thur. Aug 4 - 9:00 a.m. Margaret & Leo Coulson Req'd by Wilf Coulson

Fri. Aug 5 - 9:00 a.m. Catherine O'Donnell Req'd by Pastoral Care Team

Sat. Aug 6 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Aug 7 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Aug 6 - 4:00 p.m. Luis Arruda

Sun. Aug 7 - 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. Aug 6 - 5:30 p.m.- Guidance

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Aug 7 - 11:00 a.m. – Loretta Caughlin Req'd by Estate

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*
Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 90:1-2,6-9*
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: *Colossians 3:1-5,9-11*
There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:13-21*
A person's life does not consist of possessions.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man.

Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God. Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

Family Connection

Family life helps us learn about the values of solidarity and the common good. As a family, we strive to respect the rights of each family member and make decisions that promote the common good of the family. Talk about what it would be like if the family ordered a pizza and then divided it unevenly, with some members getting as many pieces as they wanted while others got only a half slice. Talk about

how you work to make sure that everyone in the family has his or her fair share.

Talk about how your family is also a member of the human family, called to share the goods of creation fairly and justly. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to remember that the goods of the world are intended to be shared by all. Read aloud Luke 12:13-21. Talk about the parable of the rich fool and ask family members to describe what they think he did wrong. Emphasize that although the man in the story doesn't seem bad, Jesus points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security. Emphasize that when we fail to think about the needs of others, we call that a sin of omission.

Remind your children that each time we go to Mass, we ask forgiveness for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. We call this prayer the *Confiteor*. End this time together by praying the *Confiteor* ("I confess to almighty God...").

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

The Pope's Intentions for August 2022

Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

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

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Most Rev .A. Tonno
Wed.- Catholic Teachers
Fri.- Rev. R. Yaworski, S.J.

Tue.- Rev. I. Duffy
Thurs.- Rev. V. Boyd, S.J.

Sat.- Transfiguration of the Lord

Aug 1-St. Alphonsus Liguori – doctor of the church; he is the Patron Saint of: Theologians, Vocations

Alphonsus is best known for his moral theology, but he also wrote well in the field of spiritual and dogmatic theology. His *Glories of Mary* is one of the great works on that subject, and his book *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament* went through 40 editions in his lifetime, greatly influencing the practice of this devotion in the Church.

He founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. It was an association of priests and brothers living a common life, dedicated to the imitation of Christ, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas.

Saint Alphonsus was known above all as a practical man who dealt in the concrete rather than the abstract. His life is indeed a practical model for the everyday Christian who has difficulty recognizing the dignity of Christian life amid the swirl of problems, pain, misunderstanding and failure. Alphonsus suffered all these things. He is a saint because he was able to maintain an intimate sense of the presence of the suffering Christ through it all.

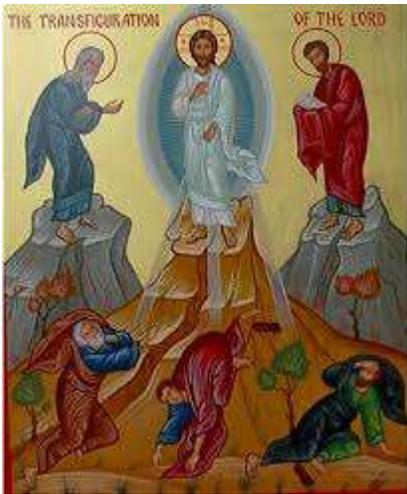
Aug 4- Saint John Mary (Maria) Vianney- Cure of Ars; is the Patron Saint of: Diocesan Priests, Parish Priests.

He was born in 1786 near Lyons, France. At age 20, he enrolled in school but found studying difficult. In 1818 become John became the parish priest of the village of Ars-en-Dombes. For 30 years he served all who came to him: people were healed and converted, and many were given appropriate words of wisdom or advice even before they had explained their predicament. He died in 1859 and was canonized in 1925.

His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/>

Aug 6- Sat.- Transfiguration of the Lord



In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him. - Mt 17:5

The experience on Mount Tabor is one where Jesus reveals his divinity, and invites us all into similar mystical encounter. The path up that mountain proceeds through prayer.

Marriage Tips

When we value something we take extra care to ensure it will last. When it comes to our cars and houses we do regular maintenance on both, not only because they are important to us, but because we want them to work as efficiently as possible. **Marriage is your most valuable asset** and it deserves some maintenance too! Read a book on relationships together; seek counselling if there are major issues between you; learn how to communicate positively so your marriage continues to grow; consider attending a marriage enrichment evening sometime this year. A good start might be attending Marriage Encounter Weekend .

August- Parenting Tip

Our children are healthier and happier when their emotional, physical, intellectual and social needs are looked after. Add to this list one more essential need that requires care - a child's spiritual well-being. A relationship with God is as essential to their welfare as water. The month of August is the month we pray for all people on holidays; help your children understand that

God is always with us and when we seek his help to live as we are called. So, pray together, attend Mass as a family, share readings from the Bible, talk about the awe of God's creation and remind your children that God is always present. His love will guide them and be a source of comfort as they grow.



“As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.”

– Pope John Paul II

Family: A Ministry of Love

- The church has a deeply rooted belief in family
- In family, Jesus learned of his faith, his traditions, his role as son and his obligation to respect and love his parents

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 seeks all, and desires to save all, wishing to make all the children of God.”

– St. Hippolytus