

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.

*Dead line for all announcement for the bulletin is 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
Fax: 519-323-9446

PARISH BEQUESTS:

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

3rd Sunday of Easter – May 1, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. May 3 - 7:00 p.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller

Wed. May 4 - 9:00 a.m. Jim Gorman Req'd & by Myrtle Gorman & family

Thur. May 5- 9:00 a.m. Special intention for Betty Mogensen & family

Req'd by Helen & Bert Moore

Fri. May 6 - 9:00 a.m Tony & Joan Daciuk Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan

Sat. May 7 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. May 8 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. May 7 - 4:00 p.m. Marian Flanigan

Sun. May 8 - 9:00 a.m. C. 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. May 7- 5:30 p.m.- Martin Pronk Req'd by Mary Seifried family

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. May 8- 11:00 a.m. – Ruth Goetz Req'd by Marion Becker

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32,40b-41*

The apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin and ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13*

A song of praise to God who rescues us.

Second Reading: *Revelation 5:11-14*

John describes his vision of the praises that will be sung to the Lamb by every creature on heaven and earth.

Gospel Reading: *John 21:1-19* (short form: *John 21:1-14*)

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going

fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful. Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish. The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in [John 6](#). There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the

Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence. After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

Fr. Joe's Silver Jubilee Invitation

Dear Parishioners of Mount Forest/Ayton/Harriston

Please join me celebrate

The 25th anniversary of my Priestly Ordination

On Tuesday June 21, 2022 at 5:00 pm Holy Mass

At St. Patrick's Catholic Church,

53 Wellington Street, Cambridge, ON. N1R 3Y6

And afterwards the reception

At Paragon Banquet & Catering

15 International Village Dr. Cambridge, ON. N1R 7M5

You have all touched my heart and are dear to me. I hope you will join me for this joyous event. Please Reply by: April 31, 2022 to Ms. Adell Mueller 1-519-323-6012 OR email: adellsbeautysalon@gmail.com

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.



2020 Baby Bottle Campaign

Here are some recommended reminders for bulletins and newsletters. We encourage you to post on social media during the campaign. Feel free to link to our own

posts on [Facebook](#) or on our [designated website page](#).

Do not forget to tag us 😊

Two weeks and then One Week Before Distribution Sunday:

The Baby Bottle Campaign for Michael House is taking place on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th. Get ready to pick up your baby bottles at the back of the church. If you will be away, you can pick up your bottle from the Church office. This is the one annual campaign from Michael House, and it is our opportunity to participate. We want to appreciate and support them.

Distribution Sunday:

Don't forget to pick up your baby bottle today for the Michael House Baby Bottle Campaign. Fill your bottle with cheques, bills and change and support the life-changing programs at Michael House Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services. Bottles will be collected on Father's Day.

One Week Before Collection:

Please remember to fill your baby bottles for the Michael House Baby Bottle Campaign and return them next Sunday. Cheques can be made payable to Michael House and a receipt will be issued to all donations over \$20.00. Thank you for your support and for your appreciation of what God has called us to do. Each returned bottle is a testimony to your love and prayers for the young women and children we serve.

Bottle Collection:

Thank you for participating in the Michael House Baby Bottle Campaign. Please leave your bottles in your church's designated drop off location when you leave today. Money given will support the life-changing programs at Michael House. Every returned bottle matters. If you want to discover more ways to get involved with Michael House or, are looking for more helpful information, visit www.michaelhouse.ca.

Thank You from the team at Michael House!



["Seek the Lord..." Consider service as a priest. If God calling you contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email \[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com\]\(mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com\)](#)

Shuffleboard

starts again on Tuesday's at 1:00 pm.
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!

Ramoth House

Are you looking to give to a mission field a few hours a month? Ramoth House needs moms, grandmas and aunts to support young moms. Ramoth House is urgently seeking women to join our Support Staff Team. 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 director@ramoth.ca

Let's Go! Make Disciples

Planning VBS for this year? Join us for a Diocesan information session on Zoom.

Interested in running a Vacation Bible School? Come join our information session on **May 5, 2022, at 7:00PM**. Register by contacting catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com.

To start using **FORMED** simply follow these instructions:

1. In your internet browser type in <https://formed.org/>
2. Click the SIGN UP button
3. Then click the SIGN UP AS A PARISHIONER button
4. Under the heading FIND YOUR PARISH or 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.
5. 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.