

# 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 visit.

**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  
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## PARISH BEQUESTS:

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

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 10, 2022

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Jul 12 - 7:00 p.m. Joesy Vandapass Req'd by  
Michell Fonz and family

Wed. Jul 13 - 9:00 a.m. Martin Pronk Req'd by  
Family

Thur. Jul 14 - 9:00 a.m. Martin Sokol Req'd by  
Jolanta Sokol

Fri. Jul 15 - 9:00 a.m. Mary Black Req'd by Lisa &  
Mark Cranston

Sat. Jul 16 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Jul 17 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. Jul 16 - 4:00 p.m. Marian Flanigan

Sun. Jul 17 - 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 16 - 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 17 - 11:00 a.m. – Loretta Murray Req'd by  
Dot Bourgeois

## **Background on the Gospel Reading**

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting [Deuteronomy 6:5](#), on loving God with all your heart, and [Leviticus 19:18](#), on loving your neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live." Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

## **Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading:** *Deuteronomy 30:10-14*

Moses reminds the people that God's commandments are not remote but are already in their hearts.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 69:14,17,30-31,36-37*

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

**Second Reading:** *Colossians 1:15-20*

Jesus is the head of the body, the Church.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 10:25-37*

The parable of the Good Samaritan

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

### Family Connection

Families rely on selfless love. Parents show love for their children not just when it's convenient, but whenever their children's needs must be met. Imagine if the members of a family were concerned only with their own needs. How quickly things would fall apart!

In the story of the Good Samaritan, we learn about someone who went out of his way to care for the needs of another. He recognized the victim as his brother and accepted responsibility for him. As a family, talk about the responsibilities of each member of the family. Share how you, as parents, care for the needs of everyone in the family even when it's inconvenient. Ask your children to share times when they did chores and helped the family even when it was not convenient.

Talk about how the Samaritan went out of his way to care for the needs of the victim. Make a commitment as a family to follow the example of the Good Samaritan. Explain that the more you learn to accept responsibility for each other's needs at home, the more you'll be able to accept responsibility for the needs of others in the world.

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

### **DIOCESAN CALENDAR**

Mon.- Rev. Msgr. R. Modeski	Tue.- Most Rev. A. Tonno
Wed.- Society of Christ (S.Chr.)	Thurs. - A. Scidmore
Fri.- Rev. J. Curtin	Sat.- Rev. E. Hampson

### **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

JULY IS MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD



One particular devotion in the Catholic Church connected to the Passion of Jesus Christ is the honoring of his Precious Blood. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how he spilled his blood for the salvation of humanity. Furthermore, this blood is made present through the gift of the Eucharist and is something we can consume at Mass, along with the body of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine.

Over time the Church developed various feasts of the Precious Blood, but it wasn't until the 19th century when a universal feast was established.

During the First Italian War for Independence in 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile to Gaeta. He went there with Don Giovanni Merlini, third superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood.

While the war was still raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal feast to the Precious Blood to beg God's heavenly aid to end the war and bring peace to Rome. Pius IX subsequently made a statement on June 30, 1849 that he intended to create a feast in honor of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended and he returned to Rome shortly thereafter.

On August 10 he made it official and proclaimed that the 1st Sunday in July will be dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Later, Pope Pius X assigned July 1 as the fixed date of this celebration.

After Vatican II the feast was removed from the calendar, but a votive Mass in honor of the Precious Blood was established and can be celebrated in the month of July (as well as most other months of the year).

For these reasons the entire month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood, and Catholics are encouraged to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the pouring out of his blood for humanity.

Below is the opening prayer of the votive Mass, as well as an additional prayer that can be used as our own personal meditation or prayer during July.

<https://aleteia.org/.../heres-why-july-is-dedicated-to-the-precious-blood-of-jesus-christ/>

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
5. 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.
6. 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.

### **THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS**

#### **July - Elderly**

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

### **Prayer to God the Father**

Almighty God, my Eternal Father,  
from the fullness of my soul I adore You.  
I am deeply grateful that You have made me  
in Your image and likeness,  
and that You ever hold me in Your loving embrace.  
Direct me to love You with all my heart,  
with all my soul, and with my whole mind.  
Direct me to love all Your children as I love myself.  
O, my Father, my soul longs to be united to You,  
and to rest in You forever.  
Have the Holy Spirit touch my soul  
so that I may love You as He does,  
and as Your Beloved Son Jesus does.  
Amen.

### **ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

#### **When was the dwelling of the Holy Ghost in the Church first visibly manifested?**

The dwelling of the Holy Ghost in the Church was first visibly manifested on Pentecost Sunday, when He came down upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire.

(a) The word "Pentecost" means fiftieth and is applied to the fiftieth day after Our Lord's Resurrection.

(b) The apostles were sent by Christ to preach His doctrines to all men.

#### **How long will the Holy Ghost dwell in the Church?**

The Holy Ghost will dwell in the Church until the end of time.

Christ foretold that the Holy Ghost would dwell in the Church until the end of time.

#### **Who sent the Holy Ghost to dwell in the Church?**

God the Father and God the Son sent the Holy Ghost to dwell in the Church.

(a) It is a matter of faith that the Holy Ghost proceeds from the Father and the Son and is sent by both to dwell in the Church.

[www.ewtn.com/faith/teachings/chura1a.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/faith/teachings/chura1a.htm)]