

# 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.

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug 7, 2022

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Aug 9 - **12:00 p.m.** Herbie Beitz Req'd by Betty Mogensen & Bob Goetz & families

Wed. Aug 10 - 9:00 a.m. Florence Somerville Req'd by Cindy & Peter Van de Gevel

Thur. Aug 11 - **12:00 p.m.** Catherine O'Donnel Req'd by Evelyn Goetz

Fri. Aug 12 - **12:00 p.m.** McManus family Req'd by Mary Hammond

Sat. Aug 13 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Aug 14 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. Aug 13 - 4:00 p.m. Marian Flanigan

Sun. Aug 14 - 9:00 a.m. J. von Westerholt

**CONFESSION: by appointment.**

### **ST. THOMAS, Harriston**

Sat. Aug 13 - 5:30 p.m.- Jonathon Eurig Req'd by DeeDee Eurig & Family

### **ST. PETER'S, Ayton**

Sun. Aug 14 - 11:00 a.m. – Dec'd Members of the family Murry & Ryan Req'd by Family

## **Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading:** *Wisdom 18:6-9*

The Hebrew people awaited the salvation of the just.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 33:1,12,18-22*

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19*

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 12:32-48*

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

## **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

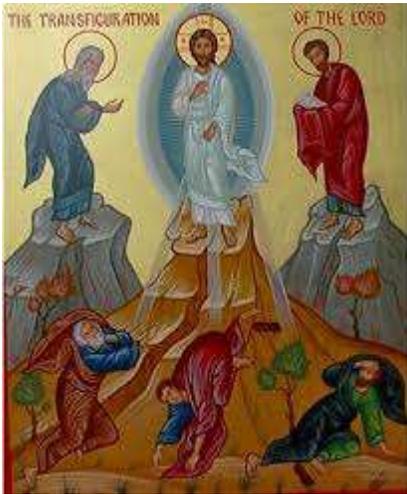
The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived. goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

**Family Connection:** This Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about how important it is for us to be aware and alert, otherwise, we will miss something.

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## 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.

**First Reading:** Daniel 7:9–10,13–14

The prophet Daniel describes his vision of one like the Son of Man who received dominion from God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 97:1–2,5–6,9

A song of praise to God our King

**Second Reading :** 2 Peter 1:16–19

Peter says that the voice heard from heaven confirmed the truth of his testimony about Christ.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 9:28–36

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

On August 6, our liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Our Gospel for this liturgy in Cycle C is the same as the Gospel proclaimed on the second Sunday of Lent. Recall that on the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration, each time from a different Gospel. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further

affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

In Cycle C, our Gospel for this day is taken from the Gospel of Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Mark's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship follows the Transfiguration.

In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some believe that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history indicates Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offered to construct three tents for them. Luke's Gospel reports that Peter's offer was made in confusion. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven spoke, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples

to keep secret what they had seen until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continued as they wondered what Jesus meant by "rising from the dead." Until they also witness his passion and death, the disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we see in this event an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

### **Family Connection**

Every family has special moments that they remember and share. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of these events develop and deepen over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' death and Resurrection. As they told other believers about this event and recorded the story for us in the Bible, our understanding of what it means to call Jesus God's own Son has also deepened. Gather as a family and think about some special family memories that your family tells over and over again. Talk about why these memories are important to you. Recall that in the Bible we find many important memories about Jesus that have been recorded for us so that we can believe that Jesus is God's Son. Read today's Gospel, Luke 9:28-36. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfills the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the Prophets; God glorified Jesus in his Resurrection; Jesus is God's Son.) Conclude in prayer together that as we continue to read the Bible we will deepen our understanding and love for Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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### **DIOCESAN CALENDAR**

Mon.- Rev. B. Carroll, S.J.    Tue.- Rev. W. Clarke, S.J.  
Wed.- Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)  
Thurs.- Rev. E. Jensen, S.J.    Fri.- Rev. G. M. Kennedy, S.J.  
Sat.- Very Rev. P. Panaretos, S.J.

**HNS meeting Aug. 18, Thursday at 7pm in the England room.**

### **CWL**

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.

### **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.