

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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct 30, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Nov 1 – 7:00 p.m. **ALL SAINTS** - The People of the Parish

Wed. Nov 2– 9:00 a.m. **All deceased members of the Parish**

Thur. Nov 3– 9:00 a.m. Peter Mogensen Req'd by Norm & Ruth Anne Staples

Thur. Nov 3- 7:00 p.m. Deceased Priests

Fri. Nov 4 – 9:00 a.m. Dec'd members of Pronk family

Sat. Nov 5 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Nov 6 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Nov 5 - 4:00 p.m. Luis Arruda

Sun. Nov 6 - 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. Nov 5 - 5:30 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Buckland Req'd by Bill & Linda McKenna

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Nov 6 - 11:00 a.m. Ted Jacobs Req'd by Antonia Verstraten

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Sirach 35:12-14,16-18*
God hears the prayer of the poor.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 34:2-3,17-18,19, 23*
The Lord hears and answers the cry of the poor.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18*
Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:9-14*
Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

Family Connection

In the family, one sometimes observes a level of competition between children for parent attention, for acknowledgement of their abilities. Somehow, children seem to internalize that the attention given to one member of the family diminishes the attention given to another. In this way, children can often sound like the Pharisee in Jesus' parable. Parents who provide continual reminders to their children that they are loved for who they are, not for what they do, help children develop a healthy spirituality.

As a family, talk about what it means to compare oneself to another. Discuss whether it is helpful to compare oneself to another. In what ways might this be positive? (when it motivates one to use one's talents) In what circumstances might this be unhelpful? (when it proves discouraging, when it prevents one from valuing the abilities of another)

Pray together as a family in thanksgiving for the blessing that is each member of your family. Pray that your family will be free from unhealthy competition. Pray in thanksgiving that God's love for us is unconditional.

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

The Pope's Intention for November 2022

For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Nov 1- ALL SAINTS

First Reading: *Revelation 7:2-4,9-14*

John describes his vision: those who have endured the trials worship the Lamb.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6*

Those who seek the face of the Lord shall be rewarded.

Second Reading: *1 John 3:1-3*

We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:1-12*

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

Family Connection

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives. Pray together as a family a Litany of the Saints. <https://www.lovolapress.com/catholic-resources/>

Remembering the Faithful Departed

During the entire month of November, a

book of remembrance will be on the back of the church. All are invited to record the names of the deceased you wish to remember. A Mass will be offered for the repose of their souls on Wed, Nov 2, at 9:00 a.m.



We will remember all those who have gone before us. **"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."**



ALL SOULS DAY

The feast of All Souls is the day on which the Church remembers and specially prays for all the souls in purgatory, who are being purified in expiation for their sins and in expectation of their eternal reward with God and the Saints in heaven.

Christian charity demands that we love our neighbors as Christ loves us, and so we must help those who are suffering and in need. The souls in

purgatory, who are unable to help themselves, depend upon the charity of others to pray for them.

We are, moreover, bound to pray for our parents, benefactors, those we may have misled on earth, etc. Therefore, it is “a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.”

To offer up Mass for the Holy Souls is to pour the Precious Blood of Christ upon their souls for their relief or release.

These souls will pray for us when they reach heaven, for “ingratitude is unknown in heaven.”

Liturgical Callendar

Nov 1- All Saints

Nov 2- All the Faithful Departed

Nov 3- St. Martin de Porres -was a Dominican lay brother from Lima, Peru. He is a patron of barbers, inn keepers, public education and health, racial harmony, and social justice.

Nov 4- Charles Borromeo- He is a patron of catechists and catechumens

CEMETARY FLOWERS

Reminder: Flowers at the cemetery need to be removed by November 1. Thank you for your understanding. Cemetery Board.

CWL

The CWL will be collecting new baby outfits and goods or toiletries for young women for the Ramoth house until Dec 13, 2022 at the CWL meeting.

There will be a basket in the foyer.

COFFEE SUNDAY- OCT 30

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

* Volunteers are needed to set up for Coffee Sunday.
Please call Colleen at 519-323-9112*

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Christmas Cantata directed by Derek Moore, Sunday Dec.18th. @ 2:30 St. Mary's Church, Mount Forest. Practices are Nov. 6th and 13 @ Grace Anglican Church in Arthur 2 p.m. If you would like to join the Choir or need more information, contact Bob McIntee, 519 323 2316.

LOUISE MARSHALL HOSPITAL

AUXILIARY BAZAAR

Place: Mt. Forest, Victory Church, 320 King St., E.

When: November 19th, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Lunch served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm,

ticket \$15.00 per person. Silent Auction,

Bake Table, Country Cupboard and Quilt draw.

MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE, the newest documentary film from the Knights of Columbus, will be premiered in Canada at Kitchener and Waterloo theatres this November 2nd and 3rd. The documentary was released to commemorate the 25th anniversary of her death.

INDULGENCES: The faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased may obtain an indulgence that can only be used for souls in purgatory, once daily from November 1st to November 8th. You should meet the following conditions: Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. One Holy Confession is sufficient for all the days to obtain indulgences. However, is it necessary to remove all attachments to sin.

SHOE BOX CAMPAIGN

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT:

As you **prayerfully prepare** to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last.

* Select a **quality “wow” toy** * **Other gifts** * **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. * **Include a personal note and photo** to delight the heart of the child.

* **A donation of \$10 per box** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. * Take your shoebox gift to Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

BOYS AND GIRLS IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD
Praise the Lord for the opportunity to bring great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children through shoeboxes. Ask God to prepare their hearts to respond to His love through these simple treasures.
SamaritansPurse.ca/occ

Please remember to put donation envelope inside the box and add the label on the outside on top. The Shoe Box need to be in no later than Sun. **Nov.13th in St. Mary Church.**