

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.

Christ the King – Nov 20, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Nov 22 – 7:00 p.m. Martin Sokol Req'd by Jolanta Sokol

Wed. Nov 23– 9:00 a.m. Dec'd members of the Flanigan & Stortz families Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan

Thur. Nov 24– 9:00 a.m. Dec'd members of the Fabiano & Garieri families Req'd by Family

Fri. Nov 25 – 9:00 a.m. Lorne & Florence Moyer-50th Wedding Anniversary

Sat. Nov 26 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Nov 27 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Nov 26 - 4:00 p.m. Maxine Schmidt

Sun. Nov 27 - 9:00 a.m. J. vonWesterholt

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 26- 5:30 p.m. Mary & Francis Garvey Req'd by Virginia & Dan McComiskey

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Nov 27- 11:00 a.m. Jim & Lorreta Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *2 Samuel 5:1-3*

David is anointed king.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5*

Enter the house of the Lord rejoicing.

Second Reading: *Colossians 1:12-20*

Hymn to Jesus as the first-born of all creation.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 23:35-43*

Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

Family Connection

Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all.

Talk about how your family will recognize and honor Christ the King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/>

Christ The King



Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessed is the coming Kingdom of Our Father David; Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

CWL

Dues: 2023 CWL dues must be in before the end of 2022. It is now \$40.00. Please leave in the collection basket addressed to CWL.

Monday Dec. 12, 2022 at 5:00 pm is the CWL **Christmas dinner**. \$15.00 per member. Please bring a guest. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

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- NOV 20

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

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

In The First Light

First Baptist Church (116 Fergus St. N. Mount Forest) is hosting a concert on Fri. Dec. 9 at 7:00 pm called In The First Light. It is an Intimate Retting of the Christmas Story Through Music & Word. Cost: Free
For more info: 510-323-2093 or www.fbcmf.ca

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Christmas Cantata directed by Derek Moore, Sunday Dec.18th. @ 2:30 St. Mary's Church, Mount Forest.

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.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Hosted by the England Funeral Home
Saturday, Dec 3, 2022 at 2 p.m.

First Baptist Church

116 Fergus Street North, Mount Forest

Please RSVP by Nov 30th at 519-323-2631 or
info@englandfuneralhome.com

The service will be livestreamed and may be viewed

by visiting the England Funeral Home Facebook page.

Annual Christmas Remembrance Service, available in-person at Knox-Calvin Presbyterian Church, Harriston

The holiday season can be a difficult time for those who have experienced a death in their family. On Saturday, December 3th at 2:00 p.m. at Knox-Calvin Presbyterian Church, Harriston, we gather to remember those we've lost and to be among friends. This short, uplifting service offers support and strength as we approach the holiday season. If you feel you may benefit from this, regardless of how long ago your loss or where services were held, you are welcome. Contact Wendy at Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston, (519-338-2441) for more information, and virtually (link available on our website).

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE!

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- **8-Day Directed Silent Retreat** - January 17-25; February 7-15
- **A Weekend with Water: Celebrating the Source** - January 27-29
- **Stopping to Eat: A Weekend Retreat on Food** - February 3-5
- **Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment** - February 17-19
- **Silent Spring in Dead of Winter: A Weekend Retreat** - February 17-19
- **Knowing the Heart of Jesus** - February 24-26

Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519 824 1250 ext. 266.

Safe Families

Safe Families is a non-profit organization that connects churches to families in crisis. We surround these families with caring,

compassionate community in order to aid in the stabilization of the family. As a recently launched chapter, Safe Families Guelph Wellington is in the process of increasing our volunteer base and support from local churches. Please pray for the growth of Safe Families volunteers that they may be willing and serving hearts in order to walk alongside many families. There are volunteer opportunities for male and female; single, married or families! Come to the information evening this Tuesday evening at 7:30 at First Baptist Church, Mount Forest to learn more about volunteering or how this organization could be a benefit to those in the community around you!

Veronica Hart, Safe Families Guelph Wellington

519-807-4125

veronica.hart@safefamilies.ca

WYD 2023 - There are limited spots available to any young people aged 18-35 who wish to participate in the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 2023. World Youth Day is a life-changing opportunity that gathers young Catholics from all around the world together with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, for days of prayer and celebration. More information about this pilgrimage opportunity and registration can be found at <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>.

On November 20, 2022, the Church is called to celebrate the World Day of Youth. Instituted in 1985 at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth, and in conjunction with Saint John Paul II's World Youth Day gatherings, this observance has previously taken place on Palm Sunday. In 2020, His Holiness, Pope Francis, transferred the date to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

This day of prayer and celebration begins our Diocesan preparations for the International Celebration of World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 28 – August 7, 2023. 40 young people from around our Diocese are preparing eagerly for this important pilgrimage of faith. We encourage you to pray for them, their spiritual advisors, and the 2,000 other Canadian youth preparing to meet with the global Church in Portugal this coming summer.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...When you have Lost a Loved One - Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. You are also welcome to join the session by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or e-mail her at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

THE THREE EPARCHS OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH serving in Canada published a Pastoral Letter recently “to the Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada, and to all Good People”, calling for prayer, fasting, and action as “the war in Ukraine rages on with no end in site.” They compare the current dire situation of the people of Ukraine to “the Holodomor-Genocide (Ukrainian Famine) of 1932-1933, which claimed the lives of millions of people in Ukraine”. They implore people to pray daily for peace in Ukraine, to fast for the people of Ukraine and for peace in their country, and to give alms as a way to identify with the needs of the people of Ukraine. It is a clear roadmap to making a difference in Ukraine.

Prayer: Prayer is the privilege and duty of every person where we worship and praise the Lord God and bring forth our immediate needs and concerns. Let us pray for those who endure the war, who defend their country and nationhood, who live in fear, and who have been forced to flee their homes. Let us pray for those who have died as a result of the war, and for those who have died today and who will die tomorrow.

Fasting: The age-old practice of fasting is a means to spiritual growth and purity of heart.

In particular, we invite you to a three-day fast starting on Thursday, November 24, concluding on Saturday, November 26, when we commemorate the Holodomor annually throughout Canada.

Fast as best as you can. For some, that will mean only bread and water, for some no sweets, for others only one meal each day. However you choose to fast, unite your thoughts and prayers before the Lord for peace for the people of Ukraine.

Action: Almsgiving is a charitable way of expressing gratitude to God for the bounty of God's blessings in our daily lives. Almsgiving is also a way to identify with the needs of others and respond in some meaningful way.