

# 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](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  
Telephone: 519-323-2586  
Fax: 519-323-9446

## PARISH BEQUESTS:

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

## **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nov 6, 2022**

### **ST. MARY PARISH**

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Tues. Nov 8** – 7:00 p.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller

**Wed. Nov 9**– 9:00 a.m. Dec'd of Stephen McNeil & Arthur McDonald families Req'd The Family

**Thur. Nov 10**– 9:00 a.m. Peter De Jong Req'd by Dorothy De Jong & Family

**Fri. Nov 11** – 9:00 a.m. Dec'd members of Flanigan & Stortz families Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan

**Sat. Nov 12** - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

**Sun. Nov 13** - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### **LECTORS**

Sat. Nov 12 - 4:00 p.m. Susan Thurston

Sun. Nov 13 - 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. Nov 12** - 5:30 p.m. Madeline & Michael Tobin Req'd by Kathleen Boone

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

**Sun. Nov 13** - 11:00 a.m. Jim & Loretta Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

## **Sunday's Readings**

### **First Reading**

*2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14*

Jewish martyrs give witness to their faith, even unto death.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 17:1,5-6,8,15*

The just person will live in God's presence.

### **Second Reading**

*2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5*

Paul encourages the Thessalonians and asks for their prayers.

### **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 20:27-38*

Jesus answers a question from some Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead. (short form Luke 20:27, 34-38)

## **Background on the Gospel Reading**

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to [Deuteronomy 25:5-10](#), if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, “. . . for to him all are alive.”

## **Family Connection**

Children in our culture often know very little about death, dying, and eternal life. Take this opportunity to talk with your children about their thoughts, beliefs, maybe even their fears, about death and dying.

In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells us that after we die, we will not need the same things we did when we were alive, but we will continue to have a relationship with God. You could use the example of a tree to help your children understand what Jesus tells us. When a tree is alive it needs water, soil, and sunlight. When the tree is used to make a table, a toy, or something else it has a new purpose. The tree no longer needs water, soil, or sunlight.

Tell your children about your hope and faith in the resurrection of the body and eternal life with God. Pray together for those in your family who have died and conclude by praying today's Psalm.

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

### CWL

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make the HNS Harvest Beef dinner a great success.

There is a CWL meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 1 pm in the England Room.

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 5

### EVERYBODY WELCOME!

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

### HNS

The HNS will have a meeting on Wed. Nov. 9 at 7pm in the England room.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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.

### CEMETERY FLOWERS

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

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> at 519-323-2631 or

[info@englandfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@englandfuneralhome.com)

The service will be livestreamed and may be viewed by visiting the England Funeral Home Facebook page.

### Friday Nov 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY

*In Flanders Fields*

[John McCrae](#) - 1872-1918



In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

<https://poets.org/poem/flanders-fields>

**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 1<sup>st</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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/>.

**WYD FUNDRAISING DINNER: A Taste of Portugal... Save the Date!** The Diocesan World Youth Day Planning Team warmly invites you to a fundraising dinner at St. Mary's Church in Hamilton on Saturday, February 04, 2023. Join us as we celebrate the delegation of young people who will be attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal this summer while enjoying fine Portuguese food, music and cultural dance! Tickets will be available soon and full tables are available to purchase for families or parish teams. Please contact our office for more details or to reserve tickets: [wyd@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:wyd@hamiltondiocese.com).

**MOUNT MARY IMMACULATE RETREAT CENTRE** (437 Wilson St. E, Ancaster ON) is hosting an Open House and Christmas Market on December 10th from 10:00 am- 4:00 pm. Guests are welcome to tour the grounds and buildings, enjoy some seasonal refreshments and do some Christmas shopping. Admission is free, and all are welcome! For more information about Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre please visit: [www.mountmary.ca](http://www.mountmary.ca).

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>** - Fr. Mark Morley, invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm). Saturday, December 3rd at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip** Parents hold two important roles in their family, they lead

and model. Healthy families come from parents who take both roles seriously. As leaders, you set the household tone by staying on the same page (even if parenting from a different household), setting rules to be followed and by ensuring children know you are in charge. Even more important is your role as a model, since children watch more than listen! Modelling happens when you spend time with your children, really listen to them, encourage them and have deep and important conversations. When you take on these two roles, you will become the primary influencers of your children and they will feel loved and secure. From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 124** - The culture often pushes us to pursue work, activities and socializing, without keeping us grounded in the fact that there are only 24 hours in a day. When we look at our lives through the lens of both a daily and weekly schedule, we can begin to see where our priorities are focussed. Do you spend both quality and quantity time with the one you love? Do you ensure that as a couple you engage in meaningful moments through texts, calls, face to face discussions and sharing meals, social time and other activities with your spouse? Many people feel lonely in their marriages, but loving someone means we spend enough time together to ward off loneliness and in so doing, bond and deepen our love. From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**SAVE THE DATE: THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS BACK!** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available on line by mid-November at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**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](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com). (You are welcome to attend even if you have not registered in advance.)