

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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nov 13, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Nov 15 – NO MASS

Wed. Nov 16– NO MASS

Thur. Nov 17– 9:00 a.m. Terry McCabe Req'd by Estate

Fri. Nov 18 – 9:00 a.m. Aidan Felsbourg Req'd by Kathleen Boone

Sat. Nov 19 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Nov 20 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Nov 19 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins

Sun. Nov 20 - 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. Nov 19- 5:30 p.m. Mary Garvey Req'd by Jerome & Virginia Lane

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Nov 20 - 11:00 a.m. for intention of Yvone Ricard & Family Req'd by Florence Ricard

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Malachi 3:19-20*

The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 98:5-6,7-8,9*

Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.

Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 21:5-19*

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His

warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony". In persecution, God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

Family Connection

Discuss with your children one or more current events or a situation in your family which shows difficulties that may challenge our trust in a God who cares for us. Notice how Jesus said that even when his disciples are persecuted, God would be with them.

Together with your children, talk about ways in which God might bring good out of the difficult events you discussed. Talk together about some actions you might take as a family to make better the situations you discussed. Conclude by praying for the needs of the people involved in the events you named. In prayer, place each of these difficult situations into God's hands.

<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.

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 13

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.

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).

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.

**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.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - DECEMBER 3RD - 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.

seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or e-mail her at familyministry@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.

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

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.