

# 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 morning.

## 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.

## The Ascension of the Lord – May 21, 2023

**Tues. May 23**– 7:00 p.m. Josephine Vandepas

Req'd by Carol Ann & Murray Rice

**Wed. May 24** – 9:00 a.m. Ray Horrigan Req'd by

Ruth-Anne Horrigan & Family

**Thur. May 25** – 9:00 a.m. Catherine O'Donnell

Req'd by Joyce & Kevin Dinneen

**Fri. May 26** – 9:00 a. m. Pavel Smolko Req'd by The

Family

**Sat. May 27** - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

**Sun. May 28** - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. **May 27**- 4:00 p.m. Luis Arruda

Sun. **May 28** - 9:00 a.m. C. Dalla Costa

**CONFESSION:** Tue. 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. or call Fr.

Mike at 519-323-1054 ext. 7

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

**Sat. May 27** - 5:30 p.m. Dec'd members of the

Andrade & Bairos families Req'd by Tony & Mary

Andrade

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

**Sun. May 28**- 11:00 a.m. Stephen Zurav Req'd by

The Family

## Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 47:2-3,6-9*

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 28:16-20*

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In Today's Gospel Jesus approaches disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task, which Jesus had

previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

### Family Connection

Just as Jesus sent his disciples to make disciples, our family, the domestic Church, is called to bear witness to the life of discipleship. That act of witnessing can take many forms. First and foremost our family should call people to discipleship by the example of our love for one another. That example is only the beginning; our love must extend beyond the family, reaching out to others and to the world.

Together with your family, identify one or more ways in which your family lives the life of Christian discipleship. Thank God for the blessing of the opportunity to be able to show God's love. Discuss what Jesus sends his disciples to do. Work together to identify one or more ways in which your family would like to do a better job bearing witness to the life of discipleship. Choose one of those ways and work together to make it happen. Pray as a family for the grace to be witnesses to the world of the life of discipleship. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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

**TO INFORM, ENCOURAGE AND HEAL** - June is Indigenous History Month in Canada. We invite you take time in this season to learn more about the Catholic Church's commitment to ongoing reconciliation efforts with Indigenous communities through a four-week learning opportunity through

the VLCFF (Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation). To learn more about this study, please visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com).

### May is the month of the Rosary devotion



Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God that we Thy Servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow and enjoy eternal happiness. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Please pray the Rosary daily for peace in our families and the world!**



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**FORMED** provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, ebooks, audio and more, it is an excellent resource for families, especially to ensure the content their children are watching is safe. The Family Ministry Office has entered into a partnership with FORMED in order to allow families access to this resource and invite you to an on line session for an opportunity to have a quick overview look at the content. Join us on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. by zoom, whether you are already a subscriber or would like to learn more about the site. You must register to receive the link at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com), under Upcoming events on the home page.

### Alliance of Life Ontario Conference 2023 - Speaking Life into our Culture"

Alliance for Life Ontario and Hamilton Right to Life, with the support of the Diocesan Family Ministry Office, cordially invite you to register for our dinner and conference which will be held Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> at Michelangelo Banquet Centre Hamilton and at the Nicholas Mancini Centre (behind the Chancery Office) on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2023. Speakers Dr. William Lile, Teresa Hartnett, Alex Schadenberg and Jakki Jeffs. Urgent life issues which require our attention and our prayers will be discussed. We hope to see you there!

Contact [aflo@mgl.ca](mailto:aflo@mgl.ca) Text or call 519-820-3399  
[www.allianceforlifeontario.ca/event/2023-conference](http://www.allianceforlifeontario.ca/event/2023-conference)

### Attention: CWL members

**On Tuesday, June 13, 2023, the CWL will be holding a pot-luck dinner. Please bring your favorite dish. Mass will be at 5 pm.**

**Dinner to follow at 6 pm with a short meeting afterward. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. We will be celebrating our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.**

### **2023 Baby Bottle Campaign**



Don't forget to pick up your baby bottle today. Fill your bottle with cheques, bills and change and support the life-changing programs at Michael House Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services. Bottles **will be collected on Father's Day.**

### Reel Justice Film Festival May 25, 2023

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival May 25, 2023 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for an exciting youth-led film screening featuring the **Laudato Si' Movement film *The Letter***. This documentary follows the journey of four individuals called by Pope Francis to lend their voices to the global conversation about

the environmental crisis. Hailing from Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawai'i, these four individuals brought perspective and solutions from the poor, the indigenous, the youth, and wildlife into an unprecedented dialogue.

**The screening and discussion will be hosted online. R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at: [reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com](http://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com)**

A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice.

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – JUNE 3, 2023 – Acton/Halton Hills-** 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) on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at St. Joseph, Patron of Canada (64 Church Street East, Acton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**GRIEF RELIEF** - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? The Diocesan program is full and will run again in the fall to assist those grieving to learn more about what they are feeling and how they can move forward, but you are not alone! Check out the Diocesan website to see what other programs are available to you: <https://hamiltondiocese.com>.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF** – The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2023. Three and five week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com).

**May 25 - St. Philip Neri - believed humour and cheerfulness encouraged faith.**

## **Guelph Walking Pilgrimage- August 5 - 12, 2023**

Join us, where you will experience fun, spiritual nourishment, exercise, beautiful scenic views, good food and fellowship. [ignatiusguelph.ca](http://ignatiusguelph.ca) (under Programs) August 5 - 12, 2023 Loyola House, Guelph to Martyr's Shrine, Midland.

Full Pilgrimage: \$400 / Daily cost: \$75/day / Student Weekend: \$150 We transport your camp equipment, provide meals, snacks and drinks. To register or to find out how you can help see our website or contact: 519 824 1250 ext. 266 [guelphwalkingpilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:guelphwalkingpilgrimage@gmail.com)



### **St. Rita of Cascia- May 22**

Was born in Umbria, Italy, in 1386. She was married at the young age, but later became a nun after was widower. She set a good example of prayer and penance for many people. She received a wound in her forehead that resembled a wound inflicted by Christ's crown of thorns. When she was dying, she asked for a rose in winter, one was found and was brought to her. Her body remained incorrupt after her death. She became the patroness of the impossible, as well as of illness.

**“May it be done to me according to your word.”**

- **Luke 1.38**



The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on **Sunday May 28, 2023 at 3:00 PM**