

St. Mary of the Purification Parish

230 Queen Street East, P.O. Box 128, Mount Forest, ON N0G 2L0

Tel: 519-323-1054, Fax: 519-323-0117, www.stmarymountforest.ca

St. Peter's Mission, 943 Caroline Street, Ayton, ON N0G1C0

St. Thomas the Apostle Mission, #5800, HW 89, Harriston, ON N0G1Z0

Pastor: Rev. Michael Anderson, P.P.

Email: manderson@hamiltondiocese.com

Bookkeeper: Annette Connolly

Email: stmarybookkeeper@wightman.ca

Secretary: Katarina Smolkova

Email: stmarymtforest@wightman.ca



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.

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.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time– June 18, 2023

Tues. June 20– 7:00 p.m. Eileen Murray Req'd by Cathy & Doug Rice

Wed. June 21 – 9:00 a.m. Dec'd members of the Pronk family Req'd by Corrie Pronk

Thur. June 22 – 9:00 a.m. George O'Donnell Req'd by Agnes & Roy Diemert

Fri. June 23 – 9:00 a. m. Peter De Jong Req'd by Dorothy De Jong & Family

Sat. June 24 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. June 25 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. June 24 - 4:00 p.m. Maxine Schmidt

Sun. June 25 - 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. June 24 - 5:30 p.m. Dec'd members of the Hammond Family Req'd by The Family

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. June 25- 11:00 a.m. Allison McDougall Req'd by Ron & Chris Davis

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Exodus 19:2-6a*

God tells Moses that the Israelites will be his special people.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 100:1-3,5*

We are the people of God.

Second Reading: *Romans 5:6-11*

Christ died for us while we were still sinners and reconciled us to God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 9:36-10:8*

Jesus sends the twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out,

and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

Family Connection

Every person in the Church is sent by Christ to do the work that he did. This task can seem daunting. Yet when we have learned to work together with others to achieve a common goal, we have learned something of what it means to do the work of Christ. The family is one such place in which we work with others, sharing a common task and a common goal.

As family members gather, invite each person to reflect upon their contributions to family life. Invite each one to share one or two things that they do to help keep your family life flowing smoothly. Take time to thank one another for the contributions each person makes to your family life.

Invite a family member to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 9:36-10:8. In this Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. Point out that the disciples are called to work together just as family members must work

together. Pray together that your family will always work together as a family to help one another. Pray that your family can be a model for other families. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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

Sacred Heart Kenilworth,

Cemetery Memorial Mass - will be celebrated on Sunday, June 25th at 9:00 am, weather permitting.

If it rains Mass will be held in the Church. Please bring your own lawn chair.

2023 Baby Bottle Campaign



Thank you for participating in the Michael House Baby Bottle Campaign. Please leave your bottles in your church's designated drop off location when you leave today. Cheques can be made payable to Michael House and a receipt will be issued to all donations over \$20.00. Money given will support the life-changing programs at Michael House. Every returned bottle matters. If you want to discover more ways to get involved with Michael House or, are looking for more helpful information, visit www.michaelhouse.ca.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Dad, for all those times I left it unsaid. Thank you. Thanks for being there for me, for showing me the way, for being patient with me even when I made it difficult for you, for believing in me and encouraging me to dream, and being such an inspiring presence in my life.

The Pope's Intention for June 2023

FOR A EUCHARISTIC LIFE

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

June is the month of the SACRED HEART of JESUS



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus- The heart of Jesus is adored as a symbol of his threefold love: human, spiritual and divine. In the Old Testament, this love is described as a father's love for his children or husband's for his wife. In the New Testament, the promise of living water, the Holy Spirit, is fulfilled in the pierced heart of the Messiah. Image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in home has become a sign that the love of Jesus rules over the family.

STRAWBERRY SUPPER

The supper is being held on Sunday, **June 25, 2023** between **4:30 pm and 6:00 pm** at the K of C hall between Walkerton and Mildmay.



DIocese of HAMILTON

IN PERSON VISITS WITH THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE ARE BACK! If you are interested in having The Saint John's Bible visit your parish or school, visit our website for programming information and booking details. Virtual and hybrid programming available, too!
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/>.

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM – Young people entering grade 10 in September are invited to register for the Frassati leadership program. This year long program is designed for young Catholic leaders who want to expand their Catholic leadership skills and grow in their relationship with Christ and their communities. For registration and more information please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/youth-ministry/frassati>.

MOUNT MARY IMMACULATE RETREAT CENTRE – Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre would like to welcome any groups or individuals looking to book a retreat experience. With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for anyone seeking a space for a retreat. For more information and to book your retreat please visit www.mountmary.ca.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – July 1st - Our diocesan Vocations Office invites all young adults (ages 20s & 30s) of our diocese to attend our Canada Day Young Adults Night. Arrival and Holy Hour in the church (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food, testimony/talk and Compline (9:00pm) in the Hall followed by Canada Day Fireworks from the Hill. Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

HAMILTON DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS – These days will be celebrated from June to October 2023 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day will start with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m., Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m., Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis at 1:00 p.m. The day will close with Benediction at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and Tea will be available. Presiders will be, **Bishop Douglas Crosby: Saturday, July 1; Bishop Gerard Bergie: Saturday, August 5; Bishop Wayne Lobsinger: Saturday, September 2; Thomas Cardinal Collins: Saturday, October 7.**

“Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak”. – St. Anthony of Padua

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist- June 24



When John was born, his parents Elizabeth and Zachariah, called him John in accordance with angel's instruction. Luke records that he responded with the Benedictus, the great hymn of love and thanksgiving still recited in the liturgy of the hours.

Luke 1.57-66, 80

DID YOU KNOW? Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>.

PODCAST: Essential but Disposable Labour, Migrant Workers Exploited in Canada – In collaboration with the Sisters of St. Joseph Toronto and the Collaborative Network to End Exploitation, we have created a podcast which centres the voices and experiences of Migrant Workers in Canada. In a limited number of bi-weekly episodes, we join in conversation with workers, immigration specialists and frontline advocates to understand the systems and policies that compose this labour market and how our Ministries can better serve this community. You can find the podcast on Spotify or visit the CNEE website here: <https://www.cnee.ca/podcast/>.