

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.

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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time– July 2, 2023

Tues. July 4– 7:00 p.m. Eileen Murray Req'd by Mary Rocco & Family

Wed. July 5– 9:00 a.m. Mary McIntee Req'd by Mark & Lisa Cranston

Thur. July 6– 9:00 a.m. Kay Lehman Req'd by Julie & Mike Goetz

Fri. July 7– 9:00 a. m. Fr. Murray Farwell Req'd by Sandy & Bruce England & family

Sat. July 8– 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. July 9– 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. July 8- 4:00 p.m. Luis Arruda

Sun. July 9- 9:00 a.m. Emma Westendorp

CONFESSION: Tue. 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. or call Fr. Mike at 519-323-1054 ext. 7

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. July 8– 5:30 p.m. Dec'd members of the Hammond Family Req'd by The Family

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. July 9– 11:00 a.m. Jim & Loretta Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time– July 9, 2023

Tues. July 11– 7:00 p.m. Leo & Margaret Coulson Req'd by Wilf Coulson

Wed. July 12– 9:00 a.m. Mr.& Mrs. Pat Flanigan Req'd by Helen & Bert Moore

Thur. July 23– 9:00 a.m. Ray Horrigan Req'd by The Page Family

Fri. July 14– 9:00 a. m. Peter De Jong Req'd by Evelyn Collins

Sat. July 15– 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. July 16– 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. July 15- 4:00 p.m. Maxine Schmidt

Sun. July 16- 9:00 a.m. J. vonWesterholt

CONFESSION: Tue. 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. or call Fr. Mike at 519-323-1054 ext. 7

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. July 15– 5:30 p.m. Stephen Zurav Req'd by The Family

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. July 16– 11:00 a.m. Allison McDougall Req'd by Chris Davis

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a*

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 89:2-3,16-19*

Sing God's praises forever.

Second Reading: *Romans 6:3-4,8-11*

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10:37-42*

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards; also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Zechariah 9:9-10*

The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 145:1-2,8-11,13-14*

A prayer of praise to God who is our king.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:9,11-13*

Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:25-30*

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

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

Pope's Intention for July 2023

FOR A EUCHARISTIC LIFE

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



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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.

Diocesan Marian Days – The Diocesan Marian Days are scheduled on the first Saturday of the month from July to October 7, 2023, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day starts with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 10:00 and a Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 p.m. followed by the closing Benediction at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to join! Please bring a

lunch. Contact the Basilica for more information: (519) 824-3951.

Are you a student? Are you interested in pursuing medical school? The Dr. H. Patrick and Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship has been established to provide grants for Catholics who want to pursue medical school. If you are interested or know anyone who is, please encourage them to apply. The application deadline is July 28, 2023. If you have any questions please contact Mary Claire Morgan at mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com.

Young Adults Night - August 5th – Hespeler/Cambridge - 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, August 5th at St. Mary of the Visitation (16 Cooper St, Cambridge, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Summer should be a time of relaxation, slowed schedules and time spent together as a family. All three of these are essential elements for good mental health for all family members, including children. So, together spend time outdoors, play games, cook or bake and pray because these are the moments that will strengthen your family bond. Take a holiday from social media and devices while doing so, which can help to prevent the negative mental health issues in children they are known to produce. Renew your commitment to in person, device free time together this summer and watch your children thrive. From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH -- When we say “I do” during our marriage vows we are really saying “I will”. I will love this person even in moments when they may feel unlovable. I will not look for a 50/50 split in what we do, but will be a

partner who will give more, and sometimes have to take more, depending on the circumstances of our lives. I will look to find a solution instead of winning. I will spend time with you so we stay connected and in love. I will remember the commitment I made to be faithful and seek to make you a better person and accept your attempts to do the same for me. Marriage, taken as an action word, continues to grow and thrive despite the challenges life may throw at you and it produces a love that strengthens as the years pass. From: Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

ReSTART: Moving Forward – Our 10 week program offers support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run from Sept. 19-Nov. 28 and take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register on line at ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com).

Marriage Support – Your marriage doesn't have to feel like it is more trouble than joy, that it feels stagnant or disconnected and/or that it is causing you constant stress. The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 20-22. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Struggling After an Abortion? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or

angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, was canonized on 10/21/2012 by Pope Benedict XVI. Kateri was born near the town of Auriesville, New York, in the year 1656, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior. She was four years old when her mother died of smallpox. The disease also attacked Kateri and transfigured her face. She was adopted by her two aunts and an uncle. Kateri became converted as a teenager. She was baptized at the age of twenty and incurred the great hostility of her tribe. Although she had to suffer greatly for her Faith, she remained firm in it. Here she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. Every morning, even in bitterest winter, she stood before the chapel door until it opened at four and remained there until after the last Mass. She was devoted to the Eucharist and to Jesus Crucified. She died on April 17, 1680 at the age of twenty-four. She is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks". Devotion to Kateri is responsible for establishing Native American ministries in Catholic Churches all over the United States and Canada. Kateri was declared venerable by the Catholic Church in 1943 and she was beatified in 1980. Work is currently underway to have her Canonized by the Church. Hundreds of thousands have visited shrines to Kateri erected at both St. Francis Xavier and Caughnawaga and at her birth place at Auriesville, New York. Pilgrimages at these sites continue today. St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be declared a Saint. Her feast day is July 14. She is the patroness of the environment and ecology as is St. Francis of Assisi. <https://stkt.hwcdsb.ca/ourfaith/patron/>