

St. Mary of the Purification Parish



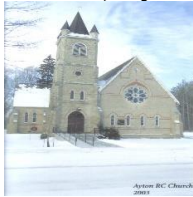
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New Parishioners - WELCOME! - Please introduce yourself to the priest.

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.

Please note: The deadline for Bulletin submission is Wed. a.m.

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 (please 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 the 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 NOG 2L3
Telephone: 519-323-2586
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PARISH REQUESTS:

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

"Prayer is the soul of hope"
~ Pope Francis



Corpus Christi

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 2, 2024

Tue. June 4 7:00 p.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller

7:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Mia MacDonald Req'd by Linda McKenna

Wed. June 5 9:00 a.m. Josef Req'd by Katarina Smolko

Thur. June 6 9:00 a.m. John Kempers

Fri. June 7 9:00 a.m. Nancy McCaffrey Req'd by John and Joan Jeffrey

Sat. June 8 4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

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

Lectors

Sat. June 8 Laura Cherry

Sun. June 9 Melissa Reid

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 8 5:30 pm. Todd McArthur Req'd by Bill & Mary Hammond

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. June 9 11:00 am. Margaret & Lawrence Horrigan Req'd by The Estate of Eileen Horrigan

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Exodus 24:3-8

The covenant is established between God and the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116:12-13,15-16,17-18

God brings salvation.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Christ is the mediator of the new covenant.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for "the Body of Christ." In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples. The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel's history. It celebrates God's deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today's Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus' own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus' own blood. Mark's Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God.

This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/>

Family Connection In the beginning of today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples to make preparations for the Passover meal. Like most meals, the Passover meal required planning and preparation. Our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist also requires planning and preparation. Certainly the ministers at the Eucharist prepare for their roles: the person presiding prays and prepares the homily; the prayers of petition are written; the music ministers prayerfully select music and practice it before Mass; Eucharistic ministers, lectors and altar servers prepare carefully for their roles. As the worshiping assembly, we can also prepare for the Mass through our prayer during the week, by reading the Scripture before Mass, and by making ourselves present to the Eucharistic celebration.

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the things that are required to prepare for your family meals. Plan together a special Sunday meal by choosing the menu, preparing the shopping list, and assigning duties for cooking, setting the table, preparing decorations, leading the prayers, and cleaning. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 14:12-16, 22-26. Notice how Jesus instructed his disciples to prepare for their Passover meal. All meals require some kind of planning and preparation; so, too, our Sunday Eucharist requires planning. What might we do as a family to better prepare for our celebration of the Eucharist? Choose one or more ideas to begin to implement together as a family. Pray together that God will help your family make your celebration of the Eucharist the highlight of your week. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for June

For migrants fleeing their homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

The Month of June

Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Memorare to the Sacred Heart

REMEMBER, O most sweet Jesus, that no one who has had recourse to Thy Sacred Heart, implored its help, or sought its mercy was ever abandoned. Encouraged with confidence, O tenderest of hearts, we present ourselves before Thee, crushed beneath the weight of our sins. In our misery, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, despise not our simple prayers, but mercifully grant our requests.

Vocations- Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Receiving Eucharist is a real sign of unity in our Church. God nourishes us with the "Bread from Heaven" if we have ordained priests to celebrate the Liturgy. If you feel the inclination to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Catholic Womens League

Next CWL meeting is June 11, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

CWL Tea Party - All ladies of the parish are welcome. Friday June 28, 2024 at 2:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the church.

St. Mary Auxiliary (formerly HNS) meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 27 at 7:00pm

Summer Book Club

Join us for a summer book club, exploring together Father Timothy Radcliffe's presentations from the 2023 Synod:

Listening Together – Mediations on Synodality

Four weeks of online discussion July 3, 10, 17, 24 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Register at www.hamiltondiocese.com/events/



Michael House 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign

Have you picked up your baby bottle?

Help us celebrate parenthood and support the Moms and Babies at Michael House by participating in our annual baby bottle campaign. Donate your loose change, coins or bills into the baby bottle and help us fill it up by Fathers Day! The money raised goes a long way towards building stronger families.

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests
June 7, 2024 . Each year, on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are invited to join in the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. According to 2023 statistics, there are 407,872

priests in the world today, of which 6,222 are in Canada. Although this number has dropped significantly since the 1960's, there is still about one priest for every 3,380 baptized in Canada, which is still twice as many as elsewhere. So most of the world's Catholic populations have half as many priests as we do. Who are today's priests? Do you know any of them? Do you have any idea of their daily lives? Its clear that the life of today's priests is not the same as it was a few years ago. The place of religion in a secularized world, the sexual abuse crisis that's running right through us, the all-important work for a more synodal Church in which all the baptized participate, are all factors that are profoundly changing the lives of all Catholics, and of priests too. We can't ignore it. Despite all the challenges, giving one's life to Christ, committing oneself to the service of the Word and the People of God, becoming a priest, remain relevant and fruitful today. You are invited to pray, with all your heart, for the priests of the world, especially for those you know, and for their sanctification.

JESUS, I pray for: your faithful and fervent priests, your unfaithful and lukewarm priests, your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields, your tempted priests, your lonely and desolate priests, your young priests, your dying priests, and the souls of your priests in purgatory. But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me, the priests who absolved me from my sins, the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me your body and blood in Holy Communion, the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially...). O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary June 8th "Oh Mary, what a companionship yours is. Truly, truly, being familiar with you is by far better than life. You are the superabundant and exceedingly rich storehouse of divine consolation"
St. Gertrude the Great

Hamilton Diocesan MARIAN DAYS

First Saturdays from June – October 2024.
Located at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph.

9:00 am Holy Hour and Confessions
10:30 am Mass and Reflection on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary
11:30 am Rosary Procession

12:00 pm Tea & coffee available in the Parish Hall. You are welcome to bring your lunch. The Gift Shop will be open and tours of the Basilica are available.



SAINT BONIFACE Feast Day - June 5
St. Boniface, who was baptized Winfrid, lived in the eighth century. He was a brilliant monk in a Benedictine monastery in England. He was the head of a school, but he thought God wanted him to be a missionary. He went to Frisia (Northern Netherlands and Germany) to begin his work. A war forced him to return to England for a few years, but he did not give up. Next, he journeyed to Rome to ask the pope to tell him where to serve. Pope Gregory II changed Winfrid's name to Boniface, which means "a man who does good deeds." Then he sent Boniface to eastern Germany.

For nearly 35 years, Boniface traveled all over Germany, preaching, teaching, and building schools, monasteries, and convents. He went to Rome to report to the pope about his work. There, the pope ordained him bishop and told him to return to Germany to continue missionary work. Boniface invited monks and sisters from England to come and help him. The monastery at Fulda is probably the most famous one started by Boniface. As an old man, Boniface returned to Frisia to work among the pagans. One morning, while he was waiting to confirm a group of converts, a band of angry natives rushed into the church and murdered Boniface and about 50 converts. Today Saint Boniface is the patron of Germany.

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Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



