



Welcome to
St. Mary of the Purification Parish Mount Forest ON

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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

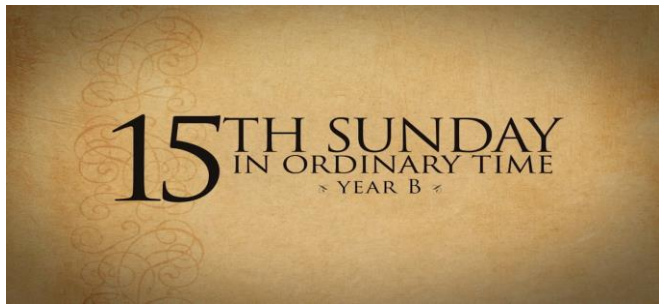
SCHOOL:

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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



July 14 , 2024

Tue. July 16 7:00 p.m. Claude Ricard & Jackie Brunet Req'd by Florence Ricard

7:00 p.m. Stephen Zurav Req'd by The Family

Wed. July 17 9:00 a.m. Mary McIntee Req'd by Helen & Bert Moore

Thu. July 18 9:00 a.m. Katheryn Meyer Req'd by Dan & Doris Tone

Fri. July 19 9:00 a.m. Katheryn Meyer Req'd by John & Joan Jeffery

Sat. July 20 4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sun. July 21 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat. July 20 Laura Cherry

Sun. July 21 Colleen Dalla Costa

Contributions: July 7 \$1,726.35

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. July 20 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Contributions: July 7 \$345

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. July 21 11:00 a.m People of the Parish

Contributions: July 7 \$1,260

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-10,11-12,13-14

A prayer for the Lord's salvation

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14 (shorter form Ephesians 1:3-10)

Paul teaches that we were chosen for Christ before the creation of the world.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel. Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the

Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/>

Family Connection Families who work together to accomplish routine household tasks know that the benefits are more than efficiency. In sharing daily tasks, we accomplish more, but we also build relationships that last—and it’s a lot more fun! Jesus sent his disciples in pairs to minister in his name. Perhaps the job was accomplished more effectively this way, but more importantly, Jesus’ mission was accomplished more authentically. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

As you gather as a family, talk about some household tasks that are more easily accomplished when two or more people work together. Talk about how working together not only makes the job easier, but also makes the task more fun because we are able to spend time together. Read together today’s Gospel, Mark 6:7-13. Ask: Why do you think Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs? Observe that Jesus continues to give us a community with which we share our life of discipleship—our family and the community of the Church. Conclude in prayer together that we will continue to rely on the support of the community of the Church in our life of discipleship. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/>

The Pope’s Prayer Intentions for July

For the pastoral care of the sick- We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become every more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

The Month of July

Dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus



“By the Voice of Thy Blood, O Jesus, I seek Thee, ask Thee and be Thee, to Help me at this time of my need. O Jesus, I kneel at Thy bleeding feet pleading That you will hear me. Many graces and Many mercies have come from Thy Blood. My hope lives in you, until the end of my time” Amen.

Diocesan Calendar

Mon- Rev. Gary Schlack	Thu – Rev. Khalid Karomi
Tue – Rev. Bradley Markus	Fri – Rev. Edward Henhoeffler
Wed –Institute of Kkottongnae, Sisters of Jesus	Sat- Rev. Joe Selvanayagam

You’re invited to a BBQ with Frassati’s Carabiners!

Save the date - Saturday July 20th

Young adults of the deanery are invited to join the Carabiners for a summer BBQ at St. Joseph Parish, Fergus (760 St. David St. N). Weather permitting, a soccer game will be held first, beginning at 4:30 pm. If you are not a sports person, still consider coming to watch the game and cheer! At 6:15 pm, we will pray the Rosary in the church, followed by a BBQ. Burgers, buns and condiments are provided (\$10.00 cash admission), and salads, snacks, desserts, and drinks are potluck. Please email Elise (ecreidy@protonmail.com) to RSVP by Wednesday, July 17. We look forward to seeing you!

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly this year will be **July 28, 2024.**

The Pope challenges us: “On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say “I will not abandon you”, and to set out on a different path.” (Message from his Holiness Pope Francis for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, April 25, 2024)

VOCATIONS

In today's first reading, Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet; God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to consider what you are doing at this time and perhaps begin the special work He has for you. If you feel God may be selecting you for the special life of priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH – FORMOSA

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, September 7th at Immaculate Conception Church (212 Concession Rd 12, Formosa, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ReSTART: Moving Forward – Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will begin again this fall and are held 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. Fall registration will be on line soon, so look to register at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

FAITH AFTER GRADUATION

The Office of Youth Ministry has produced a resource for those graduating grade 12. Please visit our webpage to access the brochure and the suggested resources to help you stay connected to the faith and your parish after graduating from your Catholic High School. <https://tinyurl.com/dohymresources>



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast Day - July 16

On one side of the mountaintop, the priests of Baal stood next to the stone altar dedicated to their false god. They had been praying aloud all day, but no god had answered them. On the other side, the prophet Elijah stood alone next to a stone altar dedicated to the Lord God, Yahweh. That day Yahweh sent fire from heaven onto the altar, proving that he, Yahweh, was the one true God. The Old Testament records this showdown on Mount Carmel in northern Palestine (1 Kings 18:16–39).

During the many centuries between that event and the year 1156, people who wanted a quiet place to pray and to live close to God began to come together on Mount Carmel. A large monastery was built there to honor the Mother of God. The members of the monastery were called Carmelites. In 1251, according to the tradition of the Carmelites, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Simon Stock, the sixth general, or person in charge of the Carmelite Order, and gave him a scapular. The scapular was a long piece of cloth worn over the shoulders and hanging, in front and in back, down to the ankles. After that, all the members of that Carmelite community wore scapulars. Today some religious men and women still wear the full scapular. Some people wear a small scapular made of two small pieces of cloth connected by narrow cord or braid. It, too, is worn over the shoulders. Wearing a scapular medal or the shortened scapular is a way of honoring the Blessed Mother. July 16 is a major feast for all Carmelite priests and sisters.

SUMMER PRAYER



Creator of all thank you for Summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun & increased daylight
Thank you for the beauty I can see around me & for the opportunity to be outside & enjoy your creation.
Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my family & friends & for the more casual Summer season.

Draw me closer to You this Summer.
Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence & light my path with Your word & counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and thirst for You.

Amen.

