



*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](http://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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**SCHOOL:**

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, 390 Parkside Drive, Mount Forest ON NOG 2L3  
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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

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August 18 , 2024**

**Tue. Aug 20 7:00 p.m** Bev Mothersell Req'd by The Family

**7:00 p.m.** Patrick & Stella Mulhall Req'd by Myrtle Gorman

**Wed. Aug 21 9:00 a.m** Victor Ruffolo Req'd by The Family

**Thu. Aug 22 9:00 a.m.** Maria Smolkova Req'd by Pavel & Katarina Smolko

**Fri. Aug 23 9:00 a.m** Christine Elliot Req'd by Pauline & Verne Mills

**Sat. Aug 24 4:00 p.m.** People of the Parish

**Sun. Aug 25 9:00 a.m.** People of the Parish

### Lectors

**Sat. Aug 24** Maxine Schmidt

**Sun. Aug 25** Melissa Reid

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

Contributions: Aug 11 \$1,250; maintenance \$330

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

**Sat. Aug 24 5:30 p.m.** People of the Parish

Contributions: Aug 11 \$255

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

**Sun. Aug 25 11:00 a.m.** People of the Parish

Contributions: Aug 11 \$170

### **This Sunday's Reading:**

#### **First Reading**

*Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom has set a feast before us.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7*

A prayer of praise to God for his goodness

#### **Second Reading**

*Ephesians 5:15-20*

Filled with the Spirit, Christians strive to follow the will of the Lord.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*John 6:51-58*

Jesus teaches that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live forever.

#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August 25 , 2024**

**Tue. Aug 27 7:00 p.m** Martin Pronk & Deceased Family Members Req'd by Corrie Pronk

**7:00 p.m** Kathleen, Harold & Kenneth Lehman Req'd by the Estate of Kay Lehman

**Wed. Aug 28 9:00 a.m** Aidan Felsbourg Req'd by Kathleen Boone

**Thu. Aug 29 9:00 a.m.** Paul & Linda O'Connor Req'd by Dan & Doris Tone

**Fri. Aug 30 9:00 a.m** Stephan Zurav Req'd by The Family

**Sat. Aug 31 4:00 p.m.** People of the Parish

**Sun. Sep. 1 9:00 a.m.** People of the Parish

### Lectors

**Sat. Aug 31** Laura Cherry

**Sun. Sep.1** Debra Ross

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

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

**Sat. Aug 31 5:30 p.m.** Al Van Leemput Req'd by Angela & Dan Seifried and Mary Garvey Req'd by The Estate

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

**Sun. Sep 1 11:00 a.m.** Jim & Loretta Murphy Req'd by Dot Bourgeois and Margaret & Lawrence Horrigan Req'd by The Estate

### **This Sunday's Reading:**

#### **First Reading**

*Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b*

Joshua and the people declare that they will serve the Lord.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21*

The Lord hears the cries of the just.

#### **Second Reading**

*Ephesians 5:21-32* Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loves the Church.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*John 6:60-69*

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

## The Pope's Prayer Intentions for August

For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

### The Month of August

Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



### **Personal Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

“Most Holy Virgin Mary, my Mother and my Queen, I consecrate and give to your Immaculate Heart my whole being: my thoughts, words and works; my spirit, soul and body. Dispense with my entire being and with everything that I own, now and in eternity, for the consecration of the Church and salvation of the world. My Immaculate Mother, help me to live a life worthy of my baptismal sanctification so that I may belong irrevocably to my Redeemer. Let me be like you, willing to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit! May God’s will be fulfilled in me and through me always. Amen.”

### **Diocesan Calendar Aug. 18**

Mon- Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.	Thu –The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue – Rev. Paul Voisin, C.R.	Fri –Rev. Francisco Cruz C.R.
Wed –Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ (I.H.M.M.C.)	Sat- Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.

### **Diocesan Calendar Aug. 25**

Mon- Rev. Roque Concepcion	Thu –The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Tue –Rev. Stanley Nwokeji	Fri –Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
Wed –Ursuline Sisters (O.S.U.)	Sat- Catholic Youth

## **Young Adults Night – Saturday September 7 – Formosa**

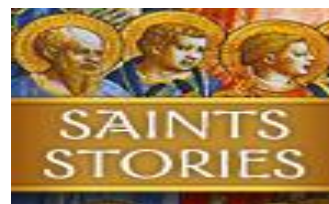
Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20’s and 30’s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30 pm-8:00 pm), praise night with vocations testimony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

[Hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://Hamiltondiocese.com/vocations) For more info email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### **Prayer to Defeat the Work of Satan**

O Divine Eternal Father, in union with your Divine Son and the Holy Spirit, and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg You to destroy the Power of your greatest enemy – the evil spirits. Cast them into the deepest recesses of hell and chain them there forever! Take possession of your Kingdom which You have created and which is rightfully yours. Heavenly Father, give us the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I repeat this prayer out of pure love for You with every beat of my heart and with every breath I take. Amen.

***“Have courage and do not fear the assaults of the Devil. Remember this forever; it is a healthy sign if the devil shouts and roars around your conscience, since this shows that he is not inside your will.” St. Pio of Pietrelcina***



### **Saint Pius X**

#### **Feast Day – August 21**

“I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor.” These words were part of the will that Pope Pius X left at his death on August 20, 1914.

He was born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, the second of 10 children. His father was a poor parish clerk in Riese, Italy, and his mother worked as a seamstress. At 11, Giuseppe was accepted as a student in high school. Every day, he walked five miles to school and back. At 15, he began attending the local

seminary. When his father died, Giuseppe wanted to come home and help with the family. His mother, however, would not let him.

In 1858, he was ordained and then worked as a parish priest for 17 years. He believed his call was to encourage those who were poor to lead Christian lives and to help them overcome financial problems. He was, however, named spiritual director of the major seminary and chancellor of the diocese. Later, he became a bishop and then a cardinal.

In 1903, this little-known cardinal was elected to become Pope Pius X. He took as his motto "Restore all things in Christ." He emphasized the importance of the Eucharist. He directed that children as young as seven should be allowed to receive the Eucharist. He initiated changes in Church music and worship. He began a biblical institute. He gave the first official impetus to the modern liturgical renewal.

Pope Pius X believed that real peace could be achieved only through social justice and charity. He sponsored and sheltered refugees with his own resources. He wrote an encyclical encouraging Latin American bishops to improve the treatment of native people working on plantations. He worked to stop the world from going to war. When Europe entered World War I, Pius was heartbroken and said, "I would gladly give up my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." Just a few weeks after the war started, Pope Pius X died.



### **Saint Augustine      Feast Day August 28**

In his famous autobiography *Confessions*, Augustine tells of his struggle to find God. He was born in what is now Algiers in North Africa. His mother, Monica, was a devout Christian. His father, Patricius, was an ill-tempered pagan. Augustine excelled in school when he wanted to, but he also went with a bad crowd and got into many worthless activities. When he was older, he began living with a woman whom he never married, but who bore him a son. For a while, he also followed a heresy called Manichaeism.

After he finished school, Augustine was first a speech teacher in Rome and then a professor in Milan. His mother followed him to these places, pleading with him to return to the Christian faith. In Milan, Augustine often listened to the sermons of

St. Ambrose, the local bishop. Through them, he first learned to read Scripture prayerfully. He enrolled as a catechumen but wavered back and forth about being baptized.

Then one day while Augustine prayed to be free from his sins, he heard a child's voice chanting, "Take up and read." Augustine opened the Bible and read the first thing his eyes fell upon, Romans 13:13-14, which told him to give up his life of sin. Augustine was baptized at Easter and began reforming his life. With his mother he planned to return to Africa, but Monica died.

Augustine reached home and gave away all he had. Then he lived a quiet, prayerful life with a group of friends. This changed when Augustine visited the city of Hippo in 391. Valerius, the local bishop, was preaching on the shortage of priests. The crowd began shouting, "Let Augustine be our priest." Augustine became a priest and then took Valerius' place when he died.

As bishop, Augustine worked tirelessly for his people. He fought false religious teachings, protected the people from corrupt officials and invaders, and cared for the sick, the poor, and those in prison. His many sermons, letters, and books reflect the ever-deepening love he felt for God. He wisely observed: "You have made us, O God, for yourself, and our hearts shall find no rest until they rest in you."

He wrote and advised bishops, popes, and councils. His influence on the Church and his fight against heresy were exceptional. He was loved by many, for he had struggled much and could help others who were struggling.

In 430 Vandals invaded the province. For three months Augustine inspired Christian hope in his people. Then he died of a high fever.

***Someone who is not tempted is not tested ; someone who is not tested makes no progress."* St. Augustine**

