



Welcome to St. Mary of the Purification Parish

We are delighted you could join us for today's Mass

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OFFICE HOURS: Closed Monday Open Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

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OUR 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 page 2 of the bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm or by appointment. Kindly contact the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Please notify the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact the parish office.

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS:

Please contact the parish office if you require:
- 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 of a loved one occurs in the family, please contact the parish office.

PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE: For information or assistance, see www.hamiltonvocations.com

DIOCESAN

NEWSLETTER: Visit the Diocese of Hamilton, and to subscribe to the online diocesan newsletter visit www.hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Mary Catholic School



Mount Forest

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390 Parkside Dr, Mt Forest 519-323-2586
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PARISH REQUESTS:

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

ADORATION: 1st Friday of every month after Mass. All welcome!

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



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 13, 2024

Tue. Oct 15 7:00 pm † Nellie & Lorenzo Franco

Req'd by Anna Marie Franco-Cox and

† John, Mary & Arthur

McDonald Req'd by The Family

Wed. Oct 16 9:00 am † Patricia Ann Sewall Req'd

by Marie & Doug Rhodes

Thu. Oct 17 9:00 am † Bob McIntee Req'd by

Lorne & Florence Moyer

Fri. Oct 18 9:00 am † Stella McCabe Req'd by The

Horrigan Family

Sat. Oct 19 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun. Oct 20 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat. Oct 19 Laura Cherry

Sun. Oct 20 Melissa Reid

Contributions: Sep 29 \$2,586; Oct 6 \$1,551;

Maintenance \$40

CONFESSION: Tue. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. or call

Fr. Mike at 519-323-1054 ext. 7

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Oct 19 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

Contributions: Sep 29 \$100; Oct 6 \$185

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Oct 20 11:00 am † People of the Parish

Contributions: Sep 29 \$165; Oct 6 \$110

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90:12-13,14-15,16-17

The Lord fills us with love and joy.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

The Word of God exposes the heart.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-30 (shorter form Mark 10:17-27)

A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these

chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers. Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions. The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with

God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel might make us uncomfortable about our possessions. This discomfort offers us an opportunity to consider our possessions and our family's commitment to the poor. Material possessions are a necessity in our culture. Our use of these possessions and our attitude about their importance is our choice, however. It is a choice we can make with the awareness that our faith in Jesus commits us to show our care for the poor.

As you gather as a family, consider together these questions: Would it be possible to inventory our possessions? Are there things in our house that we no longer need or use? What might we do with these things? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:17-30. Talk about the warning about material possessions that Jesus gives in this Gospel. How does this make you feel? Choose an action that helps your family show its commitment to the poor. Conclude by praying together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis. www.loyolapress.com

October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary



*“The Rosary is my favourite prayer.”
Blessed John Paul II*



Pope Francis - Monthly Intention



October –For a Shared Mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people. www.livingwithchrist.ca

All Saints Day Children's Party

Save the date! On Sunday, November 3, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk, Guelph, will be hosting an All Saints Day party for the children of the deanery between 1:30 and 4:30 PM (drop-in). The event is geared for children aged 4-10, but all children are welcome! Admission is \$2.00/child. Children are encouraged to dress as their favourite saint and to come with a couple sharable facts about their saint! To RSVP, email Elise (ecreidy@protonmail.com) by Monday, Oct 28. Please include:

Family surname; Number of children; Ages

It's going to be a fantastic afternoon filled with fun, faith-based activities! We hope to see you all there!



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When Life Changes...A Program to Assist The Grieving – Training Session

Looking to offer a grief program, or gain more knowledge on the subject of grief? Here is an opportunity to learn about a newly created, excellent program that will work in any setting. Designed to provide full support to caring facilitators who would like to offer the program.

Grief is a multi-faceted response to the loss of someone close to us. People experience all kinds of difficult and surprising emotions, some of which are hard to control in the initial stages of grief. People

often feel alone and isolated even with people around them.

When Life Changes is designed with two (part one and two) 6-week sessions using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material. The program helps people to understand and manage their grief, offering practical tips for moving forward. Designed to assist parishes, schools and organizations offer support to those who are grieving, the video-based program includes an extensive Facilitator Guide and a Participant Guide, both of which are coordinated with the video links.

When Life Changes can be offered to a small group of only a few, or a larger group when needed. When Life Changes is a new program written and created by Dr. Bill Webster, International Grief Trainer and Counsellor. We are blessed to have him joining us to offer a two day training of the program to people who are interested in providing support for grief to those in need. During the training, he will:

Help you understand the process of grieving and the experience of those going through grief ; Provide complete detail about the program itself, how to use it and techniques and coaching on excellent facilitation skills.

Training details:

When: Thurs, Nov. 7th from 3-5 pm Online and Wed, Nov. 27th from 9:30 to 4 pm in-person.

Where: Hamilton Diocesan Chancery Office – 700 King St. West, Hamilton

Time: 9:30-3:30 P.M. (One hour lunch break, lunch will be provided)

Who: Any one interested in offering a grief program and/or support to persons trying to cope with the loss of a loved one.

Cost: No Charge thanks to the Sponsorship of Arbor Memorial

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes October 25th and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/frassati2024>



St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila) Feast Day: October 15

St. Teresa of Ávila was the founder of the Discalced Carmelites, which was a reform movement within the Carmelite Order. In her work of reform, she worked very closely with St. John of the Cross. She wrote several important works, including her autobiography, *Life of Teresa of Avila*, and her most influential work, *The Interior Castle*, in which she talks about the mystical life in terms of seven mansions. These mansions show the growth in intimacy between the believer and God. St. Teresa was the first woman ever to be declared a Doctor of the Church (1970).

Saint Luke Feast Day: October 18

On October 18 we celebrate the feast day of St. Luke. There are only a few certain facts about St. Luke's life. We know him best as the author of the third gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. A Greek himself, he wrote the story of Jesus and the Christian community for Gentile readers. He also accompanied St. Paul on some of his journeys and shared in his sufferings. Probably a physician, Luke may have pioneered as an early member of the church at Antioch. The saint's books reveal something about his character. Luke wrote excellent popular prose with an artist's skill at painting picture stories. Demonstrating an unusual commitment to accuracy, he appears to have fastidiously checked his facts. For example, archaeologists have confirmed many details that he reported in the Acts. Some of Luke's main themes - prayer, the Holy Spirit, and mercy - suggest that he was a compassionate, spiritual man. He aimed his books to persuade Gentiles that the Christian story was true. So he made it more accessible to them by filing his gospel with accounts of Christ's openness and mercy. Tradition says Luke lived a long life without marrying and that he died at age eighty-four. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints->

