



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

Building Character Through Christ

390 Parkside Dr, Mt Forest 519-323-2586
www.stmarymountforest.wellingtoncdsb.ca

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.



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 20 , 2024

Tue. Oct 22 7:00 pm † Lou & Marcella Willams
Req'd by Wayne & Cheryl Allen and
† Jonathon Eurig Req'd by

Dee Dee Eurig & Family

Wed. Oct 23 9:00 am † Intentions of Bob & Bonnie
Koechl Req'd by Tim Koechl

Thu. Oct 24 9:00 am † Katheryn Meyer Req'd by
Lorne & Florence Moyer & Family

Fri. Oct 25 9:00 am † Leonard Seifried Req'd by
Mary Seifried & Family

Sat. Oct 26 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun. Oct 27 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat. Oct 26 Susan Thurston

Sun. Oct 27 J vonWesterholt

Contributions: Oct. 13 \$1,093

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 26 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

Contributions: Oct. 13 \$385

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Oct 27 11:00 am † People of the Parish

Contributions: Oct. 13 \$115

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

Through his suffering, the servant of Yahweh will justify many.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

A prayer of praise for God's mercy

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus is the high priest who sympathizes with our weakness.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45 (shorter form Mark 10:42-45)

Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

Background on the Gospel Reading In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of

God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them. Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles. Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

Family Connection In the daily routine of family life, power struggles seem unavoidable. Whenever two or more people live together, there will be occasions of disagreement and attempts to exert influence over each other. Today's Gospel can be an invitation to consider how authority is exercised in your household. There is a temptation to exercise our authority in ways that show our power over others. Especially when conflicts emerge, many of us rely upon the power we believe our role gives to us. Jesus teaches us that there is a more persuasive form of leadership. In these daily challenges we have the opportunity to practice and teach the kind of service and leadership Jesus modeled for us in his ministry and in his passion and death. As you gather as a family, invite family members to participate in a role play in which family roles are reversed. For example, you might assign children the role of parents putting their children to bed with parents acting like the children. Or you may have them role play parents asking for cooperation from

children to clean up the family room. When the role play is finished, ask if it was an accurate picture of how this situation usually plays out in your household. Does everyone cooperate when asked? What happens when someone doesn't cooperate? How are the conflicts that emerge resolved? Observe that conflicts based on power struggles in situations such as these seem unavoidable in family life. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches how Christians are to show their authority over others. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:35-45. After reading the Gospel, talk with your family about Jesus' unique message to his disciples about how they are to exercise authority. Talk about ways in which you might apply Jesus' words in your family life. Conclude by praying we may receive honor in God's eyes by learning to serve others in love. Pray together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

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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

Louise Marshall Hospital Auxiliary Fall Bazaar

Join us on **Saturday, November 16th 10:30 am – 1:00 pm**. Being held at the Mount Forest Sports Complex, 850 Princess Street. We are serving pulled beef on a bun with salad, pie, tea and coffee. \$20 pp. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of equipment needed for the hospital.

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



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

GOOD GRIEF: STRATEGIES FOR SUPPORTING CHILDREN WHO ARE GRIEVING

The death of a significant person represents one of the most powerful disruptions in all aspects of a child or youth's emotional existence.

Unfortunately, it's all too common in our society for children to be on the receiving end of well-intended, yet misguided advice. And yet, at its core, grief is a natural and healthy process and children possess many innate tools to help them process and integrate grief into their life.

Main topics:

1. Practical and Creative Support Strategies that can be used by anyone who finds themselves in the position of supporting a grieving child or youth
2. Good Education -best practice guidelines will be woven throughout

Speaker:

Andrea Warnick, MA,RN,RP Education Director, Co-owner & CEO AWC Grief Support

DATE: November 18, 2024

PLACE ; Chancery Office, 700 King st. west, Hamilton

REGISTER: www.hamiltondiocese.com (under upcoming events Nov 18)

Call Teresa Hartnett 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 email: familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. This workshop is for parishioners new to this ministry or considering it and a good refresher for experienced ministers. Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The cost is \$30 and includes lunch. Workshops are offered on Saturday, October 26, 2024, St. Joseph Parish, Port Elgin, ON, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 16, 2024, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington, ON, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 23, 2024, St. John Parish, Kitchener, ON, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m (Spanish) Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming

Events/Workshops.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/02/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-2/>

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH Parenting Tip

#162 Children are born helpless, so instinctively know how to cry to have their needs met. As they grow older, parents have to help them learn not to use crying as a way to get what they want, especially when what they want may not be essential! Gently helping them learn that “no” is an option for parents, makes the times you can say yes much more exciting. It also helps them understand that they cannot always have their way or what they want at any given moment. This makes their life, and yours, much calmer and happier. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



Karol Józef Wojtyła, known as **John Paul II** since his October 1978 election to the papacy, was born in Wadowice, a small city fifty kilometers from Kraków, on May 18, 1920. He was the second of two sons born to Karol Wojtyła and Emilia Kaczorowska. His mother died in 1929. His eldest brother Edmund, a doctor, died in 1932. His father, a noncommissioned army officer, died in 1941.

He made his first Holy Communion at age nine and was confirmed at eighteen. Upon graduation from Marcin Wadowita high school in Wadowice, he enrolled in Kraków's Jagiellonian University and in a school for drama in 1938. The Nazi occupation forces closed the university in 1939, and young Karol had to work in a quarry (from 1940-1944), and then in the Solvay chemical factory to earn his living and to avoid being deported to Germany. In 1942, aware of his call to the priesthood, he began courses in the clandestine seminary of Kraków run by Cardinal Adam Stefan Sapieha, archbishop of Kraków. At the same time, Karol Wojtyła was one of the pioneers of the “Rhapsodic Theatre,” also clandestine. After the Second World War, he continued his studies in the major seminary of Kraków, once it had reopened, and in the faculty of theology of the Jagiellonian University, until his priestly ordination in Kraków on November 1, 1946. Soon after, Cardinal Sapieha sent him to Rome, where he worked under the guidance of the French Dominican Garrigou-Lagrange. He finished his doctorate in theology in 1948 with a thesis on the topic of faith in the works of St. John of the Cross. At that time, during his vacations, he exercised his pastoral ministry among the Polish immigrants of France, Belgium, and Holland. In

1948, he returned to Poland and was vicar of various parishes in Kraków as well as chaplain for the university students until 1951, when he took up again his studies on philosophy and theology. In 1953, he defended a thesis on “Evaluation of the Possibility of Founding a Catholic Ethic on the Ethical System of Max Scheler” at Lublin Catholic University. Later, he became professor of moral theology and social ethics in the major seminary of Kraków and in the faculty of theology of Lublin. On July 4, 1958, he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków by Pope Pius XII, and was consecrated September 28, 1958, in Wawel Cathedral, Kraków, by Archbishop Baziak. On January 13, 1964, he was nominated archbishop of Kraków by Pope Paul VI, who made him a cardinal June 26, 1967. Besides taking part in Vatican Council II, including an important contribution to the elaboration of the Constitution *Gaudium et spes*, Cardinal Wojtyła participated in all the assemblies of the Synod of Bishops. Since the start of his pontificate on October 16, 1978, Pope John Paul II completed more than 200 pastoral visits.

His principal documents include thirteen encyclicals, thirteen apostolic exhortations, eleven apostolic constitutions, and forty-one apostolic letters. He also published two books: *Crossing the Threshold of Hope* (October 1994) and *Gift and Mystery: On the Fiftieth Anniversary of My Priestly Ordination* (November 1996). John Paul II presided at dozens of beatification and canonization ceremonies (almost 1,300 Blesseds proclaimed and more than 450 Saints) during his pontificate. No other pope has encountered as many individuals as John Paul II did: more than 16 million pilgrims participated in the general audiences held on Wednesdays (more than one thousand). This figure does not include all other special audiences and religious ceremonies held (more than eight million pilgrims during the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 alone) and the millions of faithful met during pastoral visits made in Italy and throughout the world. In addition, there were the numerous government personalities encountered during official visits, and in the audiences and meetings held with heads of state and with prime ministers

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