



# 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.

**VOCATIONS & RELIGIOUS LIFE:** For information or assistance, see [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

## **DIOCESAN**

**NEWSLETTER:** Visit the Diocese of Hamilton to subscribe to the online diocesan newsletter visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

## **PARISH SCHOOL:**

**St. Mary Catholic School**



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[www.stmarymountforest.wellingtoncdsb.ca](http://www.stmarymountforest.wellingtoncdsb.ca)

## **PARISH REQUESTS:**

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

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

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



**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 27 , 2024**

**Tue. Oct 29 7:00 pm** † Martin Pronk & Deceased Family Members Req'd by Corrie Pronk and † Kathleen, Harold & Kenneth Lehman Req'd by The Estate of Kay Lehman

**Wed. Oct 30 9:00 am** † Bob McIntee Req'd by Pat Corrigan & Family

**Thu. Oct 31 9:00 am** † Deceased members of the Andrade & Baird Families Req'd by Tony & Mary Andrade

**FIRST FRIDAY – ADORATION FOLLOWING MASS**

**Fri. Nov 1 9:00 am** † Katheryn Meyer Req'd by Tom & Margaret Mary Tangney

**FIRST SATURDAY – THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**Sat. Nov 2 9:00 am** † Braedon Coburn

**Sat. Nov 2 4:00 pm** † People of the Parish

**Sun. Nov 3 9:00 am** † People of the Parish

**Lectors**

**Sat. Nov 2** Florence Ricard

**Sun. Nov 3** 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. Nov 2 5:30 pm** † Francis & Mary Garvey, Jerome Lane & Ernie Sr. Dunlop Req'd by Virginia & Dan McComiskey and † Michael & Madeline Tobin Req'd by Kathleen Boone

**ST. PETER'S, Ayton**

**Sun. Nov 3 11:00 am** † Aiden Felsbourg Req'd by Kathleen Boone and † Margaret & Lawrence Horrigan Req'd by Estate of Eileen Horrigan

**This Sunday's Reading:**

**First Reading**

*Jeremiah 31:7-9*

The Lord declares himself to be the Father of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6*

A song of praise to God who does great things

**Second Reading**

*Hebrews 5:1-6*

Christ was made high priest by God.

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 10:46-52*

**Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus  
Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

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**Family Connection**

Today's Gospel offers us a powerful example of faith and persistence in prayer. Those around him rebuked Bartimaeus for his efforts to attract Jesus'

attention. When silenced by the crowd, however, Bartimaeus called out all the more. He is persistent and bold in his confidence that Jesus will show mercy on him and do what he asks. His persistence and great confidence that Jesus would help him reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their needs. In their faith and trust we can find an example of the attitude with which we might approach God in prayer.

As a family, recall a request that has been made repeatedly by one family member to another. Talk about why the request continues to be made if the answer continues to be no. Then read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:46-52. After reading the Gospel, pose questions such as these to your family: Why must Bartimaeus be persistent in calling out to Jesus? (Some people in the crowd are telling him to be quiet.) What does Bartimaeus do when some try to stop him? (He calls out to Jesus all the more.) When Jesus stops and calls for him, what does Jesus do and say? (He restores Bartimaeus's sight; Jesus tells Bartimaeus his faith has saved him.) When we pray, God wants us to be so confident he will help us that we don't permit anyone to keep us from bringing our needs to God in prayer. Invite family members to identify the things they need most from God. Pray these prayers of petition together as a family, confident that God will hear and answer your prayers. Respond to each petition, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on us." Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father.

### **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](http://www.livingwithchrist.ca)*

**Louise Marshall Hospital Auxiliary Fall Bazaar**  
Join us on **Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



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### **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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) (under upcoming events Nov 18)**

Call Teresa Hartnett 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 email: [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com)

### **All Souls Day Mass at Marymount cemetery**

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery will take place on Saturday, November 2 at 11:00 am. The principal celebrant will be Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

### **Preparing for the Jubilee**

December 24, 2024 marks the beginning of **Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope**. The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will be hosting brief workshops this fall for all Adult Faith Formation Leaders in Parishes and Schools to help prepare for

this important moment of celebration in the life of the Church. These workshops are free of charge, and we look forward to providing you with comprehensive materials for adult faith formation programs throughout the Jubilee Year. **All are welcome to attend.**

- **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph Parish, Hamilton 1-3 pm or 7-9 pm**
- **Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo 1-3 pm**
- **Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> Holy Cross, Georgetown 7-9 pm**

Registration for one of the workshops can be made here: <https://bit.ly/preparejubilee> . Let us continue to pray for one another as we journey forward as Pilgrims of Hope!

**DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH** October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, brother or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND – GUELPH** 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, November 2nd at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



### **The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed Feast Day: November 2**

Catholics believe that death can separate people who they love from them for only a while. We are

still united with them in the Communion of Saints. On this feast of All Souls, and throughout the entire month of November, we recall our deceased relatives, friends, and all the faithful departed who may yet be waiting for the full joy of heaven in purgatory. We pray for them, remembering that likewise these people being purified, have the power to intercede us too.

In Mexico, All Souls Day is celebrated as *Dia de los Muertos* (the Day of the Dead). Altars are assembled in honor of the departed and decorated with flowers and sugar candy skulls, skeleton toys, candles, photographs, bread, chocolate, and the favorite food and drink of the departed. Families then go to cemeteries and wash the tombstones and decorate them. Modern urban Mexican families usually observe the Day of the Dead with a special family supper featuring the “Bread of the Dead” (*pan de muerto*). It is good luck to be the one who bites into the plastic toy skeleton hidden by the baker in each rounded loaf.



### **Activities for All Souls Day:**

- Visit the cemetery. Some cemeteries have special sections for infants, and you might wish to pray especially here.
- Go to Mass. Find out the schedule of Masses for the day.
- Pray the following:

*Let perpetual light shine upon them,  
with your Saints forever, for you are merciful.  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them,  
with your Saints forever, for you are merciful.  
Amen.* <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints->



