



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

DIOCESAN

NEWSLETTER: Visit the Diocese of Hamilton 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 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.



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 10, 2024

Tue. Nov 12 7:00 pm † Gladys O'Dwyer
 Req'd by CWL and † Pavol & Maria Smolko
 Req'd by The Family

Wed. Nov 13 9:00 am † Sean MacMillan Req'd
 by Paul & Mary MacMillan

Thu. Nov 14 9:00 am † Deceased members of
 the Caughlin and Ferrell Families Req'd by Rita
 Caughlin

Fri. Nov 15 9:00 am † Bob McIntee Req'd by
 Evelyn Collins

Sat. Nov 16 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun. Nov 17 9:00 am † People of the Parish
 Contributions: Oct 20 \$2387; PAR \$3597; PAR main.
 \$530; Oct 27 \$1317; Main. \$205; Nov 3 \$1734.35;
 Main.\$220

Lectors

Sat. Nov 16 Cesar Arruda

Sun. Nov 17 Juliane von Westerholt

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 16 5:30 pm † People of the Parish
 Contributions: Oct 20 \$95 ; PAR \$90 ; Oct 27 \$75;
 Nov 3 \$155

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Nov 17 11:00 am † People of the Parish
 Contributions: Oct 20 \$155 ; Oct 27 \$325 ; Nov 3
 \$275

This Sunday's Reading

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

Through Elijah, a widow and her son are blest with
 enough flour and oil to supply them for a year.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:7,8-9-10

A prayer of praise to God who raises up the lowly

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ died once to take away sin; he will return
 again to bring salvation.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44 (shorter form, Mark 12:41-44)

Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and
 commends her great sacrifice.

Background on the Gospel Reading The context
 for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension
 between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark

reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area
 in today's reading and in the preceding verses not
 included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part
 of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds
 not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking
 honor and attention from others. It is important to
 recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these
 things while in the vicinity of the Temple in
 Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus'
 passion. Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims
 are making their contributions to the temple
 treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of
 Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected
 that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the
 Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were
 also expected to make a financial contribution to the
 temple treasury. As we would expect to be the case,
 Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed
 large sums to the treasury. Those with less means
 made smaller contributions. A similar situation
 exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls
 attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the
 smallest of contributions—two coins of little value.
 Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his
 disciples' consideration, commending her because
 her small offering was an act of profound
 generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than
 her surplus. To give from our livelihood is not only
 an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God.
 We can only give from our need if we trust that God
 will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the
 ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he
 gives his life for us on the cross. www.loyolapress.com

Family Connection Today's Gospel leads us to
 think about our family's financial contributions to
 our parish community, the diocese, other Church-
 sponsored organizations, and other charitable
 organizations. Good stewardship invites us to share
 our treasure as well as our time and talent.
 Sometimes, however, decisions about a family's
 charitable giving are made without our children's
 knowledge. Yet we teach more when we invite all
 family members to be aware of how we contribute
 to our Church and to other charitable organizations.
 As you gather as a family, talk about your family's
 financial contributions to your parish and to other
 Church activities. If your family supports other
 charitable organizations, you might talk about these
 as well. Talk together about why it is important for
 us to share our resources with these organizations.
 Read today's Gospel, Mark 12:41-44. Talk about
 what Jesus observes about the generosity of the
 poor widow. Talk also about ways in which your
 family might also make a sacrificial gift to support

your parish or other charitable organization. (Perhaps your family might choose not to go out to dinner but to contribute the money to your parish). Invite all family members to participate in the decision about what action you will take and which organization you will support with your contribution. Conclude in prayer together asking God to help your family be generous like the poor widow in today's Gospel. Pray together the Peace Prayer of St. Francis. www.loyolapress.com

CWL

- Next meeting will be held on Tuesday Nov. 12, 2024 at 1pm
- The St. Mary Auxiliary (HNS) will meet on Wednesday Nov. 20, 2024 at 7pm



Operation Christmas Child is underway! Shoeboxes are available in the foyer.

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT: As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last. * Select a quality "wow" toy * Other gifts * pray for the child who will receive your gift. * Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child. * A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. * Take your shoebox gift to Church. PLEASE PRAY FOR: BOYS AND GIRLS IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD Praise the Lord for the opportunity to bring great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children through shoeboxes. Ask God to prepare their hearts to respond to His love through these simple treasures. Thankyou for praying! To learn more, visit SamaritansPurse.ca/occ Please remember to put the donation envelope inside the box and add the label on the outside on top. **Please note , the Shoe Box needs to be in the morning of Sunday Nov.24th at St. Mary's Parish!**

**Pope Francis - Monthly Intention
November-For anyone who has lost a child**

"We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit."

www.livingwithchrist.ca

The Month of November


Dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

Book of Remembrance

In commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, during the month of November, we have placed a **Book of Remembrance** at the back of the church. We invite all parishioners to record the names of your departed loved ones.

CEMETERY FLOWERS Reminder: We kindly ask that any monument flowers be removed from the cemetery by November 15th. Thank you for your continued understanding. Cemetery Board.



COFFEE SUNDAY IS BACK

**Please Join us November 17th
EVERYBODY WELCOME!**

If you are available, we are in need of volunteers to help with set up and clean up. Thank you and God Bless!

11 NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest we forget



Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Nov. 10th 2:00 p.m. Village of Holstein
Cenotaph

Nov. 11th 10:40 a.m. Mt. Forest Cenotaph

Do you love to sing?

Bring more harmony, fun and musical company into your life! Come on out and take part in this year's **Christmas Cantata**. Being held on Sunday, December 22 at 2:30 p.m. Mount Forest United Church and Monday, December 23 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John The Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Arthur

Choir rehearsals are Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Anglican Church in Arthur beginning November 10

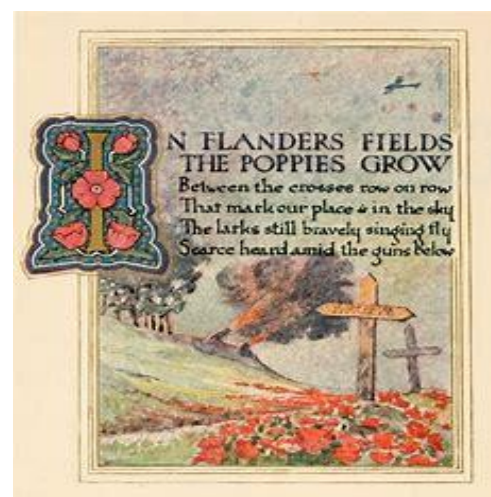




Saint Josaphat Feast Day November 12

Josaphat was born John Kuncevic in the Ukraine around 1580. He worked as a merchant until 1604, when he became a monk of the Ukrainian Order of Saint Basil and took the name Josaphat. Five years later, he was ordained a priest of the Byzantine Church. People came to him for spiritual advice. They were moved by his preaching and by his life, for he fasted often and was faithful to the prayers and customs of the people. In his thirties, he was made bishop of Vitebsk and then archbishop of Polotsk. He found the diocese in terrible condition, and he saw much unrest among the people. Josaphat had been raised in the Byzantine culture, and he was also faithful to the rule of the Church of Rome. There were strong groups, however, who opposed Rome and Latin rule. These people named their own bishop. Disturbances broke out as people took sides. Josaphat decided to go to Vitebsk, the center of the disturbance. While Josaphat was there, a priest named Elias kept shouting insults at him. A deacon had the priest locked up. The mob rioted and demanded the release of Elias. He was released, but the angry mob broke through all barriers until they made their way to Bishop Josaphat. They beat him and then shot him to death on November 12, 1623. The man who had worked for unity all his life was killed by a violent mob. People were shocked, and much honor was paid to his memory.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints->



“There can be no dedication to Canada’s future, without a knowledge of its past.” John Diefenbaker, 13th Prime Minister of Canada

WORLD YOUTH DAY On Sunday, November 24th, 2024 we celebrate World Youth Day! The theme young people are called to reflect on is: “those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary”. In his message addressed to young people the Holy Father, invites young people to set out on the pilgrimage of life before them, in joy and in hope! To see how others are celebrating world youth day around the Diocese and resources to celebrate yourself please visit: www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com

LISTENING TOGETHER, a reflection series will be hosted by the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis throughout the month of November, discussing the pre-Synod meditations from Cardinal-Elect Timothy Radcliffe from the 2024 Synod gathering in Rome. These discussions are virtual sessions, hosted on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-2:00pm with readings provided as digital texts a week in advance. All are very welcome to participate, registration can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/10/fall-book-club-emlistening-together-continued-em/> .

PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE: Msgr. Kroetsch and Christina Mines will be hosting preparation sessions for Adult Faith Formation Leaders in anticipation of the Jubilee of Hope beginning on December 24, 2024. This is an important moment in the life of the Church! Four brief sessions will be offered around the Diocese of Hamilton throughout the month of November to equip pastoral leaders for adult programming initiatives throughout the Jubilee year. All are welcome to participate. For registration and more information contact: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/10/preparing-for-the-jubilee-a-planning-day-for-pastoral-leaders/> .

MOUNT MARY OPEN HOUSE All are welcome to the annual Come Home for Christmas Festival at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre on Sunday December 1st, 2024 from 1:00 am – 4:00 pm. There will be activities for children including cookie decorating, face painting, and ornament making. We will also have refreshments and local vendors selling small items. There is no entry fee; however, we are accepting donations of unused socks, gloves, hats, scarves and soap for the DeMazenod Door Outreach Centre. For more information please visit www.mountmary.ca. We look forward to seeing you there!

