



# 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**



**Mount Forest**

**Building Character  
Through Christ**

390 Parkside Dr, Mt Forest 519-323-2586  
[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.**

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**November 3, 2024**

**Tue. Nov 5 7:00 pm †** Victor Ruffolo Req'd by  
The Family

and † Paul & Linda O'Connor  
Req'd by Bert & Helen Moore

**Wed. Nov 6 9:00 am †** Deceased members of  
the Stortz and Flanigan Families Req'd by Ron &  
Marian Flanigan

**Thu. Nov 7 9:00 am †** Courtney Seniuk Req'd  
by Jane & Melvin Seniuk

**Fri. Nov 8 9:00 am †** Deceased members of  
the Watts and Eurig Families Req'd by Dee Dee  
Eurig

**Sat. Nov 9 4:00 pm †** People of the Parish

**Sun. Nov 10 9:00 am †** People of the Parish

### Lectors

**Sat. Nov 9** Susan Thurston

**Sun. Nov 10** Colleen Dalla Costa

**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 9 5:30 pm †** People of the Parish

### ST. PETER'S, Aytton

**Sun. Nov 10 11:00 am †** People of the Parish

### This Sunday's Reading

#### **First Reading**

*Revelation 7:2-4,9-14*

John describes his vision: those who have endured  
the trials worship the Lamb.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6*

Those who seek the face of the Lord shall be  
rewarded.

#### **Second Reading**

*1 John 3:1-3*

We are God's children now.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 5:1-12*

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

**Background on the Gospel Reading** Every year  
the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer  
of the holy women and men who have been  
identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are  
more than just role models; they are family  
members with whom we continue to share relation,  
in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of  
Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the  
Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching

about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in  
this reading that none of those Jesus names as  
"blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in  
spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for  
happiness reflects little of what the world might call  
happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word  
"blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as  
"happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words,  
Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who  
are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This  
might have been welcome and surprising news to  
the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework  
for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that  
we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints.  
Saints are people who lived the spirit of the  
Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are  
challenged to model our lives on the spirit and  
promises of the Beatitudes. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

### **Family Connection**

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is  
remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The  
Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints.  
On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these  
saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories  
of saints and saintly people to our children so that  
they have ample models of people of faith for their  
own lives. Together as a family, name and tell the  
story of favorite saints. Together prepare a list of  
some of the traits that these people have in common  
(generosity, courage, prayerfulness, and so on)  
After preparing this list, read together today's  
Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12. Identify how the attitudes  
described in the Beatitudes are reflected in the lives  
of the saints and people you named. Pray together  
as a family a Litany of the Saints. (For example, the  
leader prays, "St. Elizabeth," and the children are  
invited to reply, "Pray for us.") Include in your list  
the saints and holy people you named in your  
discussion. Conclude by praying that your family  
will follow the example of these people as disciples  
of Jesus.

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

**The Month of November is 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.


**INDULGENCES:** The faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased may obtain an indulgence that can only be used for souls in purgatory, once daily from November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>. You should meet the following conditions: Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. One Holy Confession is sufficient for all the days to obtain indulgences. However, it is also necessary to remove all and/or attachments to sin.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>  
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!



**Remembrance Day Ceremonies**

- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. Village of Holstein
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 10:40 a.m. Parkside Drive, Mt.Forest

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Wellington**

November 9 is fast approaching and Canadian Tire Mount Forest and the OPP's 3rd annual Fill A Cruiser will be happening 11AM-3PM outside of Canadian Tire in Mount Forest. All proceeds will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Wellington. The first 150 people to donate a toy will receive a surprise gift worth \$29.99 from Canadian Tire.



**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY** On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com)

**CALLED TO WITNESS AND PROCLAIM: A PASTORAL LETTER ON EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS IN THE FAMILY** - On October 9th, 2024, the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis of the English Sector of Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) released a beautiful document titled, Called to Witness and Proclaim: A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization and Catechesis in the Family. The letter, which is a beautiful message to families, can be found by looking on the left hand side of the diocesan website ([hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)) under Departments and Programs in the Family Ministry Office section and then look under parenting and grandparenting.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #163** On November 1st the Church celebrates the feast of All Saints. On that day, we celebrate with all those who have died and are now with God in heaven. There are many saints and those we are named after are our patron saints. In a world in need of positive and faithful mentors for our children, saints fit the need. November is a great month to explore the lives of saints each family members is named after, or saints who your children might be curious about, perhaps names of other relatives. Talk about how saints lives were not always easy, but they did good and difficult things because they trusted and loved God. Our children grow and learn by the examples of others they see and hear about. Who better to imitate than the saints in heaven! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH Tip #143** There is much written these days about the positive affects on people, emotionally, mentally and physically, when they

learn to develop an attitude of gratitude. This is true for marriage as well. When we learn to see our spouses as those we have a high regard for, we look at our spouse with a different set of eyes. We place great value in their attributes, those things they bring to the family and to us, and we learn to find moments every day of thankfulness for their gifts and presence in our lives. Life is about choices, choose gratitude for your spouse (on purpose) and life will be so much happier for both of you. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**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/>.

**HEARTACHE TO HEALING -** Grief Support Group at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo - Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. **A monthly informal drop-in support** is available at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library.

**RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive Friday Night Support Group** – Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month, these get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Register before each session <https://sites.google.com/view/hamiltonrestart/home>, Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com) 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!



## The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Feast Day November 9

Christians first met in homes to hear Jesus' teachings and to celebrate the Eucharist. When the Christians were no longer persecuted for their faith, they built beautiful churches. Sometime before the fourth century, a palace owned by a noble Roman family named Laterani had been built. It became the property of the Emperor Constantine. Constantine had recognized Christianity as the religion of the empire, and he donated to the Church the palace and other buildings on the site. This became Rome's oldest church. It was given the title Basilica of the Savior, but later was dedicated to John the Baptist and called St. John Lateran.

St. John Lateran was the home of the popes—the center of the Catholic world for many years. Twenty-eight popes are buried there. Although our pope now lives at the Vatican and presides at St. Peter's basilica, St. John Lateran is considered his cathedral as the bishop of Rome. The dedication of this basilica is a happy occasion for the Church because it reminds us of our beginnings, our unity. It stands as a monument to God and all that God does through the Church. <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, 13<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Canada

