



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

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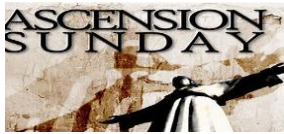
PARISH REQUESTS:

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.

June 1st, 2025



ST. MARY OF THE PURIFICATION, Mt. Forest

Tue June 3 7:00 pm † Intentions of Gerry Ferrier
Req'd by The Family and

† Kathryn Meyer Req'd by

The Estate

Wed June 4 9:00 am † Anita Mulhall Req'd by
Ron & Marian Flanigan

Thu June 5 9:00 am † Ken Neisen Req'd by Lorne
& Florence Moyer

Fri June 6 MASS CANCELLED TODAY

Sat June 7 FIRST SATURDAY

9:00 AM † John & Pat Orr Req'd by
Dan & Angela Stortz

4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun June 8 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat June 7 Florence Ricard

Sun June 8 Melissa Reid

CONFESSION: Tuesday evenings 5:30 – 6:30 pm
or by appointment, please call Fr. Mike at the
Parish office 519-323-1054 ext.7

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. June 7 5:30 pm † Bogden Rojeli Req'd by
The Family and † Mary & Francis
Garvey, Jerome Lane & Ernie Sr. Dunlop Req'd by
Virginia Lane

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. June 8 11:00 am † People of the Parish

This Sunday's Reading :

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the
Apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:2-3,6-9

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at
his right hand.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in
Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension
of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the
40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is
taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus'
Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark,
Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns
his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to
the entire world. There are also notable distinctions.
In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples
are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In
Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize
is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to
return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his
promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously,
only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus'
Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes
with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples
forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus
ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting
this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the
glory Jesus received from God after his death and
Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to
do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's
Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples
out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean
spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things
and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus
helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as
we try to live as his followers.

Family Connection

Any family that has tried to sit down to a family
dinner or packed the car for a trip has heard children
argue at least once about who should sit where. To
sit next to someone, especially if that person is
important, is to have a place of honor. Jesus has this
place of honor, seated now at the right hand of the
Father (as we say in the Nicene Creed and
the Apostles' Creed), but there's more to this
metaphor than where Jesus sits in relation to God.
To be in the place of honor is also to be in a place of
power. Knowing people in powerful places can be
very helpful. Children remind us of this each time
we are called upon to referee a conflict. Jesus,
honored now at God's right hand, is a powerful ally
for us.

As you gather as a family, recall a time when there was a discussion, or perhaps even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place. Mention that in this Sunday's Gospel we learn about Jesus' place in heaven. Read together Luke 24:46-53. Talk about how in the Creed we describe Jesus' place in heaven as "seated at the right hand of the Father." Discuss what we might learn about the relationship between God and Jesus from today's Gospel and from the Creed and what we can learn about Jesus' relationship to us. Observe that one of the things we learn is that Jesus continues to help us from this place of honor in heaven. Pray together the Apostles' Creed.



COFFEE SUNDAY

Please join us in the parish hall for coffee and refreshments every 1st and 3rd Sunday after Mass. All are welcome!

First Holy Communion and Confirmation
Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 3:00 pm we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation

*Sunday, June 22, 2025, we will celebrate **First Holy Communion** with a special Mass being held at 3:00 p.m.*



CWL News

- The next CWL meeting will be held June 10 at 1 pm
- St. Mary Auxiliary (formerly HNS) will hold a meeting June 11th at 7 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Month of June

Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Contributions

St. Mary of the Purification: May 17/18 \$1431;
May 24/25 \$1791 Maintenance \$110
St. Peter Mission: May 18 \$130; May 25 \$85
St. Thomas Mission: May 17 \$60; May 24 \$340

Thank you for your continued donations. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as we seek to encourage all with God's Love and Word

Feast of Corpus Christi - Altar Servers needed

Organized through the Wellington Deanery Eucharistic Procession, they are appealing for the support and participation of local parish's team of altar servers. Taking place Sunday June 22 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. If you are interested and require more information please call the parish office 519-323-1054



Join us for Michael House's 20th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign! Since 2005, our community has come together each spring to support vulnerable mothers and babies through this simple but powerful campaign. Over the years, together we've raised more than **\$513,000 — one bottle at a time.** Pick up a baby bottle and from **Mother's Day (May 11) to Father's Day (June 15)** fill it with **coins, bills, cheques — and love.** Every bottle filled helps Michael House provide shelter, care, and a fresh start to families in need. To donate online or learn more, visit <https://www.michaelhouse.ca/event/baby-bottle-campaign/>



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

What's Wrong with MAiD?

The concept of MAiD, whether new to you or not, is a growing part of healthcare that deserves more attention from the faith community. Learn how policies in Nova Scotia may affect you, your loved ones, and the overall healthcare system. We'll take a look at this important subject from the Christian perspective, with history, insights and testimonials on the increasing impact of MAiD. Find out which provinces have the most restrictive policies and why change is needed to advocate for dignity-affirming healthcare. Join us on Wednesday, June 4, starting at 7:00 PM at Basilica of Our Lady of the Immaculate Church Hall (28 Norfolk St, Guelph, ON N1H 4H8). Please RSVP at: <https://cmdacanada.org/event/whats-wrong-with-maid-guelph/> This event is sponsored by Alliance for Life Ontario **RSVP It's not required, but it will allow the host venue to better prepare and ensure that you get follow-up information about the presentation.**

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #170

Summer is a time to unwind, relax, rejuvenate and enjoy the outdoors. Take the time to engage more often and more fully as a family. Do chores together, cook together, play games, do a puzzle, or hike together. Quality and quantity time spent with our children matters! This is the Jubilee Year of Hope, so do something to engage in and honour the year, perhaps by visiting one or more of our Diocesan Pilgrim Churches. You can find more ideas to celebrate the year on our website at hamiltondiocese.com. And whether you are having a staycation or vacation, remember that Mass and prayer as a family are important! (Family Ministry Office)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #150

Though we may love our spouse, there will be moments when we may disagree or struggle to be loving. These are moments when we must remind ourselves of our commitment to each other and the importance of working things out, instead of ignoring them and moving on. When troubles arise, it is important for each person to commit to taking time to discuss the issue when both people are calm, so your brain is at its maximum capacity to be rational. Research says that starting the conversation gently (no accusing, judging, or sarcasm) and taking responsibility for some part of the problem is the best way to work the situation out and move forward with love that is even stronger. (Family Ministry Office)

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM - This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will be offered once again this fall and is held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration will be on line soon so to register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

ASCENSION SUNDAY

“The Lord is Taken Up Into Heaven”

The Ascension is a wondrous event: The Lord, by his own power, ascends to heaven. In so doing, he opens a path for us, too.

As Pope St. John Paul II reminded the faithful in 1979: “Jesus took his place. After having undergone the humiliation of his passion and death, Jesus took his place at the right-hand of God; he took his place with his eternal Father. But he also entered heaven as our Head. Whereupon, in the expression of Leo the Great, the glory of the Head became the hope of the body. For all eternity Christ takes his place as the firstborn among many brethren: Our nature is with God in Christ. And as man, the Lord Jesus lives forever to intercede for us with the Father. At the same time, from his throne of glory, Jesus sends out to the whole Church a message of hope and a call to holiness. Because of Christ’s merits, because of his intercession with the Father, we are able to attain justice and holiness of life, in him.” As Ephesians affirms: “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” He opened the gates to the righteous who had fallen asleep — and to us! Jesus also ascends to summon the Advocate — whose work at Pentecost we will celebrate next week — and, like the disciples, calls us to preach the Good News. The Gospel of Mark describes: “... the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.” This solemnity offers us hope. St. John Paul also encouraged in 1979: “[B]e imbued with the hope that is so much a part of the mystery of the Ascension of Jesus. Be deeply conscious of Christ’s victory and triumph over sin and death. Realize that the strength of Christ is greater than our weakness, greater than the weakness of the whole world. Try to understand and share the joy that Mary experienced in knowing that her Son had taken his place with his Father, whom he loved infinitely. And renew your faith today in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to prepare a place for us, so that he can come back again and take us to himself.”



