



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:

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Mount Forest

Building Character
Through Christ

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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 8th 2025 *Pentecost Sunday*



ST. MARY OF THE PURIFICATION, Mt. Forest

Tue June 10 7:00 pm † Victor Ruffolo Req'd by The Family and † Bernice Benns Req'd by The CWL

Wed June 11 9:00 am † Intentions of Bill Kreps Req'd by Florence Kreps

Thu June 12 9:00 am † Joseph Moore Req'd by Dave & Donna Meyer

Fri June 13 9:00 am † Betty Connelly Req'd by Bernard Dineen

Sat June 14 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun June 15 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat June 14 Laura Cherry

Sun June 15 Colleen Dalla Costa

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ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. June 14 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. June 15 11:00 am † People of the Parish

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34

God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 or Romans 8:8-17

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

June 15th 2025 *Trinity Sunday*



ST. MARY OF THE PURIFICATION, Mt. Forest

Tue June 17 7:00 pm † Katheryn Meyer Req'd by The Family

and † Kathleen, Harold & Kenneth Lehman Req'd by The Estate

Wed June 18 9:00 am † Repose of the soul of Jacobus Langenhuizen Req'd by Angela Langenhuizen

Thu June 19 9:00 am † Tom Hale Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan

Fri June 20 9:00 am † Mary Jo Marshall Req'd by Betty Mogensen & Family

Sat June 21 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun June 22 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat June 21 Maxine Schmidt

Sun June 22 J. vonWesterholt

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Sat. June 21 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

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This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Proverbs 8:22-31

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 8:4-9

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

We boast of our afflictions.

Gospel Reading

John 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit of truth will guide us.

The Month of June
Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Contributions

St. Mary of the Purification: June 1 \$1040.45

St. Peter Mission: June 2 \$30

St. Thomas Mission: June 1 \$65

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



Congratulations to all who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday June 8th.

"May our merciful Father through the Word and the free gift of the Holy Spirit, enrich your faith that clings to your Savior."

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/>



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FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2025! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? **The Frassati Leadership Program** may be for you. Join us as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>

STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry and in need of support? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850

Wellington Deanery Eucharistic Procession

Take a walk with Jesus! All students and their families are invited on **June 22, 2025.** Starting with mass at 2 pm at the Basilica of our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. The special walk will start after the Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate and end at Sacred Heart Parish, followed by treats and snacks.

For more info visit deaneryeucharisticprocession@gmail.com



COFFEE SUNDAY

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

All are welcome!

CWL News

- Enjoy a dessert potluck meeting at the next CWL meeting being 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.

Happy Fathers Day Sunday June 15

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.



St. Anthony of Padua Feast Day June 13th

One of the most loved friends in heaven is St. Anthony of Padua. Your church might have a statue of him, and you might even have a holy card with his picture on it. People ask St. Anthony for help all the time, and for the most ordinary things, and that's okay. Like a good friend, St. Anthony is always willing to help. People especially like to ask St.

Anthony to help them find things that are lost. In a minute, we'll find out why. We turn to St. Anthony for help with our ordinary problems, but his life was really anything but ordinary. St. Anthony was born in Portugal, and when he grew up, he studied to be a priest. He was a brilliant student and knew the Bible backward and forward. Someone once said that if all the Bibles in Europe were burned, it wouldn't be a terrible problem. People could just go to St. Anthony, and he could write the Scriptures down for them! Anthony was a good teacher, but one day something happened that inspired him to follow Jesus in a slightly different way. Five Franciscan priests had traveled to Morocco, a country in Africa, to preach the good news about Jesus. They were brutally killed, and what was left of their bodies was brought to the town where Anthony lived.

Anthony couldn't sit still any longer. More than anything, he wanted to go to Morocco himself and try to give the love of Jesus to the people who had done this terrible thing. No one seemed to need Christ's love more than people who would torture and kill innocent men. So Anthony joined the Franciscan order, got on a ship, and sailed to Morocco. Things didn't work out as he had hoped, though. He fell ill soon after he arrived and had no choice but to return to Europe. Anthony's plans weren't working out, but perhaps that's because God had something else in mind for him. The ship Anthony was on, the one he thought was taking him back to university life in Portugal, got blown off course by a sudden strong wind. It went straight to the island of Sicily, where a huge meeting of Franciscan brothers happened to be taking place at that very moment. Anthony didn't speak at the meeting, since he was really an outsider. He sat silently and listened. Perhaps he even heard St. Francis of Assisi speaking of holy poverty as the way to follow Jesus and of how important it is to preach the love of Jesus to all people, especially the poor. After the meeting, Anthony continued to live a quiet life as a friar, working in a hospital in Italy, taking the humblest jobs of all. Back in Portugal, Anthony had already begun to gain fame as a scholar and teacher, but he said not a word about that in the hospital. He worked hard in the kitchen and the garden, helping the sick in the most ordinary, everyday ways. Then one day something happened that was almost as strange as the ship wandering off course. There was a large meeting of Franciscans and Dominicans, but oddly enough, the plans for who would give the sermon at the meeting fell through. There were plenty of fine preachers present, but none of them were prepared.

Those in charge of the meeting went down the line of friars. "Would you care to give the sermon, Brother? No? What about you, Father? No? Well, what about you, Fr. Anthony—is that your name?"

Slowly, Anthony rose, and just as slowly, he began to speak. The other friars sat up to listen. There was something very special about Anthony. He didn't use complicated language, but his holiness and love for God shone through his words. He was one of the best preachers they had ever heard! From that point on, Anthony's quiet life in the hospital kitchen was over. For the rest of his life, he traveled around Italy and France, preaching sermons in churches and town squares to people who came from miles around. His listeners heard Anthony speak about how important it is for us to live every day in God's presence. As a result of his words, hundreds of people changed their lives and bad habits, bringing Jesus back into their hearts. Anthony wasn't always successful, though. In most cities, businesspeople would shut down their shops to come listen to Anthony. But in one city the townspeople closed their hearts to him and listened with hard faces and harsh eyes. St. Anthony had done his best. He shrugged and turned around. The fish in the bay poked their heads out of the water to see what was going on, and St. Anthony started preaching to them instead! Now, back to the first question. Why do we ask St. Anthony to help us find lost things? St. Anthony had a book of psalms that was quite special to him. It was special because in those days before the printing press, books were rare and expensive. But it was also special because it contained many notes Anthony had made to help him in his preaching and teaching. Late one night, a young Franciscan decided to leave the community. He'd had enough of that life, so he made plans to just sneak out in the middle of the night. He saw Anthony's book of psalms on his way out, and he snatched it up and ran. He knew that he could sell this precious book for a good deal of money. Of course, Anthony was quite upset. He prayed that God would change the young man's heart and bring him back to the Franciscan life. He also hoped that while God was at it, he would return Anthony's book too. The next day, the young man returned, tired and ashamed, with Anthony's book. He also brought back his own gifts and talents, which he decided once more to offer to the Franciscan community. So that's why we like to ask St. Anthony to help us find lost things. He was an extraordinary man who can still help us from heaven, even in the most ordinary ways.

