



Welcome to St. Mary of the Purification Parish

We are delighted you could join us for today's Mass

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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
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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 Wednesday before noon.

July 13th, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARY OF THE PURIFICATION, Mt. Forest

Tue Jul 15 7:00 pm † Blanche Rivet Req'd by John & Joan Jeffery and † Kathleen, Harold & Kenneth Lehman Req'd by The Estate

Wed Jul 16 9:00 am † Marcella Williams Req'd by Evelyn Collins

Thu Jul 17 9:00 am † Stella McCabe Req'd by Helen & Burt Moore

Fri Jul 18 9:00 am † Corrie Pronk Req'd by John & Joan Jeffery

Sat Jul 19 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun Jul 20 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Jul 19 Luis Arruda

Sun Jul 20 Debra Ross

CONFESSON: 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. Jul 19 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Jul 20 11:00 am † People of the Parish

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses reminds the people that God's commandments are not remote but are already in their hearts.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 69:14,17,30-31,36-37

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus is the head of the body, the Church.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan

Background on the Gospel Reading

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus

19:18, on loving your neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendents of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it

was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was “the one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: “Go and do likewise.” The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it. www.loyolapress.com

Family Connection

Families rely on selfless love. Parents show love for their children not just when it's convenient, but whenever their children's needs must be met. Imagine if the members of a family were concerned only with their own needs. How quickly things would fall apart!

In the story of the Good Samaritan, we learn about someone who went out of his way to care for the needs of another. He recognized the victim as his brother and accepted responsibility for him. As a family, talk about the responsibilities of each member of the family. Share how you, as parents, care for the needs of everyone in the family even when it's inconvenient. Ask your children to share times when they did chores and helped the family even when it was not convenient.

Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 10:25-37. Talk about how the Samaritan went out of his way to care for the needs of the victim. Make a commitment as a family to follow the example of the Good Samaritan. Explain that the more you learn to accept responsibility for each other's needs at home, the more you'll be able to accept responsibility for the needs of others in the world.

Contributions

St. Mary of the Purification: June 29 \$1577;
Jul 6 \$916; Maintenance \$730

St. Peter Mission: June 29 \$200; Jul 6 \$60

St. Thomas Mission: June 29 \$160; Jul 6 \$255

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

Please note: We will **not** have Coffee Sunday in July and August. It will resume in September!
Have a safe and enjoyable summer !

Mount Forest Seniors Group

Euchre, Double Euchre and lots of other games
Wednesdays 1-3:30. At the Sportsplex. All seniors welcome. Guests pay \$3.00!

Changes to website-You may have noticed that the parish website has a different look. We are currently updating it, so please be patient while we navigate through this process. Thank you

The Month of July Dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus



*May Thy Blood, O Lord, be my salvation.
Eternal Father! I offer Thee the Precious Blood of
Jesus in satisfaction for my sins, and in supplication
for the holy souls in purgatory and for the wants of
holy Church.
(Pre-1968 Indulgence of 500 days)*



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE DAY The Office of Youth Ministry is excited to welcome young people in grades 7-12 to join us for a Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage Day on August 3rd, 2025 hosted at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The pilgrimage day will run from 1:00pm – 7:00 pm. Those interested in attending are encouraged to register with a parish group! For more information and to register please visit: <https://bit.ly/youthpilgrimage2025>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2025. Three and five week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondiocesearns.com

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT IN AUGUST 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, Aug. 2nd at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario).

Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

DID YOU KNOW... Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHC CC>

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 run Tuesdays from Sept. 23 – Nov. 25 from 7-9 pm and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

ARCHBISHOP PETER HUNDT is the Director for the *August 2025 Retreat for Priests* to be held at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre in Niagara Falls, August 25th-29th. The Archbishop is well-known in the Diocese, and many Priests have registered to hear his reflections. May the time be richly blessed.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Day July 16

On one side of the mountaintop, the priests of Baal stood next to the stone altar dedicated to their false god. They had been praying aloud all day, but no god had answered them. On the other side, the prophet Elijah stood alone next to a stone altar dedicated to the Lord God, Yahweh. That day Yahweh sent fire from heaven onto the altar, proving that he, Yahweh, was the one true God. The Old Testament records this showdown on Mount Carmel in northern Palestine (1 Kings 18:16–39).

During the many centuries between that event and the year 1156, people who wanted a quiet place to pray and to live close to God began to come

together on Mount Carmel. A large monastery was built there to honor the Mother of God. The members of the monastery were called Carmelites. In 1251, according to the tradition of the Carmelites, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Simon Stock, the sixth general, or person in charge of the Carmelite Order, and gave him a scapular. The scapular was a long piece of cloth worn over the shoulders and hanging, in front and in back, down to the ankles. After that, all the members of that Carmelite community wore scapulars.

Today some religious men and women still wear the full scapular. Some people wear a small scapular made of two small pieces of cloth connected by narrow cord or braid. It, too, is worn over the shoulders. Wearing a scapular medal or the shortened scapular is a way of honoring the Blessed Mother. July 16 is a major feast for all Carmelite priests and sisters. www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources.com

Saint Bonaventure Feast Day July 15th

Bonaventure was born about 1221 in Italy, not far from Naples. He was baptized John. The story is told that when he was about four years old, he was deathly ill. His mother begged Francis of Assisi to come and cure him. Francis touched the boy, and he was cured instantly. As an adult, Bonaventure entered the Franciscan order. He went to Paris, where he met Thomas Aquinas. They both studied at the University of Paris. Bonaventure became the head of the Franciscan order. He was appointed a cardinal shortly before his death in 1274. After Bonaventure's death, it was reported, "At the funeral there was much sorrow and tears; for the Lord had given him this grace, that all who saw him were filled with an immense love for him."

A Summer Prayer for Families

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves,

but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts

during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us

as we enjoy the warm days of summertime. Amen.

