



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

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NEWSLETTER: Visit the Diocese of Hamilton to subscribe to the online diocesan newsletter visit www.hamiltondiocese.com

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St. Mary Catholic School



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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 20th, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. MARY OF THE PURIFICATION, Mt. Forest

Tue Jul 22 7:00 pm † Repose of the soul of Victor Stortz Req'd by Verne & Pauline Mills and Intentions of Lucille & Michael on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary Req'd by Frank & Joanne McKenna

Wed Jul 23 9:00 am NO MASS

Thu Jul 24 9:00 am † Intentions of Madeline Ray-Rundle Req'd by Florence & Bill Krepis

Fri Jul 25 9:00 am † Anita Mulhall Req'd by Bernard Dineen

Sat Jul 26 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun Jul 27 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Jul 26 Maxine Schmidt

Sun Jul 27 Emma Westendorp

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. Jul 26 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Jul 27 11:00 am † People of the Parish

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

Abraham entertains three strangers and is promised a son.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15:2-5

Those who do justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery hidden from ages past has now been revealed in Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the

Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

Family Connection

In our families and homes, we have boundaries. Some are geographical; we may have our own room or part of a room that we want others to stay out of. Parents may have home offices that are off-limits to children. Some boundaries are behavioral; children may speak one way to their friends, but they are not allowed to speak the same way to their parents or other adults. A Curfew is another type of boundary, whose purpose is to protect children's safety.

Talk about examples of boundaries in your family. For the most part, these boundaries are good. Talk about how sometimes we set up boundaries for the wrong reasons. For example, if we are angry with a sibling, we may draw a line and tell him or her to stay on his or her side. Explain that when we use boundaries to exclude others, we are being hurtful. Point out how in Jesus' time, some boundaries were used to unfairly exclude people. One example was from last week's Gospel: Samaritans. This Sunday's Gospel has another example: women. Talk about how the role of women has changed in your lifetime. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus breaks down a barrier that kept women from being disciples.

Read aloud Luke 10:38-42. Talk about how Martha is conditioned by the existing boundaries of her society, but how her sister, Mary, breaks through that boundary and becomes a disciple of Jesus. Talk about how you can work as a family to break down boundaries that separate people. Point out that when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we call God "Our Father," meaning that we are all his children; no boundaries should separate us. Conclude this time together by praying the Lord's Prayer. www.loyolapress

Contributions

St. Mary of the Purification: July 13 \$1048 ;
Maintenance \$300

St. Peter Mission: July 13 \$165

St. Thomas Mission: July 13 \$230

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!

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)

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July **"For formation in discernment"**

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern,
to know how to choose paths of life and reject
everything that leads us away from Christ and the
Gospel.



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>

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #170 Our children learn from their parents and family, more than from any other source. They are watching more than listening, so be aware of your own actions so you can influence them positively. They also judge themselves according to how we treat them: love, respect and dignity should be at the base of all we say and do with them. So, spend time with them, have fun together and see how healthy and strong they will become! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #150 Summer is often a little less hectic, so a perfect time to have a cold drink or coffee on a deck or patio and talk with your spouse. Discuss past happy memories, future goals, what things you love and where you are challenged. Time spent together is always good for a relationship and helps us connect in deeper ways. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

WHEN LIFE CHANGES – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese offers two six-week grief programs for your support. Part one will be offered later in the fall and registration will be up soon. For those who have taken part one, the second part of the program will be offered from September 10 to October 15, 2025, from 7:00-8:30pm. The program runs from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look under upcoming events on the home page.

RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive Support Group – Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on a 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. For summer sessions or gatherings, register here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!



Saints Joachim and Ann Feast Day July 26

You have probably heard the expression: The apple does not fall far from the tree. It means that children are often like their parents. Scripture does not tell us anything about the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tradition tells us that their names were Joachim and Ann. The name Ann means “grace,” while Joachim means “the Lord will judge.” Tradition also says that Joachim and Ann took their daughter to the Temple in Jerusalem when she was very young. They understood that Mary was a special child, so they dedicated her to God. We do know that Joachim and Ann have been honored in the Church from early Christian times. By looking at Mary, their child, we can figure out several things about them. They must have set the example that Mary followed to become the loving, gentle, faith-filled, courageous woman she was—the perfect woman to bear and raise the Son of God.

Whether or not Joachim and Ann are the real names of Mary’s parents, the couple were the holy, heroic ones who faithfully prepared for the coming of the Messiah. Because Joachim and Ann were the grandparents of Jesus, they are the patrons of grandparents. St. Ann is venerated in Canada, where there is a basilica in her honor in Quebec.

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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.



Water Safety Tips

Whether your favourite way to cool down is by swimming in a lake, river, private pool, the ocean, or taking your motorboat out for a spin, it’s no question that Canadians love spending time in the water.

Unfortunately, water-related fatalities account for hundreds of Canadian deaths each year. Drowning is the third highest cause of accidental death in Canada, and the second highest cause of preventable death for

children 10 and under. But water doesn’t have to be dangerous, so long as you follow certain safety guidelines and stay aware of your surroundings. Getting the right training, and knowing how to take care of yourself and others will reduce potential risks and keep everyone safe around the water. We’ve compiled some tips to keep you safe – no matter what your go-to water activity may be.

Wear a Life Jacket We know you’ve probably heard this little rule a thousand times, but it’s still worth another shout. The majority of those who die in boating deaths were not wearing a personal flotation device or life jacket. Wearing one might feel cumbersome, but it can make the difference between staying alive and becoming a statistic. Quick Tip: “Life jackets for adults are not suitable for children. They should fit snug and not allow the chin or ears to slip through.”

Get Trained in CPR When it comes to your own personal pool, the lifeguard on duty is YOU. Knowing how to perform CPR on both children and adults is incredibly important, as professional help may not arrive fast enough to respond. Understanding the basics of life-saving CPR and first aid while also keeping your skills up-to-date could prevent a worst case scenario. To avoid accidental child drownings, have a gate put up between the house and pool (even better if the gate is self-closing and/or self-locking). If you have a back door that leads out to the pool, it’s also paramount that you keep it child-locked.

Be Pool Safe Backyard pools are, in fact, one of the most likely places for children under 5 years old to drown. Even water less than 1 meter deep can pose a threat for kids with limited swimming abilities, so make sure they do not wind up near the pool by accident. According to the Lifesaving Society, while 61% of deaths for children 5 and under were alone near water, 53% of these occurred only during a momentary absence or lapse of a caregiver’s attention. Many assume they would hear shouting or splashing, but unfortunately, many drownings are completely silent. Be sure to have eyes on young children at all times and remain within reach. **Alcohol & Boating Don’t Mix** According to the Lifesaving Society, roughly 40% of drowning fatalities from recreational boating in Canada are alcohol-related. You wouldn’t drink and drive a motor vehicle, would you? Driving a motorboat under the influence carries similar risks. Impaired vision and decision-making coupled with a fast, heavy, and potentially dangerous vehicle is never a good idea.

Be sure to call 911 if it's a serious emergency.
<https://sja.ca/en/resources/water-safety-tips>