



# 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

### **Parish Staff**

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**St. Peter's Mission**  
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**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
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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 Wednesday before noon.**

July 27th, 2025  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**ST. MARY OF THE PURIFICATION, Mt. Forest**

**Tue Jul 29 7:00 pm** † Katheryn Meyer Req'd by the Estate and † Fr. Michael Anderson Req'd by Bill & Florence Kreps

**Wed Jul 30 9:00 am** † Repose of the soul of Ron Burke Req'd by Dan & Angela Seifried

**Thu Jul 31 9:00 am** † Intentions of Bill & Mary Hammond Req'd by The Family

**Fri Aug 1 9:00 am NO MASS TODAY**

**Sat Aug 2 9:00 am First Saturday**  
† People of the Parish  
**4:00 pm** † Hamilton Diocese CWL

Req'd by Ontario Provincial CWL Council

**Sun Aug 3 9:00 am** † People of the Parish

**Lectors**

**Sat Aug 2 Maxine Schmidt**

**Sun Aug 3 J. vonWesterholt**

**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. Aug 2 5:30 pm** † Mary & Francis Garvey, Jerome Lane & Ernie Sr. Dunlop Req'd by Gail & Isobel Dunlop and † Ross Wilke Req'd by Dan & Angela Seifried

**ST. PETER'S, Ayton**

**Sun. Aug 3 11:00 am** † Arnie & Jonathon Eurig Req'd by Dee Dee Eurig & Family and † Jack Hawkins Req'd by Margaret Hawkins

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

**Diocesan Calendar- week of July 27th**

*"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"*

Mon-Rev. Phillip Reilly, C.R.	Thu- Engaged couples
Tue-Rev. Pawell Jamroz	Fri-Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos
Wed- School Sisters of Notre Dame, S.S.N.D	Sat-Rev. Stephen Gilbert

**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**

**Young Adult Pilgrimage to Midland**  
**Jubilee of Hope**

Calling all young adults! Join us for a special day pilgrimage to the **Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario** as we journey together in the spirit of the **Jubilee of Hope**. This is a chance to connect with others, deepen your faith, and walk in the footsteps of the Canadian martyrs.

**Date:** Saturday, September 27, 2025

**Departure Time:** 8:00 am

**Departure Location:** Chancery Office, Diocese of Hamilton (700 King Street West)

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person

**Includes:** Transportation, entry to the Shrine, time for prayer, reflection, fellowship, and celebration of Mass, BBQ Dinner ahead of departure. All young adults (20's & 30's) are welcome. Space is limited, so register early! **To register or learn more, contact:** Christina Mines, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis

[catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com)

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**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.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

**YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM** We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2025. Join us as we explore the Practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com)

**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/>

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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)

**World Day for Grandparents and Elderly**  
Celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Joachim and Anne (which is July 26<sup>th</sup> this year). The theme for 2025 is “Blessed are those who have not lost hope” (cf. Sir 14:2).

“ In this Jubilee Year, the World Day – established by Pope Francis in 2021 – aims to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly is a sign of hope in every family and

ecclesial community”. This is a great day to encourage families to celebrate with their grandparents and/or elderly relatives and neighbours. Consider a picnic lunch, family bbq or sundae Sunday in honour of the day! With thanks for considering some kind of celebration, so we can remind all elderly people just how important they still are in our lives.

### **Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents**

Lord Jesus,  
you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment  
for families, for the Church and for all of society.  
Support them! As they grow older,  
may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.  
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits  
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,  
help families and society to value the presence and  
role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in  
all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all families  
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,  
where you await all humanity  
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!



### **Saint Martha Feast Day July 29**

One of the most precious things in life is to have a home where you can go at any time and find people who accept, love, and understand you. Jesus found such a home in Bethany, at the house of a woman named Martha. She welcomed him and served him, and they developed a special bond of friendship. Martha lived with her sister Mary. Like many other pairs of sisters, these two women were different in personality. Martha was energetic and outspoken, while Mary was quiet and reflective. Jesus loved

both of them and appreciated the gifts that each one had. The Gospel of Luke records that once, when Jesus was visiting, Martha prepared the meal while Mary sat talking to their visitor. Martha complained that Jesus should tell Mary to help her. Jesus said that because Martha was worrying so much about the work, she did not have time to enjoy being with him and listening to his words.

Another time recorded in John's Gospel, the sisters sent a message to Jesus that their brother, Lazarus, was ill. They knew Jesus would come and cure him; they trusted in his loving care for them. When Jesus finally came, Lazarus had already been dead for four days. As soon as she heard that Jesus was nearby, Martha, a woman of action, went out to meet him, while Mary stayed in the house. In her grief, Martha told Jesus honestly what she had expected from him. Jesus asked her to believe that he was the resurrection and that he had power to give eternal life to all who believe in him. Without really understanding this mystery, Martha trusted Jesus totally and said, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world" (John 11:27). That day Jesus raised her brother Lazarus from the dead, showing that he has power over life and death and power to give eternal life. The home Jesus found in Bethany was not only in the house but in the faithful heart of a woman named Martha. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

### **Saint Peter Chrysologos Feast Day July 30**

About 431, Peter, a deacon, became bishop of Ravenna, Italy. Many Christians in his diocese were following false teachings and living by values that were not Christian. Peter became known as an outstanding preacher. He also preached to catechumens preparing for Baptism. At the bishops' meeting in Constantinople in 448, Eutyches, a false teacher, denied that Jesus was both God and man. When the bishops refused Eutyches the right to teach his false ideas, he went to Peter for help. But Peter said, "In the interest of peace and the faith we cannot judge in matters of faith without the consent of the Roman bishop [the pope]."

Peter Chrysologus believed that Christians should acquire knowledge to support the Christian faith. He encouraged education as a God-given opportunity and obligation. About 450, Peter died where he had been born: Imola, Italy. Thirteen centuries later, Pope Benedict XIII declared him a Doctor of the Church because of his homilies. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)