



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:

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 Wed. a.m.

July 6th, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARY OF THE PURIFICATION, Mt. Forest

Tue Jul 8 7:00 pm † Fr. Murrery Farwell Req'd by
Sandy & Bruce England & Family

and † Antonia Hrycajczuk Req'd by
the CWL

Wed Jul 9 9:00 am † Theresa Wells Req'd by
Rosemary Wells & The Wells Family

Thu Jul 10 9:00 am † Frank Bowier Req'd by Ron
& Marian Flanigan

Fri Jul 11 9:00 am † Joseph Moore Req'd by
Dave & Donna Meyer

Sat Jul 12 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun Jul 13 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Jul 12 Laura Cherry

Sun Jul 13 Colleen Dalla Costa

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 12 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Jul 13 11:00 am † People of the Parish

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14c

I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 123:1-4

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Jesus sends out 72 people to announce the coming
kingdom.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final
verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language
about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus
immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him
to every town and place he plans to visit,
proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He

sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two
witnesses were needed for a testimony to be
credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending
them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to
bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or
sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as
not to be distracted from their mission. When they
enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The
response they will receive may be positive or
negative. Either way, they are to know that the
Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand
special treatment but eat and drink whatever is
given them. They are to stay in one house and are
not to look around for one that provides better
accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign
that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like
Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of
the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they
are to shake the dust from their feet and move on.
Even in the case of such rejection they should know
that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are
rejoicing because their mission has been successful.
Demons were under their power because of Jesus'
name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs
among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage
he assures them that they have been given power
over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not
even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's
Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its
difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission
of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it,
not just some professionals trained for ministry.
Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We
should pray to the master of the harvest to send out
workers for his harvest.

Family Connection

Families teach a sense of togetherness and
community. It is in the family that we learn that we
are dependent on one another and where we learn to
work together and live together. In this Sunday's
Gospel, Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in pairs, a
sign that we are to work together to serve the
mission of the Kingdom of God.

Talk about all the ways that your family works
together. Talk about the various chores and tasks
that family members work on together to
accomplish in order to keep the household running
smoothly.

Read aloud Luke 10:1-12,17-20. Talk about why it was important that Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. Discuss ways that your family can work more closely together to support one another and to make the household run more smoothly. Pray for the strength to overcome the temptation to be too individualistic and to recognize the need for working together as a family.



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 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>

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)

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>

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

Contributions

St. Mary of the Purification: June 15 \$1736
Maintenance \$740 ; June 22 \$2063
St. Peter Mission: June 22 \$ 870
St. Thomas Mission: June 15 \$220; June 22 \$235
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

St. Thomas, Harriston - Fr. Hinsperger will be at St. Thomas in Harriston to celebrate mass on Saturday July 12th. Please give him a warm welcome !

St Mary of the Purification

Please join us for the Blessing of the Bell Tower with The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby
Saturday July 12th
4 PM mass, reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Mustard Seeds Youth Group Reunion (Holy Family Youth Group)

A Reunion for all the Mustard Seeds over the years! Sunday July 27th starting at 1 pm at the Hanover Pavilion Park.

All are welcome. Bring a Salad or dessert to share, Burgers and Hotdogs provided. Help us out with numbers by RSVP by July 16th Bring your family, lawn chairs and non-alcoholic beverages. Enjoy an afternoon together reminiscing! More info: mrs.claassy@gmail.com Facebook page: The Mustard Seeds Reunion



Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ReSTART: Moving Forward – Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run Tuesdays from Sept. 23 – Nov. 25 from 7-9 pm and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.



Saint Benedict Feast Day July 11th

Benedict's name means "blessed." His most famous monastery, Monte Cassino, has been destroyed and rebuilt three times. His monks follow the motto *Ora et labora*, which means "Pray and work."

Benedict was born in Nursia, Italy, about 480. His parents were wealthy, so they sent him to Rome to be educated. When he was about 17, he decided to become a hermit. He was disgusted with the wild life of the students. With the help of an old monk, Benedict found a cave on Mount Subiaco about 50 miles south of Rome. He lived there for three years. Men recognized his holiness and joined him.

Sometime around 529, Benedict led a group of monks farther south, where they built Monte Cassino. He wrote his Rule based on Scripture. The monks' first duty was liturgical prayer. The Benedictine monasteries that spread over Europe became centers of learning, agriculture, hospitality, and medicine. Benedict's monks created illuminated manuscripts. They helped repair the damage caused by the barbarian invaders. Benedict probably died in 547. In art, he is usually shown with his Rule. In 1964, Pope Paul VI named him patron of Europe.



Fact Sheet: Staying Healthy in the Heat

Prepare for the heat

- Tune in to local weather forecasts and alerts so you know when to take extra care.
- Find ways to keep cool before the hot weather starts. If you have an air

- conditioner, make sure it works properly. Find an air-conditioned spot close by where you can cool off for a few hours on very hot days. This will help you cope with the heat.
- Keep your gas tank filled or car charged in case you need to get somewhere cool quickly.
- Arrange for regular visits by family members, neighbours or friends during very hot days in case you need help. Visitors can help identify signs of heat illness that could be missed over the phone. **Pay close attention to how you, and those around you, feel**

Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately if you are caring for someone who has a high body temperature and is either unconscious, confused or has stopped sweating.

Watch for symptoms of heat exhaustion, which include:

- headache
- nausea or vomiting
- dizziness or fainting
- rapid breathing and heartbeat
- extreme thirst (dry mouth or sticky saliva)
- decreased urination with unusually dark yellow urine
- changes of behaviour in children (like sleepiness or temper tantrums)

If you have any of these symptoms during extreme heat, move to a cool place and drink liquids right away. Water is best.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency! Watch out for the signs and symptoms of heat stroke which may include:

- high body temperature
- confusion and lack of coordination
- dizziness or fainting
- very hot or red skin

If you or anyone in your care experiences any of these signs and symptoms, call 911 immediately. While waiting for help, cool the person right away by:

- fanning the person as much as possible
- moving them to a cool place, if you can
- applying cold water to large areas of their skin or clothing

[Extreme heat events: How to protect yourself from the health effects of extreme heat - Canada.ca](https://www150.ca.gov/ExtremeHeat/ExtremeHeatEvents/HowtoProtectYourselfFromtheHealthEffectsOfExtremeHeat-Canada.ca)