



# 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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## **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

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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 22nd 2025

*The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body &  
Blood of Christ*

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

**Tue June 24 7:00 pm** † Bob McIntee Req'd by Verne and Pauline Mills and  
† Intentions of Bob & Bonnie Koechl Req'd by Tim Koechl  
**Wed June 25 9:00 am** † Paul & Linda O'Connor Req'd by Tom & Margaret Mary Tangney  
**Thu June 26 9:00 am** † Pat Orr Req'd by Lorne & Florence Moyer  
**Fri June 27 9:00 am** † Bev Mothersell Req'd by The Family  
**Sat June 28 4:00 pm** † People of the Parish  
**Sun June 29 9:00 am** † People of the Parish

**Lectors**

**Sat June 28** Luis Arruda  
**Sun June 29** Debra Ross

**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. June 28 5:30 pm** † People of the Parish  
**ST. PETER'S, Ayton**  
**Sun. June 29 11:00 am** † People of the Parish

**This Sunday's Reading:**

**First Reading**

*Genesis 14:18-20*  
Melchizedek, king of Salem, blessed Abram.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 110:1-4*  
You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*  
As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 9:11b-17*  
They all ate and were satisfied.

June 29th 2025 *Saints Peter & Paul*

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

**Tue Jul 1 7:00 pm** † Intentions of Frank & Joanne McKenna Req'd by Linda McKenna and  
† Paul McMillan Req'd by Joan O'Neill & Family  
**Wed Jul 2 9:00 am** † The Dalla Costa Family Req'd by The Family  
**Thu Jul 3 9:00 am** † Marcella Williams Req'd by Evelyn Collins  
**Fri Jul 4 9:00 am** **NO MASS TODAY**  
**Sat Jul 5 9:00 am** † Jim Gorman Req'd by Gerald & Tilly Gorman & Family  
**4:00 pm** † People of the Parish  
**Sun Jul 6 9:00 am** † People of the Parish

**Lectors**

**Sat Jul 5** Florence Ricard  
**Sun Jul 6** Melissa Reid

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**ST.THOMAS, Harriston**

**Sat. Jul 5 5:30 pm** † Mary & Francis Garvey, Jerome Lane & Ernie Sr.Dunlop Req'd by Virginia Lane and  
† Shawn & Billy Hammond Req'd by Bill & Mary Hammond

**ST. PETER'S, Ayton**

**Sun. Jul 6 11:00 am** † Eileen Horrigan Req'd by The Estate and  
† Jim & Loretta Murphy Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

**This Sunday's Reading:**

**First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11*  
Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 34:2-9*  
The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

**Second Reading**

*2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18*  
All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 16:13-19*  
You are Peter; and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.

### Contributions

**St. Mary of the Purification:** June 8 \$1461.00

**St. Peter Mission:** June 8 \$170

**St. Thomas Mission:** June 7 \$310

***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 Received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>

*"May you always know the Peace of Jesus, the Light of His Love and the Joy of His Life within you."*



### COFFEE SUNDAY

Please join us in the parish hall for coffee and refreshments every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Mass. All are 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.**



**Once again we have been alerted to Email scams !**

We recently had some phishing attempts, with success, at The Diocese of Hamilton.

The phishing attempts came from random Gmail accounts. The best way to prevent attacks like this is to read the sender's email address in the subject of your emails. If you do not know, or do not trust the sender's email account, then they are not the person they are claiming to be. Please take the time to check who you are actually responding to.

**Father would like to remind you that he or parish staff, DO NOT solicit for money or gift cards. Please double check the email address if you receive an email claiming its from him. His email is [manderson@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:manderson@hamiltondiocese.com)**



**DIocese of Hamilton**

### **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/>

### **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](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com) . To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

### **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.

### **YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT IN JUNE**

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, June 7th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (934 Highway #8, Stoney Creek, 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)

### **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 begin again this fall 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 will be on line soon, so look to register at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).



## **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Feast Day June 24**

One day an angel appeared to Zachary and announced that he was to have a son named John, who would prepare Israel for the messiah. Zachary doubted that Elizabeth, his aged wife, could bear a child.

He asked for a sign, and the angel obliged. Zachary was struck dumb until John's birth. When the baby was born, the old man cuddled him and celebrated. St. John began his ministry thirty years later. He called people to repent and baptized them in water as a sign of purification. Jesus himself approached John for baptism "Behold the lamb of God," John declared to the crowds, "who takes away the sin of the world." He resisted baptizing Jesus, but acquiesced when Jesus explained that he wanted to set an example of righteous behavior. Herod, the ruler of Galilee, arrested John because he feared the Baptist might foment a rebellion. John had also embittered Herod by condemning his marriage to Herodias, his half-brother's wife. While in prison, John was bothered with doubt about Jesus. He had expected the messiah to come more forcefully with a "winnowing fan in his hand to clear the threshing floor." Thus, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was really the messiah.

Jesus responded that he fulfilled all the messianic signs, healing the blind, the deaf, the lame, and lepers, raising the dead, and preaching good news to the poor. Then Jesus praised John to the crowds as "more than a prophet" and as the greatest man who ever lived. One evening Herod threw a party for Galilee's upper crust. Herodias's daughter entertained, dancing so beautifully that Herod offered to reward her with anything she desired. Her mother told her to ask for John the Baptist's head on a platter. Herod kept his promise. Without even a pretense of a trial, he gave the order and a soldier beheaded John at the prison.

## **Saints Peter and Paul    Feast Day    June 29th**

Peter and Paul are giants of the Church. Both are apostles. Peter was very likely a middle-aged man when Jesus called him. He was a fisherman from Bethsaida, a village near the Lake of Galilee. Perhaps he was part of a fisherman's co-op with his brother Andrew and friends James and John. At any rate, Andrew introduced Peter to Jesus. Jesus said,

"You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock."

During the three years the apostles lived with Jesus, Peter showed definite signs of leadership. He was often the spokesman for the group. When Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." It was Peter who objected to Jesus' stating that he was on his way to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Peter is mentioned 195 times in the New Testament. He appears lovable, impetuous, practical, and sometimes weak under pressure. Jesus loved him dearly, even after Peter denied knowing him during the passion. Peter became the leader in the early Church. According to the Acts of the Apostles, he was the first to preach on Pentecost. He arranged for the selection of Matthias to replace Judas. He worked the first public miracle: curing the lame man at the temple gate. He welcomed the first person who was not Jewish into the Church. People thought just his shadow passing by would cure them.

Peter was imprisoned three or four times. Finally, in Rome, he was sentenced to death by crucifixion. Out of respect for his Master, Jesus, he asked the guard to fasten him to the cross upside down. He was buried in an old Roman cemetery, probably where the basilica of St. Peter is today. He is called the "Prince of the Apostles." Two letters in the Bible are said to be his. Paul received the best education. Being a strict Jew, he persecuted the Christians who were teaching strange new things. One day on the way to Damascus to hunt for Christians, Paul met Jesus. Paul became the greatest Christian missionary, preaching and founding churches. In the beginning Paul had difficulty convincing the Jewish Christians that non-Jews could be baptized and did not have to follow Jewish rules. He finally won.

For about thirty years Paul traveled around the Roman Empire preaching about Christ and suffering. From his many letters that are in the Bible and from the Acts of the Apostles, he seems to have been affectionate, loyal, courageous, and dedicated. He was the right man to build the bridge between Jewish religion of the Old Testament and the Christianity of the New Testament. Paul was imprisoned and finally beheaded outside of the walls of Rome.

