



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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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.

ST. MARY OF THE PURIFICATION
August 17th 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Tue Aug 19 7:00 pm † Paul MacMillan Req'd by Verne, Pauline and Stephanie Mills **and**

† Victor Ruffolo Req'd by

The Family

Wed Aug 20 9:00 am † Rita Ricard & Monica Monahan Req'd by Florence and Bill Kreps

Thu Aug 21 9:00 am † *For the People of the Parish*

Fri Aug 22 9:00 am † Katheryn Meyer Req'd by Dwight and Elaine Rundle

Sat Aug 23 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun Aug 24 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Aug 23 Luis Arruda

Sun Aug 24 Debra Ross

CONFESSIOIN: 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 23 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Aug 24 11:00 am † People of the Parish

This Sundays Reading:

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40:2-4,18

A prayer for God's help

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to

wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well. www.loyolapress.com

Family Connection

Families strive for unity and togetherness. Nobody enjoys occasions when divisions in family life become all too evident. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to bring division and that members of households will be divided.

Talk as a family about the things that you do together to bring about family unity (togetherness), such as sharing meals, going to church together, celebrating special occasions, or sharing family traditions. Explain that all of these things are important and that Jesus wants families to show this kind of love for one another. Point out that this Sunday's Gospel sounds as though Jesus is saying something very different. Tell your children to listen closely as you read aloud Luke 12:49-53.

Explain that sometimes as parents, you have to make decisions that are unpopular with your children. You don't do it to divide the family but because it is the right thing to do. In the short run, such decisions may "divide" children from their parents. In the long run, however, doing the right thing will bring about a deeper unity. Talk to your children about decisions that they have to make that might be unpopular with their friends and how these decisions may divide them from others. Encourage them to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of courage (fortitude) so that they may do the right thing even if unpopular. Conclude by praying a spontaneous prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for the gift of courage (fortitude). www.loyolapress.com

The Month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



The Pope's Prayer Intention for AUGUST

For mutual coexistence: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Pilgrimage for Young Adults (20s and 30s)

Frassati's Carabiners are excited to announce in this Year of Hope a day pilgrimage to the Holy Door at Immaculate Conception, Formosa, on Saturday August 23. The day will begin at 7:00am at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, and the bus will depart at 7:30am. Once we arrive at Sacred Heart, Mildmay, we will walk the remaining distance (~12 kms) to Formosa. Fr. Ian will be accompanying the group, hearing confessions and celebrating Mass at Formosa. Following Mass we will head to the beach, followed by a BBQ supper back at Immaculate Conception. The bus will return to the Basilica by 8:00pm. For more details and to RSVP, contact Elise (frassaticarabiners@protonmail.com). The cost of the trip is \$40.00 per person.



Opportunities!

When we give our time to serve and engage in someone's life. We make change! Are you desiring an opportunity to help change someone's life? We have three awesome opportunities that may interest you. Call 519- 323-2180 or email office@ramoth.ca

Contributions

St. Mary of the Purification: Aug 3 \$1,224.25 ; Aug 10 \$1,261 Maintenance \$720

St. Peter Mission: Aug 3 \$170 ; Aug 10 \$61

St. Thomas Mission: Aug 3 \$215 ; Aug 10 \$160

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



DIocese of HAMILTON

Diocesan Calendar- week of August 17th

"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

Mon-Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.	Thu- Rev. William Clarke, S.J.
Tue-Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.	Fri-The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed- Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ I.H.M.M.C.	Sat-Rev. Dirk Dunfee, S.J.

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.

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>

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.



Saint Pius X Feast Day August 21

“I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor.” These words were part of the will that Pope Pius X left at his death on August 20, 1914.

He was born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, the second of 10 children. His father was a poor parish clerk in Riese, Italy, and his mother worked as a seamstress. At 11, Giuseppe was accepted as a student in high school. Every day, he walked five miles to school and back. At 15, he began attending the local seminary. When his father died, Giuseppe wanted to come home and help with the family. His mother, however, would not let him.

In 1858, he was ordained and then worked as a parish priest for 17 years. He believed his call was to encourage those who were poor to lead Christian lives and to help them overcome financial problems. He was, however, named spiritual director of the major seminary and chancellor of the diocese. Later, he became a bishop and then a cardinal.

In 1903, this little-known cardinal was elected to become Pope Pius X. He took as his motto “Restore all things in Christ.” He emphasized the importance of the Eucharist. He directed that children as young as seven should be allowed to receive the Eucharist. He initiated changes in Church music and worship. He began a biblical institute. He gave the first official impetus to the modern liturgical renewal.

Pope Pius X believed that real peace could be achieved only through social justice and charity. He sponsored and sheltered refugees with his own resources. He wrote an encyclical encouraging Latin American bishops to improve the treatment of native people working on plantations. He worked to stop the world from going to war. When Europe entered World War I, Pius was heartbroken and said, “I would gladly give up my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge.” Just a few weeks after the war started, Pope Pius X died. www.loyolapress.com

God Bless you with health and happiness