

Welcome to St. Mary of the Purification Parish

We are delighted you could join us for today's Mass

Please visit our website www.stmarymountforest.ca   Tel: 519-323-1054

OFFICE HOURS: Closed Monday Open Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am - 1:30pm

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

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
Through Christ

390 Parkside Dr, Mt Forest 519-323-2586

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Tue Sept 23 7:00 pm † Mary Garvey Req'd by Virginia & Dan McComiskey and † Katheryn Meyer Req'd by The Estate

Wed Sept 24 9:00 am † Wayne Boone Req'd by Kathleen Boone

Thu Sept 25 9:00 am † Intentions of Ron Flanigan Req'd by Bill & Florence Kreps

Fri Sept 26 9:00 am † Betty Connelly Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan

Sat Sept 27 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun Sept 28 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Sept 27 Cesar Arruda

Sun Sept 28 Debra Ross

RECONCILIATION: Tue. 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 Sept 27 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun Sept 28 11:00 am † People of the Parish

This Sundays Reading:

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 113: 1-2,4-6,7-8

Praise be to God, who raises up the poor.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul tells Timothy that prayer for those in authority is pleasing to God because God wills the salvation of all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13 (shorter form, Luke 16:10-13)

Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the

parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man. The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life. The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God. Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

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Family Connection

Talk with your children about some things that they have done to show that they can be trusted. Talk a bit about what it means to be responsible. Responsibility often means that we put aside something of passing value for something of greater value.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September

For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Contributions

St. Mary of the Purification: Sep 14 \$1640; Maintenance \$435

St. Peter Mission: Sep 14 \$70

St. Thomas Mission: Sep 14 \$275

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

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

A title reflecting the profound sufferings of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PARISH MEETING

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH AT 7 PM.

Agenda to follow. If you have any ideas or issues that you wish to be included, please email Fr. Mike manderson@hamiltondiocese.com, before 1:30 pm on Sept. 19th. All are encouraged to attend! Thank you and God Bless!

MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Sacred Heart Church Kenilworth is pleased to be celebrating a special mass for married couples on **Sunday September 28 at 9 am**. All are welcome and are encouraged to share this invitation with family and friends who may have been past parishioners, and those who were married at Sacred Heart.

During Mass, couples will receive a special blessing to honour their union. A small keepsake will also be presented at the reception immediately following in our Parish Hall.

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary and would like to be recognized at this event, please contact Debbie or Steve Bowier dbowier774@gmail.com or call 519-261-0521 Thank you & hope to see you there!

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

On the first Sunday of October each year, the Hanover and District Right to Life takes part in the annual National Life Chain. We will gather at Holy Family Catholic Church for a short prayer before proceeding to the main street (10th street) of Hanover where we hold prolife signs testifying to the DIGNITY OF LIFE from the moment of conception. These signs say- Abortion Hurts Women; Adoption, not Abortion; and Abortion kills children. While holding the signs we pray silently for the protection of children in the womb and an END to abortion. It is a silent protest with no controversy with onlookers. In today's culture we need to speak up for the unborn, our tiniest human beings, and a law to protect them. In Canada we have NO LAW to protect the unborn. Abortion can be at any stage of life in the womb right up to BIRTH. Please join us October 5th

Prayer service 1:30-1:55 Process to main street
Silent Prayer 2:00-3:00 Return to Holy Family Church for a light lunch. We ask that you take part in this event. It is IMPORTANT to show our community that we believe in LIFE.

For more info. please contact Helen Waechter, President Hanover & District Right to Life 519-364-1185



DIocese of HAMILTON

Diocesan Calendar- week of September 21

"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

Mon- Rev. David Reilander	Thu- Very Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v. Dei.
Tue- Rev. Andrew Czarny	Fri-Sts. Martyrs Canadiens
Wed- Salesians of St. Don Bosco, S.D.B.	Sat-Rev. Livinus Okangba

Jubilee Multicultural Mass

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown (715 Centre Rd) is hosting the Diocesan Jubilee Multicultural Mass on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 3:00pm. This vibrant celebration embraces the rich cultural diversity that enriches our diocesan community. The Mass will feature prayers, readings, and hymns proclaimed in multiple languages including Spanish, Polish, Italian, Vietnamese, Korean, and others, reflecting the many cultures united in faith. Following the Mass, join us for a reception featuring cultural foods and entertainment from various communities. This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, fellowship, and joyful celebration of our shared faith.

Diocesan Vocations Month - October 2025

Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday your parish will pray for vocations during Mass. You are also asked to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood, consecrated life (religious life or consecrated virginity lived in the world) or the permanent diaconate, be sure to tell that person. For more information about praying for vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/>. Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

Young Adults Night - Saturday, October 4th - Guelph

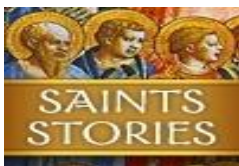
October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your

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, October 4th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of

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

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM - This program provides the opportunity to increase your awareness and to learn specific skills for building 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 takes place on Tuesdays from **Sept. 23 – Nov. 25** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. For registration online: hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.



Saint Matthew Feast Day September 21

Matthew must have been surprised when Jesus walked up to him and said, “Follow me.” He probably fell off the stool in his customs booth!

Matthew, also known as Levi, was a tax collector in the town of Capernaum. Most tax collectors were hated by the Jews because they worked for the Romans, who had conquered the land. A tax

collector could use his position honestly or dishonestly. The temptation to use the position to become rich was great. Now do you think the choice of Matthew was surprising?

Yet Jesus chose a tax collector to follow him, to learn from him, and to go out and spread the Good News to others. The call from Jesus was more powerful than the call of wealth. Matthew left his work as tax collector. He invited Jesus to a dinner where other tax collectors (publicans) and sinners were gathered. The Pharisees were upset when they saw this, and they said to the disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus heard them and replied, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous, but sinners.” (See Matthew 9:9–13.)

We know nothing other than that about Matthew from the Scriptures, but we do know that Matthew preached the Good News of Christ, and at least part of the Gospel attributed to him was first written for the Jewish converts in Palestine. There is some uncertainty about where Matthew preached and where and how he died. Some say Matthew went to Persia; some say Syria and Greece, while others say Ethiopia. Yet we can learn much from Matthew. He was a man who knew quite well the power of money. He knew the comfort it could ensure, the recreation it could buy, the luxury it could provide. But he was wise enough to know what it could not do. Money could never give him that sense of peace deep inside. It could never befriend him when he was lonely or give him the strength and courage to go on when all else seemed lost. Money could never buy him forgiveness or love. But the love of Christ could do all this and more. www.loyolapress.com



First day of Fall September 22

Holy Father, We come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the bountiful harvest season. Thank You for the abundance of food, the beauty of creation, and the hands that have worked tirelessly to bring forth this blessing. May we cherish and share these gifts with others, reflecting Your love and generosity. Guide us to be stewards of Your creation, always mindful of Your grace. Amen