

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

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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 Oct 14 7:00 pm † Nellie & Lorenzo Franco & Amber Anne Ghent Req'd by Annamaria Franco-Cox and † Lorraine Schouten Req'd by The CWL

Wed Oct 15 9:00 am † John, Mary & Arthur McDonald Req'd by The Family

Thu Oct 16 9:00 am † Stefan & Alzbeta Zurav Req'd by Katarina Smolkova & Family

Fri Oct 17 9:00 am † Stefan & Frantisek Zurav Req'd by Katarina Smolkova & Family

Sat Oct 18 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun Oct 19 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Oct 18 Luis Arruda

Sun Oct 19 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 Oct 18 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun Oct 19 11:00 am † People of the Parish

This Sundays Reading:

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people

afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Family Connection

Children fluctuate between moments of deep, heartfelt gratitude and an attitude of entitlement. These fluctuations are normal. Among our tasks as parents is to help foster the gift of gratitude, particularly gratitude to God for all God's goodness to us.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:11-19. Make a poster showing some of the gifts from God to your family. Display this poster in a prominent place and, as a family, write a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's goodness to you.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Contributions for October 4/5

St. Mary of the Purification: \$1076

St. Peter Mission: \$805

St. Thomas Mission: \$135

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



Join us every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month after mass in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship. All are welcome!



CWL News

**** DATE CHANGE ****

The next CWL meeting has been changed to October 21st! Time remains at 1:00 pm .Please join us in the England Room. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.



DIocese OF HAMILTON

Diocesan Calendar- week of October

"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

Mon- Rev.Tom Moisan	Thu- St.Marguerite D'Youville, Religious
Tue- Rev. Leszek Szczygiel	Fri-Rev. Mark Sullivan
Wed- Congregation of the Holy Cross, C.S.C.	Sat-Rev. David Wilhelm

REKINDLING THE LIGHT: A RETREAT DAY FOR BUSY MINISTERS - The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is very pleased to offer a full-day retreat for all adult ministry leaders on **Saturday, November 15, 2025**, at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Cambridge. Join us for a day of prayer and sharing of the graces of pastoral ministry. Registration and further details can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

LECTORS WORKSHOP: In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. The workshop runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington. Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

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. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life,

and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, sister or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. For more information about praying for vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/> . Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery will take place on Saturday, November 1st at 11:00am. The principal celebrant will be most Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

Children's All Saints Day Party

Save the date! On Saturday, November 1, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in conjunction with Frassati's Carabiners, is hosting an All Saints Day Party for the children of the deanery from 1:00pm to 3:00 pm (drop in). The activities are geared to children aged 4-10, but all children are welcome! The cost is \$2 per child and children are encouraged to dress as their favourite saint. The party includes a selection of fifteen activity stations, ranging from crafts to bowling, Eucharistic Adoration to three-legged races and snacks! To rsvp, please email Elise at frassaticarabiners@protonmail.com before Saturday October 25th. Please include your family's surname and the number of children participating. Its going to be a fantastic afternoon for the whole family, filled with fun, faith-based activities. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

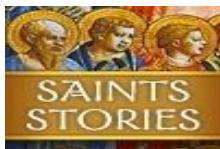
WHEN LIFE CHANGES - PART 2 - A six-week program which includes both theory and sharing. (To join the program, you must have completed Part 1 already). The program runs Wednesday evenings from October 15th to November 19th at 7pm, at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Registration is required by October 3rd; do so by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.

ACT II (SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP) - Our Act II monthly informal support group that meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm, in the Resource Centre/Library at St. Michael's Parish Waterloo. With the support of others, you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us anytime you can; registration is not required. Visit our

website (www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced), or contact our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca for more information.

A WALK WITH JESUS RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS – The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the **Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph from 9 am to 4 pm on November 22nd** (lunch is included). Registration is required Register at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - 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 begins at (6:30pm and concludes with prayer at 9:00 p.m. on **Saturday, November 1st** at St. Basil's Church (50 Palace Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



SAINT LUKE Feast Day October 18th

On October 18 we celebrate the feast day of St. Luke. There are only a few certain facts about St. Luke's life. We know him best as the author of the third gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles.

A Greek himself, he wrote the story of Jesus and the Christian community for Gentile readers. He also accompanied St. Paul on some of his journeys and shared in his sufferings. Probably a physician, Luke may have pioneered as an early member of the church at Antioch.

The saint's books reveal something about his character. Luke wrote excellent popular prose with an artist's skill at painting picture stories. Demonstrating an unusual commitment to accuracy, he appears to have fastidiously checked his facts. For example, archaeologists have confirmed many details that he reported in the Acts.

Some of Luke's main themes - prayer, the Holy Spirit, and mercy - suggest that he was a compassionate, spiritual man. He aimed his books to persuade Gentiles that the Christian story was true. So he made it more accessible to them by filing his gospel with accounts of Christ's openness and mercy.

Tradition says Luke lived a long life without marrying and that he died at age eighty-four.



A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father,
We come before You with hearts full of gratitude.
Thank You for the gift of life, for the love of family and friends, And for the countless blessings You bestow upon us each day.

We are grateful for Your grace that sustains us,
For Your mercy that forgives us,
And for Your presence that comforts us in times of need. Help us to always recognize Your hand in our lives,
To share our blessings with others,
And to live as faithful stewards of Your creation.

May our thanksgiving be not just in words,
But in the way we live, love, and serve.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. God Bless !

