



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

Pastor	Rev. Michael Anderson, P.P.
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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 21 7:00 pm † Jonathon Eurig Req'd by Dee Dee and Family and † Katheryn Meyer Req'd by The Estate

Wed Oct 22 9:00 am † Stefan and Alzbeta Zurav Req'd by Katarina Smolkova and Family

Thu Oct 23 9:00 am † Paul MacMillan Req'd by Dan & Doris Tone

Fri Oct 24 9:00 am † Billy and Shawn Hammond Req'd by Bill and Mary Hammond

Sat Oct 25 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun Oct 26 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Oct 25 Maxine Schmidt

Sun Oct 26 J. VonWesterholt

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 25 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun Oct 26 11:00 am † People of the Parish

This Sundays Reading:

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant, Moses.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8

The Lord is the Guardian of Israel.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word Timothy received from his teachers.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems

to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

Family Connection

Children nag because it works. Parents, like the judge in the parable, often get worn down by the persistence of their children asking for things large and small. Nagging is not a positive trait, to be sure. The confidence and the persistence behind this behavior, however, confidence in the goodness of the giver and the tenacity to stay in the relationship, are traits worth emulating in our relationship with God. Read together Luke 18:1-8. Talk about appropriate ways to make needs and desires known to one another and to God in prayer. Recall that God wants to answer our prayers. As a family, offer your needs as prayers of petition to God.

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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 11/12

St. Mary of the Purification: \$2210.50

St. Peter Mission: \$100

St. Thomas Mission: \$190

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.**
- **Please note that CWL Dues are to be paid by January 15, 2026 \$40 per person**
- **Holy Name Society meeting is Wednesday October 22 at 7 pm**



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

Diocesan Calendar- week of October 19th

"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

Mon- Rev. Paul Niesiobedzki	Thu- Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean Pierre
Tue- Rev. Paul Patrick	Fri-Rev. Archange Kebe
Wed- Consecrated Virgins	Sat-Rev. Bodwin Pinto. O.C.D.

Vocations Dance – November 7th, 2025 - Mount Mary, Ancaster

Father Mark Morley invites the young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend a Regency period dance for dating couples and singles who are discerning the vocation of sacramental marriage on Friday, November 7th, 2025, at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster) starting at 7:00pm. The evening includes a talk, dance instruction, and hors d'oeuvres. Cost: \$20 per person. Online registration required by Monday, November 3rd. Space is limited. No tickets at the door. For registration and more details, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/> For inquiries, contact the Vocations Office: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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.

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!

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.

DILEXI TE (I have loved you!) is the first Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Leo XIV, focusing on the

Church's care for the poor. Drafted by Pope Francis before his death and now revised and issued by Pope Leo, the Exhortation is in continuity with Pope Francis' last encyclical, *Dilexit Nos (He has loved us!)*, on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope Leo emphasizes that "love for the Lord ... is one with love for the poor". The Exhortation is divided into five chapters, and outlines God's identification with the poor. *Dilexi te* is available on the Holy See's website www.vatican.ca

THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CANADA announced the election of their new Leadership Team for the coming years. **Sr. Anne Karges was elected Congregational Leader**, with Sister Sue Wilson serving as the Congregational Assistant, with the three Consultants, Sister Isobel Gallotti, Sister Mary McIntyre, and Sister Nancy Wales. May the Spirit guide and strengthen them in their ministry of leadership and service! We are grateful for their presence and ministry in the Diocese of Hamilton!

The Light Shines in the Darkness (John 1:5)
A presentation on Christian freedom from demonic forces, by Fr. Bill Trusz of the Papal Missionary of Mercy. Please join us on Sunday October 26 at 2 pm, St. Mary Immaculate Church, 267 Geddes Street, Elora. It is our hope to present an opportunity for the faithful to invite along non-Catholics or non-practising Catholics, to hear an evangelistic message.
May God Bless You!

Fr. Hayden Starczala, Parish Priest,
St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Elora

2025 CCCB Plenary Assembly Meeting Video Library by Salt & Light

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) held its annual meeting of the Plenary Assembly, 22-26 September 2025, at the Sheraton Montreal Airport Hotel. This year, Salt + Light Television, a Canadian Catholic TV network, produced daily recap videos of the Plenary Assembly meeting. These videos summarize, in a dynamic way, the discussions from each day's plenary session, including commentary from Bishops and, occasionally, experts who were invited to present on special topics. The CCCB welcomes the sharing of these videos, as broadly as possible, in an effort to keep the faithful informed about the

work of the Bishops. These videos will remain available on the **CCCB YouTube** Channel for present and future viewing. Visit www.cccb.ca



SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS FEAST DAY October 20th

Paul Francis Danei was born in Italy in 1694, the second of 16 children. Because of his father's financial difficulties, Paul had to leave school to help support his family. At age 15, he began to realize how much Jesus suffered for him. In response, he prayed and did difficult things such as sleeping on the floor and not eating foods he liked. He wanted to follow Christ more closely and share in his passion and death. At age 20, Paul joined the Venetian army that was defending the faith. After a year, he went back to a life of prayer and penance. Then God called him to form a group of men dedicated to preaching parish missions. These men, called Passionists, would preach the mystery of Christ crucified—the mystery of the Father's love—in hopes that Christians would turn from their sins and rededicate their lives to Christ. Paul developed a method for giving parish mission talks that involved laypeople.

Paul received gifts of prophecy and healing from the Holy Spirit. He was so powerful when he preached and so gentle in confession that he brought many sinners back to the Lord. Paul once said, "England is always before my eyes, and if ever again it becomes Catholic, the benefit to the Church will be immeasurable." Within 65 years, a Passionist named Dominic Barberi went to England to help reconcile John Henry Newman and others to the Catholic Church, aiding the revival of Catholicism there. Paul of the Cross died in 1775.
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