



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



NO WEEKDAY MASS NOVEMBER 18-21ST

Sat Nov 22 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun Nov 23 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Nov 22 Luis Arruda

Sun Nov 23 Colleen Dalla Costa

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 Nov 22 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun Nov 23 11:00 am † People of the Parish

This Sundays Reading:

First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:5-6,7-8,9

Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind

(salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

Family Connection

Children, while innocently naïve about most world events, are also profoundly sensitive to the concerns felt by adults. We can help children interpret adult concerns by sharing information about current events in appropriate ways. We can also put these concerns in the light of God's kingdom and the assurance of God's care for us.

Discuss with your children one or more current events or a situation in your family which shows difficulties that may challenge our trust in a God who cares for us. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 21:5-19. Notice how Jesus said that even when his disciples are persecuted, God would be with them.

Together with your children, talk about ways in which God might bring good out of the difficult events you discussed. Talk together about some actions you might take as a family to make better the situations you discussed. Conclude by praying for the needs of the people involved in the events you named. In prayer, place each of these difficult situations into God's hands. www.loyolapress.com

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are tempted to suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



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

Please note, we will not be celebrating Mass on the following week days: Tues Nov 18, Wed Nov 19, Thu Nov 20 and Fri Nov 21st. Mass will resume Sat. Nov. 22nd
Thank you and God Bless! The parish office will remain open .

England Funeral Home
Christmas Remembrance Service

Sunday December 7, 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall at St. Mary of the Purification Church, Mount Forest.

This is a non-denominational service held in loving memory of those who have passed away. It is a time of reflection to honour the lives of those who have graciously touched ours. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP by Thursday December 4th by visiting www.englishfuneralhome.com or by calling the funeral home at 519-323-2631

Lector Training

The Parish is offering training for anyone interested in serving as a Reader (Lector) at Mass. Two sessions will be offered on Thursday November 27th, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm at St. Mary of the Purification. Please attend the one most convenient for you. All are welcome! Those who are already reading, are encouraged to attend as well to refresh their skills.

Contributions for November 8/9

St. Mary of the Purification: \$1164.25; Maintenance \$615

St. Peter Mission: \$75

St. Thomas Mission: \$345

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

The Christmas Season is fast approaching and with that.....scammers!

The Christmas season is a time when scams thrive due to increased online shopping and social interactions. Here are some key points to be aware of to protect yourself from potential scams:

- 1) Verify any issues with an online delivery directly through the retailer's website to avoid delivery scams.
- 2) Check physical gift cards for tampering before purchasing and never send gift cards as payment
- 3) Be cautious of unexpected invoices and always confirm them with the company before paying
- 4) Share credit card information only after verifying the recipient's identity
- 5) Do not click on unknown links in emails or calls, and always contact the seller directly or verify with your financial institution

By staying vigilant and following these tips, you can help protect yourself from falling victim to holiday season scams. Remember, knowledge is power, and being aware of the strategies scammers use can make a difference in avoiding them.



Knox Conn Annual Nativity Display
 Now consisting of over 600 Nativity Scenes, over 250 Angels, International Christmas Traditions, and a Collection of Nativity Christmas Cards.

Saturday November 29th: noon – 4pm

Sunday November 30th: noon – 4pm

Saturday December 6th: noon – 4pm

Sunday December 7th: noon – 4pm

Free Admission – Donations accepted

Knox Conn Presbyterian Church

8015 Hwy. 89 Conn, Ontario

CWL NEWS

- Please note that Cwl Dues are to be paid by January 15, 2026 \$40 per person
- St.Mary Auxilliary (HNS) meeting Wednesday December 3rd at 7 pm in the parish hall
- Cwl Christmas dinner meeting Tuesday December 9th at 5:00 pm. A sign up sheet will be in the foyer. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. \$15 per person



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #153 Relationship experts often remind us of the importance of listening, really taking in what the other is saying. While this is vital to any good relationship, it is good now and then to listen to ourselves and ask if we are really conveying what we want or should be saying. Do I compliment or complain more often? Do I speak in an aggressive manner or in a loving voice that speaks the truth to see needed change? Do I repeat what I hear my spouse saying so they know I am indeed listening, or do I move on with the facts I want to share? Listen to yourself to be sure you are in fact listening to create a more loving relationship. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

WOMEN AT THE HEART OF JUSTICE EVENT A speaker series hosted by Canadian Jesuits International, highlighting women as essential change makers on the quest for peace and ecological justice. Keynote by Sister Laura Vicuna Pereira Manso, Franciscan catechist and member of Brazil's Indigenous Kariri People Nov. 20th, 3-5 pm. at St. Jerome's University Waterloo and Nov. 23rd, 12-1 pm. at Holy Rosary Parish Guelph. Register via the CJI website <https://www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/fall-campaign-2025/>



Operation Christmas Child is underway!

Shoeboxes are available in the foyer.

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT: As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last. * Select a quality "wow" toy * Other gifts * pray for the child who will receive your gift. * Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child. * A donation of \$12 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. * Take your shoebox gift to Church. PLEASE PRAY FOR: BOYS AND GIRLS IN

NEED AROUND THE WORLD Praise the Lord for the opportunity to bring great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children through shoeboxes. Ask God to prepare their hearts to respond to His love through these simple treasures. Thankyou for praying! To learn more, visit SamaritansPurse.ca/occ Please remember to put the donation envelope inside the box and add the label on the outside on top.

Please note – Your Shoe boxes need to be in before Sunday Nov.23rd at St. Mary's Parish and St.Peter's ,Ayton. St.Thomas boxes will need to be brought in before Saturday Nov. 22nd.



The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day November 21

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Savior, she was completely free to accept or reject the offer. Her response, "Let it be done to me," was a great act of faith. Because she did not understand what was happening, she must have known that there would be difficulties ahead. She replied yes to the angel's announcement and agreed to become the mother of Jesus, and the Church has declared Mary to be the Mother of God. Because she was the first to say yes to the Messiah, the Church has declared her to be the Mother of the Church. The feast of the presentation of Mary dates back to the 6th century in the East and the 15th century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3-years-old and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to his grace and dedicate yourself to him, as Mary did. www.loyolapress.com

