



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 Nov 4 7:00 pm † Intentions of Myrtle
Anderson Req'd by Stella & Jim Wallace and
† Intentions of Pope Leo XIV
Req'd by Florence & Bill Kreps
Wed Nov 5 9:00 am † Stefan & Alzbeta Zurav
Requested by Katarina Smolkova & Family
Thu Nov 6 9:00 am NO MASS
**Fri Nov 7 9:00 am First Friday-Adoration after
Mass** † Stefan Zurav & Olga
Haytasova Req'd by Katarina Smolkova & Family
Sat Nov 8 4:00 pm † People of the Parish
Sun Nov 9 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Nov 8 Laura Cherrey
Sun Nov 9 Colleen DallaCosta

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 8 5:30 pm † People of the Parish
ST. PETER'S, Ayton
Sun Nov 9 11:00 am † People of the Parish

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes. www.loyolapress/resources

Family Connection

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives.

Together as a family, name and tell the story of favorite saints. Together prepare a list of some of the traits that these people have in common (generosity, courage, prayerfulness, and so on) After preparing this list, read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12. Identify how the attitudes described in the Beatitudes are reflected in the lives of the saints and people you named.

Pray together as a family a Litany of the Saints. (For example, the leader prays, "St. Elizabeth," and the children are invited to reply, "Pray for us.") Include in your list the saints and holy people you named in your discussion. Conclude by praying that your

This Sundays Reading:

All Saints Day

First Reading

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14

John describes his vision: those who have endured the trials worship the Lamb.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

Those who seek the face of the Lord shall be rewarded.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

family will follow the example of these people as disciples of Jesus.

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.

CWL News

- **The next CWL meeting is Tuesday November 11 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**
- **St. Mary Auxiliary (HNS) meeting is Wednesday November 12 at 7 pm**



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

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.

St. Peter's Cemetery Board, Ayton

We are currently raising funds to add a statue of Our Crucified Lord to the new Cross in the cemetery. The target for fundraising is \$8,000. Currently we have received \$2,915 in donations. We are asking anyone who can help us reach the target, to donate what they can. Please make cheques payable to St. Peter's Cemetery. Thank you for any assistance you can give. Grace Lennox, on behalf of St. Peter's Cemetery board.



CEMETERY FLOWERS

Reminder: We kindly ask that any flowers be removed from

Holy Cross cemetery by November 15th. Thank you for your continued understanding. Cemetery Board.



Book of Remembrance

In commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, during the month of November, we will have a Book of Remembrance at the back of the church. We invite all parishioners to record the names of your departed loved ones.

INDULGENCES: The faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased may obtain an indulgence that can only be used for souls in purgatory, once daily from November 1st to November 8th. You should meet the following conditions: Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. One Holy Confession is sufficient for all the days to obtain indulgences. However, it is necessary to remove all attachments to sin.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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). **Cost \$20 p/p**. Registration is required. Register at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

CURSILLO is a movement that helps us get closer to God. There will be a women's Cursillo weekend from November 23-25, 2025, at Deemerton, Ontario. For information, contact Dan Brown at dmbrown269@gmail.com

WOMEN AT THE HEART OF JUSTICE EVENT A speaker series hosted by Canadian Jesuits International, highlighting women as essential changemakers 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/>



POPE LEO XIV, APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION *DILEXI TE*, "I HAVE LOVED YOU" The Holy Father's first apostolic exhortation was released in October. The document focuses on the powerful bond between our love of Christ and his call for us to love and care for the poor. A virtual copy of the document can be accessed on the Diocesan website.

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 the morning of Sunday Nov.23rd at St. Mary's Parish and St.Peter's ,Ayton. St.Thomas boxes will need to be brought in on or before Saturday Nov. 22nd.

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed Feast Day: November 2

Catholics believe that death can separate people who they love from them for only a while. We are still united with them in the Communion of Saints. On this feast of All Souls, and throughout the entire month of November, we recall our deceased relatives, friends, and all the faithful departed who may yet be waiting for the full joy of heaven in purgatory. We pray for them, remembering that likewise these people being purified, have the power to intercede us too.

In Mexico, All Souls Day is celebrated as *Dia de los Muertos* (the Day of the Dead). Altars are assembled in honor of the departed and decorated with flowers and sugar candy skulls, skeleton toys, candles, photographs, bread, chocolate, and the favorite food and drink of the departed. Families then go to cemeteries and wash the tombstones and decorate them. Modern urban Mexican families usually observe the Day of the Dead with a special family supper featuring the "Bread of the Dead" (*pan de muerto*). It is good luck to be the one who bites into the plastic toy skeleton hidden by the baker in each rounded loaf.



Activities for All Souls Day:

- Visit the cemetery. Some cemeteries have special sections for infants, and you might wish to pray especially here.
- Go to Mass. Find out the schedule of Masses for the day.
- Pray the following:

Let perpetual light shine upon them, with your Saints forever, for you are merciful. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, with your Saints forever, for you are merciful. Amen. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/>



Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!