



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 11 7:00 pm † Jacobus Langenhuizen
Req'd by Angela Langenhuizen
† Katheryn Meyer Req'd
by The Estate

Wed Nov 12 9:00 am † Stefan & Alzbeta Zurav
Req'd by Katarina Smolkova & Family

Thu Nov 13 9:00 am † Dec'd members of the
Stortz & Flanigan Families Req'd by Ron & Marian
Flanigan

Fri Nov 14 9:00 am † Stefan Zurav & Pavol
Smolko Req'd by Katarina Smolkova & Family

Sat Nov 15 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun Nov 16 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Nov 15 Cesar Arruda
Sun Nov 16 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 Nov 15 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun Nov 16 11:00 am † People of the Parish

This Sundays Reading:

First Reading

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12

I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold
of the temple toward the east.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9

God is our refuge and our strength.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17

You are the temple of God.

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The story of the cleansing of the Temple is found in
all four Gospels. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke,
Jesus is upset with the deceitful practices of the
vendors and expels them for that reason. But in
John, Jesus' authority is contrasted with the

authority of the Temple cult and is a criticism of the
cult itself.

The story is composed of two parts, Jesus' action in
the Temple and Jesus' predictions about the
Temple's destruction. The time of year is the sacred
feast of Passover. If the many pilgrims to Jerusalem
during Passover were to have animals for the
sacrificial rituals of the feast, it was necessary to
sell cattle in the Temple and to change the unclean
Roman money. By denouncing this, Jesus is cutting
to the core of the Temple cult.

The story is really about Jesus' fate, not the
Temple's fate, revealing that Jesus, not the Temple,
is the locus of God's presence on earth. As they
often do in John, the Jews misunderstand Jesus'
words. This gives John the chance to explicitly state
his point. Although this is the beginning of his
ministry, Jesus is already speaking of his coming
death and Resurrection.

John intentionally integrates a post-Resurrection
perspective into the Gospel narrative. The statement
that concludes this passage uses the fact of the
Resurrection to prove the point of Jesus' words.
Believers need to remember the words and actions
of Jesus and claim them as affirmations of the truths
of their faith.

Christians sometimes point to Jesus' anger in this
passage as a way to point out Jesus' humanity. But
this would miss the powerful point of the entire
Gospel, that the Word became flesh. The point is
not that Jesus' anger proves he is human. It is that a
human being, in his words and actions, can claim
the authority of God. www.loyolapress/resources

Family Connection

Families take pride in their homes and strive to keep
them neat and clean inside and out. Talk as a family
about the various chores that each family member
has that contributes to the upkeep of the home.
Thank each member for doing his or her chores and
encourage everyone to take pride in the home.
Explain that people's homes are a reflection of
themselves and that a home that is clean and
welcoming shows respect and hospitality. Point out
that this Sunday, the Church celebrates one of its
very special homes: the Basilica of St. John Lateran
in Rome. Explain that this basilica is the seat of the
Bishop of Rome, the pope, and that, as we celebrate
its dedication, we are reminded of the people the
building represents: the pope and all God's people
throughout the world. Read aloud this Sunday's
Gospel, John 2:13-22. Say: **When we celebrate the**

dedication of this great church, we are reminded of our own parish church where we gather to celebrate and, even more so, of our domestic church, our home, where we encounter God every day. Remind family members that when they are asked to do chores that contribute to the upkeep of the home, they are contributing to the upkeep of the domestic church.

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!

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 .

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.

Contributions for October 25/26 & Nov. 1/2

St. Mary of the Purification: Oct.26 \$1007.75
Maintenance \$415; Nov 2 \$1423

St. Peter Mission: Oct. 26 \$270 ; Nov 2 \$265

St. Thomas Mission: Oct 25 \$365 ; Nov 1 \$ 220.75

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



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

**ANNOUNCEMENT
TENTH BISHOP OF HAMILTON**

November 1, 2025

At noon today (6 a.m. Eastern Standard Time) His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, announced that the Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., currently Bishop of Charlottetown, has been appointed the 10th Bishop of

Hamilton. Previously, Bishop Dabrowski, served as Auxiliary Bishop of London.

His Excellency, Bishop Dabrowski, has indicated that he will present his Decree of Appointment to *the College of Consultors* on February 2, 2026 and “formally take possession of the See”, at a ceremony to be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Christ the King Hamilton, Ontario.

Bishop Dabrowski becomes the Bishop of Hamilton on his appointment by Pope Leo XIV. He is to be included in the Eucharistic Prayer offered in the diocese effective immediately. In the interim, I have been appointed Apostolic Administrator of the diocese. Upon his accession, I will retire.

Greetings and good wishes can be extended to Bishop Dabrowski at his current address: P.O. Box 907, Charlottetown PE, C1A 7L9, (bishop@dioceseofcharlottetown.com) or 700 King Street West, Hamilton ON, L8P 1C7 (bishopsoffice@hamiltondiocese.com)

Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Hamilton



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.



Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Sunday Nov. 9th 2:00 p.m. Village of Holstein

Tues. Nov. 11th 10:40 a.m. Parkside Drive, Mt.Forest



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Feast Day November 9

Christians first met in homes to hear Jesus’ teachings and to celebrate the Eucharist. When the Christians were no longer persecuted for their faith, they built beautiful churches. Sometime before the fourth century, a palace owned by a noble Roman family named Laterani had been built. It became the property of the Emperor Constantine. Constantine had recognized Christianity as the religion of the empire, and he donated to the Church the palace and other buildings on the site. This became Rome’s oldest church. It was given the title Basilica of the Savior, but later was dedicated to John the Baptist and called St. John Lateran.

St. John Lateran was the home of the popes—the center of the Catholic world for many years. Twenty-eight popes are buried there. Although our pope now lives at the Vatican and presides at St. Peter’s basilica, St. John Lateran is considered his cathedral as the bishop of Rome. The dedication of this basilica is a happy occasion for the Church because it reminds us of our beginnings, our unity. It stands as a monument to God and all that God does through the Church. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints->

