



# 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](http://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.  
**Bookkeeper** Annette Connolly  
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**St. Peter's Mission**  
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**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 #5800 Hwy 89, Harriston NOG 1ZO



## **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](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

### **DIOCESAN**

**NEWSLETTER:** Visit the Diocese of Hamilton to subscribe to the online diocesan newsletter visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://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](http://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

January 18, 2026



**Tue Jan 20 7:00 pm †** Intentions of Al Nolan and Katheryn Meyer Req'd by The Estate  
**Wed Jan 21 9:00 am †** George Hutter Req'd by Dan and Doris Tone  
**Thur Jan 22 9:00 am NO MASS TODAY**  
**Fri Jan 23 9:00 am †** Lou & Marcella Williams Req'd by Dave & Donna Meyer  
**Sat Jan 24 4:00 pm †** People of the Parish  
**Sun Jan 25 9:00 am †** People of the Parish

### Lectors

**Sat Jan 24** Florence Ricard  
**Sun Jan 25** J vonWesterholt

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**ST. PETER'S, Ayton**  
**Sun Jan 25 11:00 am †** People of the Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

January 25, 2026



**Tue Jan 27 7:00 pm †** Intentions of Father Mike Req'd by Florence & Bill Kreps and Katheryn Meyer Req'd by The Estate  
**Wed Jan 28 9:00 am †** Shawn & Billy Hammond Req'd by Bill & Mary Hammond  
**Thur Jan 29 9:00 am †** Deceased members of Andrade & Bairos Families Req'd by Tony & Mary Andrade  
**Fri Jan 30 9:00 am †** Katheryn Meyer Req'd by Evelyn Collins  
**Sat Jan 31 4:00 pm †** People of the Parish  
**Sun Feb 1 9:00 am †** People of the Parish

### Lectors

**Sat Jan 31** Cesar Arruda  
**Sun Feb 1** Melissa Reid

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## Sunday January 18th Reading:

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 49:3,5-6*

God's servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 40:2,4,7-10*

God desires obedience.

### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

Paul greets the Church in Corinth.

### **Gospel Reading**

*John 1:29-34*

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

### **Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 65.4)**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## Sunday January 25 Reading:

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 8:23-9:3*

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 27:1,4,13-14*

The Lord is our refuge, our light, our salvation.

### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17*

Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

### **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 4:12-23*

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples. (shorter form Matthew 4:12-17)

### **Entrance Antiphon (Cf.Psalm 95.1,6)**

O sing a new song to the Lord ; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.



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

**CWL NEWS**

1) There will be no SMA (St. Mary Auxiliary) meeting in January 2026. The next meeting will be Wed. Feb 11, 2026 at 7:00pm.

2) There will be no CWL meeting in January, 2026. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026 at 1:00pm.

Thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen that have helped over the past year at all our functions. It is greatly appreciated and we look forward to another busy year.

Thanks you, Colleen Dalla Costa, President of the CWL at St. Mary of the Purification



**First Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation  
St. Mary of the Purification, Mt. Forest**

*First Reconciliation – March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

**Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 3:00 pm** we will celebrate the *Sacrament of Confirmation*. **Deadline for registration is May 1, 2026.**

**Sunday, June 7, 2026** we will celebrate *First Holy Communion* with a **special Mass being held at 3:00 pm. Deadline for registration is March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

*If you have a child who does not attend St. Mary's School in Mt. Forest, and who has reached the age of discernment, please contact the parish office for registration. 519-323-1054 or email [stmarymtforest@wightman.ca](mailto:stmarymtforest@wightman.ca) registration forms can also be picked up at the entrance of the church.*

**Contributions**

**St. Mary of the Purification:**

Dec. 21 \$3695 ; Dec 28 \$1595 ; Jan 4 \$3176.80 ; Christmas \$13,081

**St. Peter Mission:** Jan 4 \$175 ; Christmas \$180

**St. Thomas Mission:** Dec. 21 \$465 ; Dec. 28 \$225 ; Jan 4 \$450 ; Christmas \$460

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

**Diocesan Calendar- week of January 18**

*"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"*

<b>Mon-</b> Rev. Donald Wilhelm	<b>Thu-</b> Rev. Guillermo Diaz
<b>Tue-</b> Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico	<b>Fri-</b> Rev. Paul Edmondstone
<b>Wed-</b> Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, O.H.	<b>Sat-</b> Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek

**Diocesan Calendar- week of January 25**

*"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"*

<b>Mon-</b> Rev. Timothy Higgins	<b>Thu-</b> Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk
<b>Tue-</b> Very Rev. David Wynen	<b>Fri-</b> Rev. Marko Stefanec
<b>Wed-</b> Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, C.M.I.	<b>Sat-</b> Rev. Edward Mahony <i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>



**DIocese of HAMILTON**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in *Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice*. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. *Saturday, January 24, 2026, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/12/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-4/>

**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 includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, February 7th at the St. Michael's Church, Waterloo ON.** Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** Join the Reel Justice Film Festival **January 22, 2026 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for a screening of *PUSH*. Housing prices are skyrocketing in cities around the world. Incomes are not. *PUSH* examines our increasingly unliveable cities and an escalating crisis that has an effect on us all. Housing is not a commodity, it is a human right. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.



### **Saint Thomas Aquinas Feast Day January 28**

Thomas Aquinas came from a wealthy Italian ruling family in the 13th century. At age five, he was sent to a Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in hopes that someday he would be abbot. But King Frederick III sent his troops to occupy the monastery as a fortress. Thomas then transferred to the University of Naples, where he came into contact with the Dominicans. Their life of prayer and study fascinated him, and he was determined to join them. His family was shocked that Thomas would join a group of poor friars. His mother sent his brothers after him. They kidnapped and imprisoned him for more than a year at a family castle. Nothing would shake his resolution to enter the Dominicans. Finally, Thomas's family gave up

on discouraging him from becoming a priest, and in 1244, he joined the order.

Thomas studied under Albert the Great. In class, his silence during discussions and his large size earned him the nickname "the dumb ox." Thomas became well known for his writings in philosophy and theology. His most famous work, the *Summa Theologiae*, contains five volumes of thought on all the Christian mysteries. It is said that no one has equaled the depth of understanding and clear reasoning that Thomas showed. His love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament led him to write prayers and hymns that are still used to honor the Eucharist. But this brilliant man was very humble. He knew that all his gifts came from God. While celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273, he received a revelation from God. After that, he stopped writing. He said that all he had written was so much straw after what he had seen in the revelation. Thomas died at age 49 on his way to the Council of Lyons, France. Pope Gregory X had asked him to come. Saint Thomas Aquinas is a Doctor of the Church and patron of Catholic schools.

### **Saint John Bosco Feast Day January 31**

Saint John Bosco's theory of education could well be used in today's schools. It was a preventive system, rejecting corporal punishment and placing students in surroundings removed from the likelihood of committing sin. He advocated frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life with one's work, study and play. Encouraged during his youth in Turin to become a priest so he could work with young boys, Saint John Bosco was ordained in 1841. His service to young people started when he met a poor orphan in Turin, and instructed him in preparation for receiving Holy Communion.

He then gathered young apprentices and taught them catechism. After serving as chaplain in a hospice for working girls, Don Bosco opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales for boys.

Several wealthy and powerful patrons contributed money, enabling him to provide two workshops for the boys, shoemaking and tailoring. By 1856, the institution had grown to 150 boys and had added a printing press for publication of religious and catechetical pamphlets. John's interest in vocational education and publishing justify him as patron of young apprentices and Catholic publishers. Saint John Bosco's preaching fame spread and by 1850 he had trained his own helpers because of difficulties in retaining young priests. In 1854, he and his followers informally banded together, inspired by Saint Francis de Sales.