



Welcome to St. Mary of the Purification Parish, Mt. Forest, Ont.

We are delighted you could join us for today's Mass
Please visit our website www.stmarymountforest.ca



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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

April 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter



Tue Apr 21 7:00 pm † Katheryn Meyer Req'd by
The Estate and † David Atkinson

Wed Apr 22 9:00 am † Pat McManus Req'd by
Bill & Mary Hammond

Thu Apr 23 9:00 am † Amber Anne Ghent Req'd
by AnnaMarie Cox and Trina & Avery Ghent

Fri Apr 24 9:00 am † Arthur, Mary, John
McDonald & Stan Staniewski Req'd by The Family

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

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

Lectors

Sat Apr 25 Maxine Schmidt

Sun Apr 26 Melissa Reid

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 Apr 25 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

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

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Acts 2:14,22-33

Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11

God will show us the path of life.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's

Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others. www.loyolapress/resources

Family Connection

Families, as the domestic church, have the opportunity to make the family meal a time of prayerful encounter with one another and with Jesus. At a family meal we share our experiences of the day and connect them with the experiences of

others in the family. We can also enjoy the meal as an opportunity to reflect upon our family life in light of Scripture. At their best our family meals can connect us to Jesus too.



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Choose a family meal this week to share one another's experiences of the week in a special way. Perhaps invite family members to plan and prepare the meal together. Begin the meal by reading today's Gospel, Luke 24:13-35. As you eat, talk together about how the disciples discussed their experiences in Jerusalem and how they came to understand them differently when Jesus interpreted those events in the light of Scripture. Then invite each family member to share the things that are going on in his or her life. Consider what Jesus might say to each person if he were sitting at your dinner table. Conclude with a special prayer after your dinner. Pray a prayer of blessing for each family member, asking that Jesus continue to be present in each person's life, helping each one to be a better follower of Jesus. Conclude with a Sign of Peace.

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St. Mary of the Purification, Mt. Forest

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

Sacrament of First Holy Communion Sunday, June 7, 2026. Mass being celebrated at 3:00 pm. Deadline for registration is March 27th, 2026.

Please note : 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 registration forms can also be picked up at the entrance of the church.

Contributions for April 12

St. Mary of the Purification: \$1118 ; Maintenance \$270

St. Peter Mission: \$60

St. Thomas Mission: \$580

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

Camp Kumuntome is Hiring - We are looking for two dynamic young people 17+ for the position of co-director at Camp Kumuntome. The Co-Director positions are responsible for creating a welcoming and engaging experience for families. The role runs from Sunday, June 28 to Saturday, September 5, and involves coordinating daily crafts, games, swim times at Black's Lake, and evening family activities alongside volunteer counsellors and a host family. This is a hands-on, full-day leadership position (approximately 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) in a dynamic, faith-informed summer camp environment. A fair honorarium is paid at the end of the summer. There is a mandatory staff orientation from May 29-31. For more information or to apply, email program@campkumuntome.ca. Full job descriptions can be found at campkumuntome.ca/staffing.

Special Mother's Day Tea - Mother's Day celebrations can be difficult and complex when your mother is no longer here to celebrate. **Join this special tea on Sunday May 10, 2026** for an afternoon dedicated to honoring the women who shaped us and loved us, but are no longer with us. The afternoon is intended to be heartfelt and uplifting, sharing our stories, sipping tea and enjoying finger sandwiches and fresh baked scones. Cost is \$85. Please email Salvina with your interest or questions, or pass this email along to anyone who you feel may be interested in attending. The event will be held at 667 Golf Club Rd. Unit #2, Hannon, ON. Contact: Salvina Castiglione, BA, BSW. RSW.; www.cardinalconnection.ca; or call (905)-537-9638.

Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss.

Monthly informal drop-in support - available at St. Michael Parish on the **2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm** in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. **Registration is not required.**

Part 1 - 6 week Program-theory and sharing - The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from **May 13 to June 17, 2026 at 7pm** - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. **Registration is required**

by [May 4](#) by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca. Part 2 of the program will be available in the Fall. Website: www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support



**The Dr. H. Patrick & Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham
Medial Scholarship**

Through the generosity of the above benefactors, this scholarship was established. And once again, We will be accepting applications for 2026. The purpose of this scholarship is to afford Catholics, faithful to the teachings of the Church, the opportunity to pursue medical education. The available scholarships is in the amount of \$21,000. Application deadline is May 15, 2026. For further information, please visit www.hamiltondiocese.com

DID YOU KNOW... Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 The young people of the world have begun their preparations to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV at the 41st International Celebration of World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith, visit: <https://wydseoul.org/en>. Join us in praying for all young people discerning their participation from our Diocese.

**Sacred Heart Parish, Mildmay
Cold Plate Supper**

Come out to the Cold Plate Supper at Sacred Heart Church in Mildmay on Sunday, April 26th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The meal includes turkey, sausage and ham along with potato salad, many other homemade salads, stuffing, a dinner roll and dessert. The price is \$20.00 per meal. New for this year there is a kid's meal of chicken fingers and mac & cheese for \$5.00. Advanced tickets are available at Harley's Pub & Perk or the Parish Office in Mildmay.

Saint Mark

Feast Day April 25

St. Mark was an evangelist, or Gospel writer. In fact, he was the pioneer in Gospel writing. His is the shortest and the oldest of the Gospels. Little is known of Mark except from the New Testament. He was not one of the twelve apostles, but was a member of the first Christian community. Mark had firsthand experience of the early Church and apostolic life. He was a traveling companion and assistant of Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey. Something happened to Mark on that journey, perhaps homesickness, so he returned to Jerusalem. The incident caused a quarrel between Paul and Barnabas. Barnabas, Mark's cousin, was sympathetic toward Mark, but Paul would not hear of Mark accompanying them again. Later Paul and Mark must have been reconciled, because when Paul wrote to Timothy during his final imprisonment, he asked for Mark's help. Mark's Gospel was a great contribution to the Church. It included oral and written tradition concerning the words and deeds of Jesus. Mark probably secured some of his material from St. Peter. He shows Jesus as the suffering Son of God. Mark knew that to accept the Risen Jesus meant to come to terms with the cross. Jesus was glorified because he willingly allowed himself to suffer death for our salvation. Mark writes that anyone who wishes to follow Jesus must accept the cross.

Mark wrote to proclaim the Good News to a community of both Jewish and Gentile Christians. His Gospel is direct and simple to read. He speaks to Christians about Jesus, who understands their difficulties and sufferings and will one day bring them to share with him eternal joy and glory. Traditionally Mark is thought to have been founder and bishop of the church of Alexandria, Egypt, where he was martyred. Over the years artists have given a symbol to each of the evangelists. Mark's symbol is a winged lion because his Gospel begins with the story of John the Baptist who, like a roaring lion, called people to repent.

Popes Prayer Intentions – April 2026

For Priests in Crisis – Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocations, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.