



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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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

May 10, 2026



Tue May 12 7:00 pm † Rose Penny Req'd by The CWL and † Amber Anne Ghent Req'd by AnnaMarie Cox and Avery & Trina Ghent

Wed May 13 9:00 am † Jim Gorman Req'd by Myrtle Gorman

Thu May 14 9:00 am † Jim Goodyear Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan

Fri May 15 9:00 am † All Clergy in Hamilton Diocese Req'd by Bill & Mary Hammond

Sat May 16 4:00 pm † People of the Parish

Sun May 17 9:00 am † People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat May 16 Cesar Arruda

Sun May 17 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 May 16 5:30 pm † People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun May 17 11:00 am † People of the Parish

This Sunday's reading:

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17

The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66:1-7,16,20

Sing praise to God, all the earth.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers

encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father. In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20). Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

Family Connection The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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COFFEE SUNDAY

Please join us in the parish hall for coffee and refreshments every 1st and 3rd Sunday after Mass. All are welcome!



The Month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary

➔ CWL News

- CWL meeting **MONDAY, May 11, 2026 at 1:00pm**
- The CWL meeting in June will be on **MONDAY June 15, 2026 at 1:00pm.** We are planning to have a potluck luncheon. Again, all ladies of the parish are welcome. A signup sheet will be out in the foyer.
- The St. Mary Auxiliary meeting will be on **Wed. May 13, 2026 at 7:00pm**



St. Mary of the Purification, Mt. Forest

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

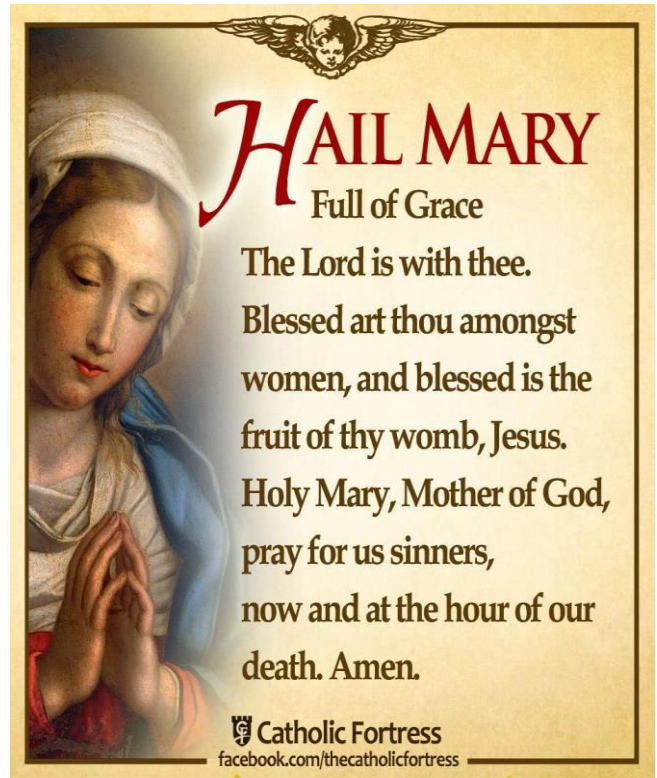
Sunday, June 7, 2026. Mass being celebrated at 3:00 pm.

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.



Thank you God for my Mom. She is a woman of strength and dignity. When she

*speaks, her words are wise and kindness is the rule for everything she says. Thinking of all the things that make you a wonderful Mom and thanking God for every one of them. **Happy Mother's Day!***



Ignatius Jesuit Centre

GUELPH WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND

AUG 1-8 WALKING PILGRIMAGE IS ABOUT:

- ✚ nourishing your spirituality
- ✚ enjoying the great outdoors
- ✚ getting great exercise: 20+km per day
- ✚ having fun and enjoying good company

Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. **Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!** Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) **NOTE registration deadline June 30, 2026.**

Contributions

St. Mary of the Purification: Apr 19 \$1763; Apr 26 \$1127.75; May 3 \$1353

St. Peter Mission: Apr 19 \$305; Apr 26 \$173; May 3 \$145

St. Thomas Mission: Apr 19 \$270; Apr 26 \$230.55; May 3 \$125

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



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

PARENTING TIP #179 Family creates the foundation on which children will build the rest of their lives. Parents are both leaders and models, so children will learn fundamental skills, including relationship skills, from their families. Parents must reflect on whether the lessons they are modelling for their children are ones that will serve them well in their adult lives. Important to parent's role is building within their children a foundation of faith by engaging in prayer, attending Mass, reading the Bible as a family and taking part in acts of service. This development of faith will help guide children's actions as they become more independent. It will also ensure they understand that God is always with them.

MARRIAGE TIP #159 Being able to count on your spouse is a vital component of a healthy and happy marriage. We establish this kind of relationship by discussing what behaviours and actions we want to expect from each other. Couples need to create a list of expectations that they each agree will be helpful to their day to day married life. The list might include: setting a boundary on cell phone and computer use during family/couple time; agreeing to saying I love you daily; using manners during daily interactions; praying together at one or more points during the day; having a hug or kiss of greeting each time you depart or reunite during the day; agreeing to speak the truth about feelings, not bury them within. An agreed upon list put into action brings feelings of security and a deeper love.

THE NATIONAL WEEK FOR FAMILY AND LIFE Sunday, May 10 to Sunday May 17, 2026, with the theme "I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20) Families are encouraged to take time during this week to celebrate their families, express

gratitude, offer forgiveness, and/or share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. This week is an opportunity to uphold the value of life and to live out our calling to love one another within our homes, communities, and the world. Resources can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan website.

www.hamiltondiocese.com



Join us for Michael House's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign! Since 2005, our community has come together each spring to support vulnerable mothers and babies through this simple but powerful campaign. Over the years, together we've raised more than **\$513,000 — one bottle at a time.** Pick up a baby bottle and from **Mother's Day (May 10)** to **Father's Day (June 21)** fill it with **coins, bills, cheques — and love.** Every bottle filled helps Michael House provide shelter, care, and a fresh start to families in need.

To donate online or learn more, visit

<https://www.michaelhouse.ca/event/baby-bottle-campaign/>

The Pope's prayer intention for May:

That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!
May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima