



# 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](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.  
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**St. Peter's Mission**  
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**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
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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](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:**

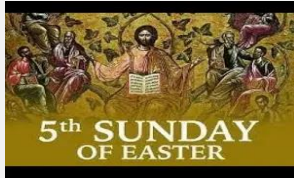
Keep love for your parish alive in your Will & expression of sympathy.

**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

May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter



**Tue May 5 7:00 pm** Intentions of Myrtle Gorman and † Repose of the Soul of Jim Gorman Req'd by Kevin Gorman and † Reuben Anthony Anderson

**Wed May 6 9:00 am** Intentions of Jakob Kemp Req'd by Angela Langenhuizen

**Thu May 7 9:00 am** † Holy Souls in Purgatory Req'd by Bill & Mary Hammond

**Fri May 8 9:00 am** † Joe, Rita & Jane Tangney Req'd by Wayne & Cheryl Allen

**Sat May 9 4:00 pm** † People of the Parish

**Sun May 10 9:00 am** † People of the Parish

### Lectors

**Sat May 9** Florence Kreps

**Sun May 10** Debra Ross

**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 9 5:30 pm** † People of the Parish

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

**Sun May 10 11:00 am** † People of the Parish

## **This Sunday's Reading:**

### **First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7*

The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19*

The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.

### **Second Reading**

*1 Peter 2:4-9*

Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

### **Gospel Reading**

John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

## **Background on the Gospel Reading**

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

## **Family Connection**

Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioral characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or "She's her mother's daughter." Today's Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father.

Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together the Lord's Prayer. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)



### COFFEE SUNDAY

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

### 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**



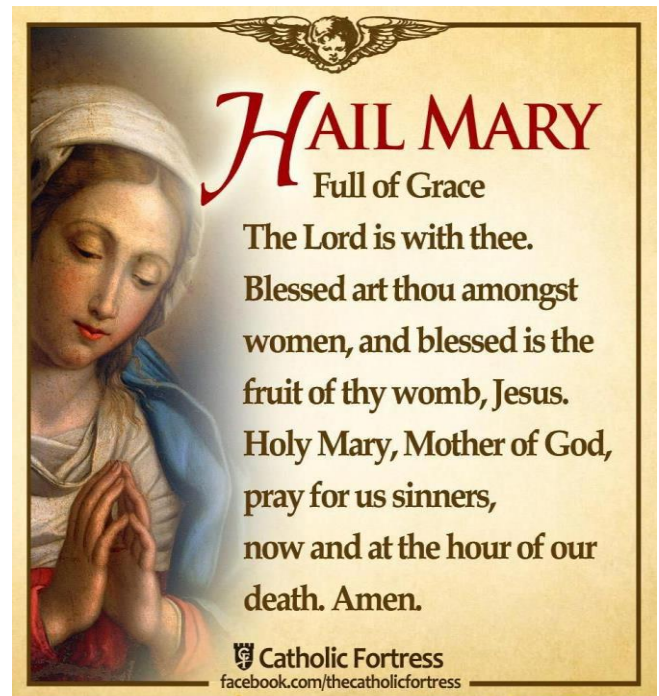
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**Sacrament of Confirmation** Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 3:00 pm. **Deadline for registration is May 1, 2026.**

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion** Sunday, June 7, 2026. Mass being celebrated at 3:00 pm. Deadline for registration is March 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:stmarymtforest@wightman.ca) registration forms can also be picked up at the entrance of the church.***



***The Month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary***



### **Wellington Catholic DSB Recruitment Fair on May 12**

Interested in a career in Catholic education? Wellington Catholic DSB is hosting a **Recruitment Fair** at the Catholic Education Centre on **May 12 from 5-8 PM**. We are recruiting for current and future positions across our board, including teaching roles, education assistants, early childhood educators, student supervisors, caretakers, support staff, board administration, and more.

This is an opportunity to support Catholic education, meet our team, and learn how your gifts can help nurture students both academically and spiritually. All qualified candidates are welcome. For more information, visit [wellingtoncdsb.ca/careers](http://wellingtoncdsb.ca/careers) or contact [hrgeneral@wellingtoncdsb.ca](mailto:hrgeneral@wellingtoncdsb.ca).

## 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](http://www.ignatiusguelph.ca) (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) **NOTE registration deadline June 30, 2026.**



### **DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** Join us on **May 28, 2026 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for our last screening of the season with **War for the Woods**. The film follows journalist Stephanie Kwetásel'wet Wood as she underscores the impact of clearcut logging and the devastation of old growth forests. Clayoquot Sound, B.C, the site of protests against clearcut logging 30 years ago, serves as the backdrop as the film explores how First Nations and environmentalists are again taking a stand to balance environmental stewardship with economic needs, as protecting these ancient forests becomes ever more complicated. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register 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.

**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 (6:00pm-7:00 pm), social with food (7:00pm-8:00pm), vocations testimony and praise music (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, **June**

**6th** at the Saint Clement's Church (745 Duke Street, Cambridge, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION**

**PROGRAM** We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2026. Join us as we explore the practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com).

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING DAY**

Many of our parishes are blessed to have teens and young adults involved in the preparation and leadership of Vacation Bible School experiences. The Office for Youth Ministry and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis warmly welcome all VBS coordinators and youth leaders to a day of formation and training on Saturday, May 9th, 2026. For more information, and to register please visit: <http://bit.ly/419nh7w>. For all other questions regarding VBS, reach out to us at: [youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2026! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? **The Frassati Leadership Program** may be for you. Join other Grade 10 Catholic leaders as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>.

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027**

Bishop Dabrowski is sending a delegation of young adults (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in the summer of 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. For more information about WYD and how to join our delegation please visit: <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>.