



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
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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 31, 2026

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Tue June 2 7:00 pm † Paolo Galloro Req'd by Maria Galloro and † Reuben Anthony Anderson

Wed June 3 9:00 am † David Atkinson

Thu June 4 9:00 am † Gabriel Zettler

FIRST FRIDAY - ADORATION AFTER MASS

Fri June 5 9:00 am Intentions of Renee, Mike & Ann Gorman Req'd by The Family

Sat June 6 FIRST SATURDAY

9:00 am † Katheryn Meyer Req'd

The Estate

4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun June 7 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat June 6 Cesar Arruda

Sun June 7 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 June 6 5:30 pm † Mary & Francis Garvey, Jerome Lane, Ernie Sr. Dunlop Req'd by Virginia & Dan McComiskey and † John & Sharon Armstrong Req'd by Dan & Angela Seifried

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun June 7 11:00 am Living and † Deceased members of the Murray and Ryan Families Req'd by Mary Pavkeje and † Jim & Loretta Murphy Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading

Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9

Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52-56

We praise God who is exalted above all forever.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

Gospel Reading

John 3:16-18

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. www.loyolapress/resources

Family Connection

Because of God's great love for us, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the

Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and his love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God's love.

Create a family poster together showing all the ways in which your family experiences God's great love. Use symbols, pictures, and words to show how you have seen God at work in your family life and in our history. Then read together today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. Pray together, thanking God for his gift of love. Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father or today's Psalm. www.loyolapress.com



COFFEE SUNDAY

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

CWL News

- **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.**

Contributions

St. Mary of the Purification: May 9/10 \$1315; Maintenance -\$815; May 17 \$1535.05
St. Peter Mission: May 10 \$180; May 17 \$80
St. Thomas Mission: May 9 \$400; May 16 \$120
Thank you for your continued donations. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as we seek to encourage all with God's Love and Word.



St. Mary of the Purification, Mt. Forest

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

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

Lord Jesus, Thank You for coming into my heart on this special day. Fill me with Your love and keep me close to You. Amen.



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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/>.

RESTING IN THE HEART OF JESUS: CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF JUNE The Universal Church dedicates the month of June to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 12, 2026) celebrates the deep and personal love Christ has for all humanity. Rooted in the Gospel, devotion to the Sacred Heart reminds us of Jesus' compassion, mercy, and sacrifice shown especially through His Passion and death on the Cross. The image of His heart symbolizes His endless love that is always open to forgive, heal, and welcome us home. To learn more about this blessed month and how you might wish to participate, visit us at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/sacredheart/>



On behalf of our parish family, we extend a very warm welcome to

Tim Kulakowsky.

Tim has been at St. Peter's

Seminary in London the past 4 years, studying Theology and will be with us here at St. Marys Parish during his Pastoral year. ***We are truly blessed to have you here with us Tim and we look forward to getting to know you better throughout your time here with us.***

Please feel free to introduce yourself to Tim.



Michael House Annual Baby bottle Campaign- Don't forget to pick up your baby bottle, they are located in the foyer of the church. The campaign runs until Father's Day (June 21) 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 June

"For the Values of Sports"

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

JUNE

Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus most simply because the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated during this month. This year, the solemnity falls on June 16. The date changes each year because it is celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave, or the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost.

However, other reasons exist as to why June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The feast dates back to 1673, when a French nun who belonged to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) in eastern France began to receive visions about the Sacred Heart.

Jesus appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed ways to venerate his Sacred Heart and explained the immense love he has for humanity, appearing with his heart visible outside his chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns. These different ways include partaking in a holy hour on Thursdays and the reception of the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month.

Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary: "My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be transmitted through all means."

These visions continued for 18 months.

On June 16, 1675, Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary to promote a feast that honored his Sacred Heart. He also gave Sister Margaret Mary 12 promises made to all who venerate and promote the devotion of the Sacred Heart. He said: "I ask of you that the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special feast to honor my heart, by communicating on that day, and making reparation to it by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities which it has received during the time it has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that my heart shall expand itself to shed in abundance the

influence of its divine love upon those who shall thus honor it, and cause it to be honored."

Sister Margaret Mary died in 1690 and was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 13, 1920.

The Vatican was hesitant to declare a feast to the Sacred Heart, but as the devotion spread throughout France, the Vatican granted the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to France in 1765. In 1856, Pope Pius IX designated the Friday following the feast of Corpus Christi as the feast of the Sacred Heart for the universal Church. Ever since, the month of June has been devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and his immense love for us all.

On the current calendar, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a solemnity, the highest-ranking feast in the liturgical calendar, although it is not a holy day of obligation.

These are the promises the Sacred Heart of Jesus made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:

- 1 – I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- 2 – I will give peace in their families.
- 3 – I will console them in all their troubles.
- 4 – I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
- 5 – I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
- 6 – Sinners shall find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- 7 – Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- 8 – Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
- 9 – I will bless those places wherein the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
- 10 – I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
- 11 – Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my heart.
- 12 – In the excess of the mercy of my heart, I promise you that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the first Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour. www.ewtn.com