



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

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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

June 14 2026

Tue June 16 7:00 pm † Victor Ruffolo Req'd by
The Family and † Reuben Anthony
Anderson

Wed June 17 9:00 am Intentions of Jakob Kemp
Req'd by Angela Langenhuizen

Thu June 18 9:00 am † Pauline Stortz Req'd by
Ron and Marian Flanigan

Fri June 19 9:00 am † David Atkinson

Sat June 20 4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun June 21 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat June 20 Maxine Schmidt

Sun June 21 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 June 20 5:30 pm People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun June 21 11:00 am People of the Parish

and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

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This Sunday's Reading :

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-6a

God tells Moses that the Israelites will be his special people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 100:1-3,5

We are the people of God.

Second Reading

Romans 5:6-11

Christ died for us while we were still sinners and reconciled us to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:36-10:8

Jesus sends the twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out,

Family Connection

Every person in the Church is sent by Christ to do the work that he did. This task can seem daunting. Yet when we have learned to work together with others to achieve a common goal, we have learned something of what it means to do the work of Christ. The family is one such place in which we work with others, sharing a common task and a common goal.

As family members gather, invite each person to reflect upon their contributions to family life. Invite each one to share one or two things that they do to help keep your family life flowing smoothly. Take time to thank one another for the contributions each person makes to your family life.

Invite a family member to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 9:36-10:8. In this Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. Point out that the disciples are called to work together just as family members must work together. Pray together that your family will always work together as a family to help one another. Pray that your family can be a model for other families. Pray together the Lord's Prayer. www.loyolapress.com

Diocesan Calendar- week of June 14

"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

Mon- Rev. Roque Concepcion	Thu- Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
Tue- Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.	Fri- Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.
Wed- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne, s.s.a.	Sat- Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.



COFFEE SUNDAY

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

Contributions May 30/31

St. Mary of the Purification: \$1419; Maintenance \$1305

St. Peter Mission: \$225

St. Thomas Mission: \$110

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

WALK WITH JESUS: RETREAT FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE THE DEATH OF A CHILD. The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for this healing day. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we know this day will help to restore your inner core. The retreat will be offered from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 10 or Saturday, November 7th. The \$20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required for set up and lunch. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the date retreat of the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM - Healthy self-esteem is linked to positive mental health outcomes, which is so important to each of us. Our program provides the opportunity to increase your self-

awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your own future. The program will be offered in September and is held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration is online at hamiltondiocese.com and can be found under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY As we prepare to observe World Refugee Day on June 20, we are reminded of Christ's call to welcome the stranger: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35). For decades, the Diocese of Hamilton, through its Office for Refugees and in partnership with its parishes, has helped refugee families build new lives in Canada with dignity, compassion, and hope by providing protection through the private sponsorship program. Learn more about this life-saving ministry. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/office-for-refugees/>

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: ON THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN DIGNITY IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* released publicly on May 25 and focuses on human dignity, ethics, labour, and responsible AI development. As Catholics, we are called to use new technologies wisely, guided by faith, truth, and concern for the common good. For more information, visit www.vatican.ca

Canadian Bishops Mark 10th Anniversary of Bill C-14 with Statement on Human Dignity, MAID, and Palliative Care

The Standing Committee for Family and Life of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), with the authorization of the Permanent Council, has released [a statement marking the 10th anniversary of Bill C-14](#), the legislation that legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada under the term "Medical Assistance in Dying" (MAID) on June 17, 2016.

In the statement, the CCCC B reaffirms its opposition to euthanasia and assisted suicide while calling for a renewed commitment to authentic palliative care

throughout Canada. The statement also reflects on the past decade of MAID legislation, highlights current statistics, and expresses concern regarding its continued expansion and the impact on vulnerable persons. The CCCB affirms the profound dignity and value of every human life, emphasizing that true compassion does not answer suffering with death, but accompanies those who suffer with hope, presence, pain relief, and authentic palliative care. As part of this anniversary, the Standing Committee encourages renewed prayer for the sick, the suffering, the dying, and their families, caregivers, and health care professionals; for those who have died through “MAID” and for their loved ones; and for the conversion of hearts and minds toward a culture that receives every life as a gift and never abandons those most in need.



Michael House

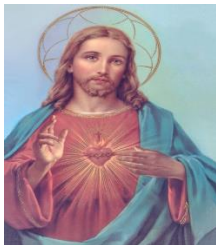
Michael House Annual Baby bottle Campaign- Don't forget to pick up your baby bottle, they are located in the foyer of the church. The campaign runs until Father's Day (June 21) Every bottle filled helps Michael House provide shelter, care, and a fresh start to families in need. To donate online or learn 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 is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
 fountain of mercy and love,
 draw me into Your embrace.
 Cleanse my heart of all that is cold,
 fill me with compassion and faith,
 and let my life reflect Your light
 now and forever. Amen.



Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Feast Day June 21

Do your parents have plans for you? As soon as Aloysius was born, his parents began planning for his future. His mother wanted him to be a priest. His father was determined to have his oldest son become a military leader or famous political figure—anything but a priest.

At the age of five, Aloysius was sent to a military camp to get started on his career. His father must have been very pleased to see his son marching at the head of the platoon of soldiers around the campgrounds. His mother and his tutor were extremely displeased, however, when Aloysius came home using the rough, coarse language of the camp. At the age of seven, Aloysius received a special insight from God. While other boys were dreaming about being military heroes or heads of wealthy estates, Aloysius thought of other matters. He decided to become a saint, and he began acting on that decision. He prayed long hours at night and fasted several times a week.

While he was on a visit to Spain with his parents, Aloysius read the lives of saintly Jesuit missionaries, and he decided to become a Jesuit. His father and some other relatives tried hard to change his mind. It was a fierce battle of wills, but after several years, Aloysius won. With his father's permission, Aloysius gave his large inheritance to his brother and joined the Jesuit order at 17 years of age. The novice director, who was in charge of training Aloysius, told him to cut down on his long hours of prayer and to give up some of his fasting and other penances. Aloysius obeyed willingly. He understood that obedience was better than “doing his own thing.”

When Aloysius was 23, a serious epidemic broke out in Rome. Aloysius volunteered at once to help in the hospital. At that time hospitals were not the clean, orderly places with which we are familiar today. It was very easy to catch an illness. That is what happened; Aloysius became very ill. No medicine could help him. Aloysius was not afraid to die.

Aloysius shows that young people are not too young to become saints. During his life he had focused on doing what God wanted—serving and loving God and his neighbor.