



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



Tel: 519-323-1054

OFFICE HOURS: Closed Monday Open Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am - 1:30pm

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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

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 21 2026

Tue June 23 7:00 pm † Claude Ricard, Yvonne Ricard, Monique Monohan Req'd by Florence Kreps and † Gabriel Zettler

Wed June 24 9:00 am † Walter & Hilda Stachelscheid Req'd by Werner and Maxine Schmidt

Thu June 25 9:00 am † Deceased Friends and Family of the Hammond Family Req'd by Bill and Mary Hammond

Fri June 26 9:00 am † Katheryn Meyer Req'd by The Estate

Sat June 27 4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun June 28 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat June 27 Cesar Arruda

Sun June 28 Elizabeth Koechl

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 27 5:30 pm People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun June 28 11:00 am People of the Parish

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

God responds to the prayers of those in need.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face

difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

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Family Connection

It is not only individuals who need reassurance about God's love and protection. Communities need this reassurance as well, including the community of the family. Children rely on the confidence of their parents for this assurance. Parents can help the entire family's growth in trust and confidence in God by witnessing ways in which daily family needs are entrusted to God's care.

As the family gathers, distribute pieces of paper to each person. Tell them to write or draw ways in which they believe that God's help is needed for each person and for the family as a whole. Each slip of paper can then be collected in a basket.

Invite one member of the family to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:26-33. Recall together how well God knows your family and thank God for this wonderful grace. Conclude by praying together for each of the needs identified on the slips of paper. After each need is read, pray together, "God, we

trust you because you know us so well.” Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father.

This practice might become a regular part of your family’s prayer. Set the basket in a place of prayer and encourage family members to add other needs throughout the week. Perhaps your family can pray for these things together during a family meal.

Diocesan Calendar- week of
“Pray to the Lord of the Harvest”

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| Mon- Rev. Hyunjik (John) Yang | Thu- Disabled Persons |
| Tue- Rev. Stefano Lee | Fri- Rev. Brendan McGrath |
| Wed- The Nativity of St. John the Baptist | Sat- Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I. |



COFFEE SUNDAY

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

Contributions June 6/7

St. Mary of the Purification: \$1305

St. Peter Mission: \$120

St. Thomas Mission: \$190

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.

**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 CCCB 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University’s Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are

currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2026. Three and five week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com



Michael House

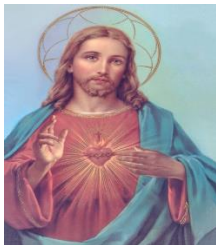
Michael House Annual Baby bottle Campaign- Don't forget to pick up your baby bottle, they are located in the foyer of the church. The campaign runs until Father's Day (June 21) Every bottle filled helps Michael House provide shelter, care, and a fresh start to families in need. To donate online or learn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

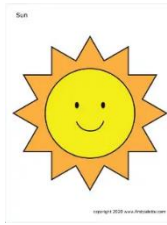
O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
fountain of mercy and love,
draw me into Your embrace.

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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May He bless all fathers in our communities. With their wives, they are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do in Christ Jesus the Lord.

Heavenly Father,



On this first day of summer, we thank You for the gift of light, warmth, and the beauty of creation.

Bless our days with joy, our work with purpose, and our hearts with Your peace. May the sun's rays remind us of the light of Christ, guiding our steps and filling us with hope. Through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, keep us safe and close to You in all we do. Amen.



June 27 is the feast day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, who is known for miracles and answers to prayer. It is associated with a 15th-century Byzantine icon of the Madonna and Child, which is copied in mosaic in the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel in the Basilica.

History of the Devotion :The tradition of Our Mother of Perpetual Help is traced back to 1495. Stolen from a Cretan monastery by a wine merchant a few years after its creation, it was brought to the church of St. Matthew in Rome. For 300 years, it resided at the church, and even survived the church's destruction by Napoleon's army in 1798. 88 years later, Pope Pius IX gave the icon to the Redemptorist congregation at the Church of Saint Alphonsus, where it remains today.

Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying.

O Purest Mary, O Sweetest Mary, let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips.

Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me whenever I call on you, for, in all my needs, in all my temptations I shall never cease to call on you, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.

O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fill my soul when I pronounce your sacred name, or even only think of you. I thank God for having given you, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name.

But I will not be content with merely pronouncing your name: let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you, Mother of Perpetual Help. Amen.