



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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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

June 28, 2026

Tue June 30 7:00 pm † Kathryn Meyer Req'd by
The Estate and † Reuben Anthony
Anderson

Wed July 1 9:00 am † Scott McCook

Thu July 2 9:00 am Intentions of Carl & Anna
DallaCosta on their Wedding Anniversary and the
DallaCosta Family Req'd by The Family

Fri July 3 9:00 am † Pauline Stortz Req'd by
Verne and Pauline Mills

Adoration after today's mass

Sat July 4 First Saturday
9:00 am † Pat McManus Req'd by
Bill & Mary Hammond

4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun July 5 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat July 4 Cesar Arruda

Sun July 5 Colleen DallaCosta

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 July 4 5:30 pm † Manny Verissimo Req'd by
The Family † Mary & Francis Garvey,
Jerome Lane ,Ernie Sr.Dunlop Req'd by Virginia

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun July 5 11:00 am † Repose of the soul of
Denis Menard Req'd by Allen Schiedel and Living
and † Deceased relatives and friends of Eileen
Horrigan Req'd by The Estate

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-3,16-19

Sing God's praises forever.

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him. Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

Family Connection

One can tell a lot about a family by the way they welcome others into their home. Despite parental efforts to elicit the best behavior from their children, family efforts to entertain guests are sometimes difficult. Practicing a spirit of Christian hospitality within the family can be an occasion to reflect upon the importance of this virtue. A family spirit of hospitality is a sign of faith. When your family gathers, ask each person to consider the following questions about manners: What does it mean to be a good host? What does it mean to be a good guest? Invite each person to share their thoughts and experiences about being a guest or a host. When they have finished, read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:37-42. Ask family members to describe what Jesus says about hospitality extended to his disciples. (Those who receive Jesus' disciples also receive Jesus himself; hospitality to Jesus' disciples will be rewarded.) Then encourage family members

to talk about what it means to be a good guest or a good host. You might also talk about ways in which your family's hospitality might be improved upon. Conclude in prayer together that your family grows to be one in which Christian hospitality is experienced by all. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm. www.loyolapress/resources

Diocesan Calendar- week of June 28
"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

Mon- Rev. William Foote	Thu- Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Tue- Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.	Fri- Rev. James Curtin
Wed- Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus	Sat- Rev. Fernand Pierre



COFFEE SUNDAY

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

Contributions Week of June 14

St. Mary of the Purification: \$1407; Maintenance \$125

St. Peter Mission: \$314.25

St. Thomas Mission: \$195

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

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/>

WYD 2027 The Diocese of Hamilton is blessed to have **80 young pilgrims** preparing to travel to Seoul, South Korea next summer as a part of the 45th International Celebration of World Youth Day. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith and how you can support the young people of our Diocese, visit us at: wyd.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.

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/>

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.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT:

Healthy marriages matter in so many ways! Proven benefits include: having a support system, learning to grow with another, having increased happiness levels and many physical benefits proven in research. Keeping

your marriage healthy and strong requires love, but also time spent fine tuning your marriage and reconnecting. Join us November 21st for a day to reconnect and spend time with the one you love! Registration can be found online at hamiltondiocese.com, under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

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 Thomas Feast Day July 3

We feel great kinship for the apostle Thomas because, like him, most of us curiously combine faith and doubt. We sometimes share the enthusiasm St. Thomas expressed when upon Lazarus's death Jesus decided to go to Bethany. "Let's go too," Thomas said to the other disciples, "that we may die with him" (see John 11:16). But also like him we sometimes wonder where Jesus is headed and where he is taking us (see John 14:5).

However, we are most like Thomas because doubts occasionally rattle our brains and cloud our souls. So we all relate to the story of doubting Thomas

(see John 20:25–29). Thomas was absent the first time Jesus appeared after his resurrection. The apostle swore he would not believe, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails and place my hand in his side" (v. 25RSV). Eight days later Jesus appeared again and told Thomas to touch his wounds. "My Lord, and my God," Thomas exclaimed, recovering his faith (v. 28). Some early Christian writers criticized Thomas's faithless behavior. But others praised him for helping us cure our doubts, as Gregory the Great does in this homily:

. . . For the faithlessness of Thomas aids us in our belief more than does the faith of the disciples who believed. . . . When he is brought to believe by feeling with his own hand, every doubt having been removed, our own mind is confirmed in faith. . . . The divinity cannot be seen by any mortal man. So Thomas saw man and confessed him to be God, saying, "My Lord, and my God." On seeing, then, he believed, and proclaimed him to be God whom he could not see.

Then Jesus spoke these words that give us much joy: "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed" (see John 20:29). This sentence undoubtedly signifies to us who hold in our minds him whom we have not seen in the flesh. But we are signified only if we follow up our faith by works. For he really believes who carries out in deed what he believes.

We do not know for sure where Thomas conducted his missionary activity after Pentecost. Some claim he evangelized among the Parthians. But a stronger tradition says he carried the gospel to India. He is supposed to have recruited the Christians of Malabar and died a martyr by the spear at Mylapore, near Madras. An ancient stone cross there marks the place where his remains lay buried until they were removed to Edessa in 394.

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July 1st ,God keep our land Glorious and Free!

Lord Jesus Christ, look on the people of our land and bless us all. Help us to be brothers and sisters to all the world and to work for peace and love. Be with us Jesus and bless Canada, for you are our Lord and Saviour forever. Amen