



# 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)



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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](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

June 7 2026

### *MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST*

**Tue June 9 7:00 pm** † Sheila Brough Req'd by The CWL and † Katheryn Meyer Req'd by The Estate

**Wed June 10 9:00 am** † Gabriel Zettler

**Thu June 11 9:00 am** Intentions of the Kreps and Ricard Families Req'd by Florence Kreps

**Fri June 12 9:00 am** † Joyce Johnson, Claude Ricard, Monique Monahan, Yvonne Ricard Req'd by Florence Kreps

**Sat June 13 4:00 pm** People of the Parish

**Sun June 14 9:00 am** People of the Parish

#### Lectors

**Sat June 13** Maxine Schmidt

**Sun June 14** Cheryl Kieffer

**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 13 5:30 pm** People of the Parish

#### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

**Sun June 14 11:00 am** People of the Parish

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

#### **First Reading**

*Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a*

Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20*

Praise God, Jerusalem!

#### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*John 6:51-58*

Jesus says, "I am the living bread."

#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once

called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.

#### **Family Connection**

Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate Mass, Jesus is present to us. The bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation: Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.





## 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"*

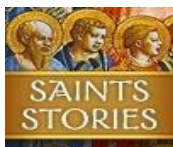
Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

### *June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*



#### *Memorare to The Sacred Heart of Jesus:*

*Remember, O most kind Jesus, that none who have had recourse to Your Sacred Heart, implored its assistance, or called for mercy, have ever been abandoned. Filled and animated by this same confidence, O divine Heart, Ruler of all hearts, I fly to You, and oppressed beneath the weight of my sins, I prostrate myself before You. Despise not Your unworthy child, but grant me, I pray, an entrance into Your Sacred Heart. Sustain me in all my combats and be with me now, and at all times, but especially in the hour of my death. O gracious Jesus! O amiable Jesus! O, loving Jesus! Amen.*



#### **Saint Anne Mary Taigi      Feast Day June 8**

A model lay woman, Anne Mary Taigi managed a large household in Rome for nearly half a century. She handled finances with little money, patiently

cared for a cantankerous family, and entertained a constant stream of guests who came to consult her. Even though Anne Mary was blessed with charisms of prophecy and healing, it was not these gifts, but her resilient leadership of her family through poverty and trouble that earned her a saint's crown.

An impoverished servant girl herself, at age twenty-one she married Domenico Taigi, a servant in the Chigi Palace. They had seven children, two of whom died at childbirth. Early in her marriage, Anne Mary experienced a religious conversion. She took a Servite priest as a spiritual guide. Under his direction, she simplified her life, initiating practices of prayer and self-denial that she pursued the rest of her life. Anne Mary took the spiritual lead in her family. The day began with morning prayer and mass and ended with reading lives of the saints and the rosary. The Taigis had little of their own, but she always found ways to provide for those who had less. She also took in her hard-to-get-along-with parents and her widowed daughter, Sophie, with her six children.

Domenico had a violent temper that often disrupted the family. But somehow Anne Mary was always able to calm him and restore peace. In his old age, Domenico gave this touching tribute to his wife: Often I came home to a house full of people. Immediately, Anne Mary would leave anyone who was there—maybe a great lady or a bishop—and would hurry to pay affectionate attention to me. You could tell she did it with all her heart. With her wonderful tact she was able to maintain a heavenly peace in our home. For example, when my son Camillus was living with us early in his marriage, my daughter-in-law was a disturbing element. She always wanted to play the mistress of the house. But my wife knew how to keep everyone in his place and she did it with a graciousness that I can't describe.

I often came home tired, moody and cross, but she always succeeded in soothing and cheering me. And due to her, I corrected some of my faults. But if I were a young man and could search the whole world to find such a wife, it would be vain. I believe that God has received her into heaven because of her great virtue. Reportedly, Anne Mary had a permanent vision that gave her insight into the causes of evil in the world and dangers that threatened the church. She also had a gift of healing. For example, with a sign of the cross she anointed cancer victims and epileptics and they were cured. After seven months of sickness and spiritual trials, Anne Mary Taigi died on June 9, 1837.