



Welcome to St. Mary of the Purification Parish, Mt. Forest, Ont.

We are delighted you could join us for today's Mass
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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.

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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 of July 5, 2026

Tue July 7 7:00 pm † Kathryn Meyer Req'd by
The Estate and † David Atkinson
Wed July 8 9:00 am For all priests Req'd by Bill &
Mary Hammond
Thu July 9 9:00 am † Gabriel Zettler
Fri July 10 9:00 am NO MASS TODAY
Sat July 11 4:00 pm People of the Parish
Sun July 12 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat July 11 Florence Kreps
Sun July 12 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 July 11 5:30 pm People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun July 12 11:00 am People of the Parish

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14

A prayer of praise to God who is our king.

Second Reading

Romans 8:9,11-13

Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now
live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed
himself to the lowly.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes
after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people
who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack
belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the
reason for this unbelief and reveals what is
necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues

to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last
week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has
made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises
God who has made himself known to the "little
ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other
recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast
is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees,
who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples,
tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps
company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention
the unity between the Father and the Son. God has
made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing
Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life
and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel,
Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of
the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's
Gospel probably reflects tension that existed
between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the
Pharisees and the community of Christians for
whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became
the predominant form of Judaism after the
destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70
A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative
paths of holiness. The careful observance of the
Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be
experienced by some as difficult and burdensome.
In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as
uncomplicated and even restful.

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches an important lesson
for families: from the youngest and simplest among
us we can learn the most profound insights about
God. Parents who are attentive to this reality can
learn much from their children even as their
children are learning from them. Families who
create time and space for encounters with God will
enrich the faith of all who share in family life.

Gather as a family and read together today's
Gospel, Matthew 11:25-30. Allow time for each
person to reflect on what Jesus reveals to us about
God. Invite each person to show these things in a
creative way, perhaps through a picture, poem, or
some other means. Share these with one another.
Conclude in prayer together, thanking Jesus for
making God known to us. Pray together the Lord's
Prayer or today's Psalm, Psalm 145. www.loyolapress

Diocesan Calendar- week of July 5

"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

Mon -Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo	Thu - Very Rev. Tim Uniac,C.R.
Tue - Rev. Ireneusz H Koziak, S.A.C.	Fri -Rev. Yonas Okubit Ghebru
Wed - Society of Christ, S.Chr.	Sat -Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos



COFFEE SUNDAY

Please note that coffee Sunday will not take place during July & August, it will resume in September. If anyone is available to assist, we are looking For volunteers to help out. Thank you so much.

Contributions Week of June 21 & 28th

St. Mary of the Purification: \$1331; Maintenance \$120; June 28 \$1417 ; Maintenance \$410

St. Peter Mission: \$90.60; June 28 \$200

St. Thomas Mission: \$280 ; June 28 \$115

Thank you for your continued donations. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as we seek to encourage all with God's Love and Word.



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PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH The expression "the family that prays together stays together" is one that most people have heard. Popular sayings make sense when we see the truth in them, but this one is backed up by research! When we pray together at home (before meals, before bed, in the morning) and attend Mass, we are connecting on a deep level that helps a family have increased unity. So, enjoy the more relaxed summer days and holidays, but don't let prayer and attending Mass take a holiday because their benefits are a wonderful addition to this great season!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH Couples are so busy today with their jobs, taking care of children and sometimes looking after elderly parents that time is very precious. Often what gets put on the back burner is time to focus on their marriage. All these responsibilities are much better managed with a

healthy relationship, so taking time together has a positive impact all around. Schedule time for a coffee, a short or long walk, a chat at the end of the day, prayer, or dinner for two, anything that is just for the two of you. Your marriage matters — don't let making it a priority take a backseat to everything else on the to-do list!

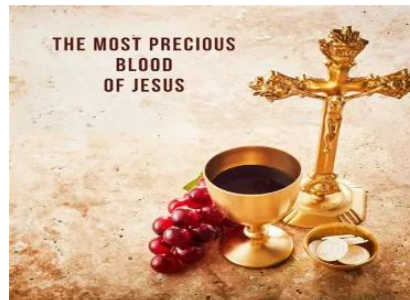
PROJECT RACHEL Struggling After an Abortion? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry and in need of support? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive Support Group Struggling after divorce or separation — as others are? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. For summer sessions or gatherings, register here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

**The Pope's prayer intention for July,
For respect for human life**

"Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God."

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ



Prayers to Precious Blood of Jesus

A Powerful Prayer to be Said Before Praying:

"Almighty Father, I place the Precious Blood of Jesus before my lips before I pray, that my prayers may be purified before they ascend to Your divine altar." - St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi

The “Constant” Prayer of St. Catherine of Siena

Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon us! Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us every grace! Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners: Atone for us! Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen.”



Saint Peter To Rot Feast Day July 7

Peter To Rot lived on a tropical island in the Coral Sea, in what is now known as Papua New Guinea. He was born in the village of Rakunai, where his father was the tribal chief. Peter’s parents, like many other other villagers, were catechized and later baptized by Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

Peter grew up Catholic and thought of becoming a priest, but his father said it was too soon. So Peter studied to become a catechist who could work the missionaries to spread the faith. Then Peter was assigned to work as a catechist in his own village. As a teacher he was direct and dynamic and genuinely cared about the people. In 1936, Peter married Paula la Varpit, who was also Catholic. They joyfully celebrated the Church’s sacraments as well as local traditions. Peter and Paula were the parents of three children. Then in 1942, the world as at war, and Japan occupied Peter’s island. The missionary priests were imprisoned. Peter, a layman, remained free. Peter worked even harder then. He and his catechists baptized babies and converts, visited the sick, assisted with charity, conducted Sunday services, and distributed the Eucharist to priests in prison. Then the military police cracked down. They banned Christian worship and religious gatherings. They decided the islanders should return to polygamy, and Peter objected to this. Peter was arrested in the spring of 1945 and was confined to a cave. When his wife and mother came to visit, he informed them that a Japanese doctor was coming to visit, but he was not sick. He suspected a trick. He asked Paula to bring his good clothes—he wanted to be ready to meet God.

The doctor arrived and gave Peter an injection and something to drink, and plugged his nose and ears. When Peter began to convulse, the doctor covered his mouth, and the soldiers held his down until he suffocated. Soon the rest of the prison camp found

out what happened to Peter. The next morning, the Japanese guards acted surprised to find Peter dead. They said he had died of an infection, but the crowd that attended Peter’s funeral knew the truth. They knew Peter was a martyr for the faith.

Peter To Rot was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995. The ceremony took place in Papua New Guinea.

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Use these tips to beat the
heat this summer!



REST

Make sure to get enough sleep and rest if you feel tired.



BE COOL

Make use of fans or air conditioners set to cool.



H2O

Take a bottle of cold water with you when you’re out to stay hydrated.



SHADE

Wear a hat or take an umbrella with you when outside.



SOAK

Take a cool shower or bath to help you cool down.

Prayer to St. Medard, Patron Saint Against Bad Weather

Legend says that when he was a child, Medard was once sheltered from the rain by a hovering eagle. This is his most common depiction in art, and led to his patronage of good weather, against bad weather, for people who work the fields, etc. Many people invoke his intercession during heat waves, asking for relief from the discomfort caused by excessive heat.

“ Jesus My Lord, Saint Medard served as a bishop during very difficult times, and his long life of spiritual leadership created a tremendous impression on the people. Be cause of his patronage against bad weather, I ask him to intercede for me during the storms of my life as well as the storms in nature. Protect me and my home. And Lord, help the victims of hurricanes, tornadoes, earth quakes and other natural disasters. Send in more helpers and multiply the supplies that are needed for their aid. You calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee; deliver us from the storms that are raging around us now. Saint Medard, pray for us. Amen.”