



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
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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 26, 2026

Tue July 28 7:00 pm † Kathryn Meyer Req'd by The Estate and † Eileen Horrigan Req'd by The Estate

Wed July 29 9:00 am † Paul Droog Req'd by Betty Mogensen

Thu July 30 9:00 am † Holy Souls in Purgatory Req'd by Bill & Mary Hammond

Fri July 31 9:00 am † Marie Givlin The Estate

Sat Aug 1 *First Saturday*
9:00 am † Martin & Corrie Pronk Req'd by Dan & Angela Seifried

4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun Aug 2 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Aug 1 Cesar Arruda

Sun Aug 2 Elizabeth Koechl

RECONCILIATION: Tuesday 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 Aug 1 5:30 pm † Dennis Rajewski Req'd by Roslyn Fortier and † Mary & Francis Garvey, Jerome Lane, Ernie Dunlop Sr. Req'd by Isabel & Gail Dunlop

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun Aug 2 11:00 am † Deceased members of Murray & Ryan Families Req'd by Dot & Mary And † Denis Menard Req'd by Allen Scheidel

This Sunday's Reading :

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130

The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

Second Gospel Reading

Romans 8:28-30

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52 (shorter form: Matthew 13:44-46)

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
of August 2, 2026

Tue Aug 4 7:00 pm † Kathryn Meyer Req'd by The Estate and † Marie Givlin Req'd by The Estate

Wed Aug 5 9:00 am † Deceased members of the McManus & Hammond Families Req'd by Bill & Mary Hammond

Thu Aug 6 9:00 am † Mararet & Lawrence Horrigan Req'd by The Estate

Fri Aug 7 *First Friday, Adoration after Mass*
9:00 am † Jim & Loretta Murray Req'd by Don't Bourgeois

Sat Aug 8 4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun Aug 9 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Aug 8 Florence Kreps

Sun Aug 9 Debra Ross

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Sun Aug 9 11:00 am People of the Parish

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

The Lord will renew his covenant with the descendants of David.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9,15-18

The Lord provides for his people.

Second Reading

Romans 8:35,37-39

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish.

Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 69.2, 6)

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.



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

St. Mary of the Purification: Jul 5 \$1677; Jul 12 \$1241 Maintenance \$145; **Jul 19** \$1439 Maintenance \$310

St. Peter Mission: Jul 12 \$360 ; Jul 19 \$40

St. Thomas Mission: Jul 5 \$220; Jul 12 \$195; Jul 19 \$380

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

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

(WDGE) 2026 will be celebrated on Sunday, July 26, 2026, close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year is: "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15). Let us take this opportunity to honour grandparents and the elderly, recognizing them as a blessing and an important part of our faith communities.

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/>.

The Pope's prayer intention for August

For evangelization in the city

"Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community."

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ



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

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



O Most Blessed Mother,
heart of love, heart of mercy,
ever listening, caring,
consoling, hear our prayer.

As your children,
we implore your intercession
with Jesus your Son.
Receive with understanding
and compassion the petitions
we place before your today,
especially (state your petitions).

We are comforted in knowing
your heart is ever open to those
who ask for your prayer.

We trust to your gentle care
and intercession,
those whom we love and
who are sick or lonely or hurting.

Help all of us, Holy Mother,
to bear our burdens in this life until
we may share eternal life
and peace with God forever.

Amen.

Summertime and Family Prayer

Throughout the summer many families are traveling. Before you begin a trip, you are invited to pray together the following:

Loving God, source of all life and joy, be with us as we travel, may we be respectful of those we meet, grateful for those who offer hospitality, patient and kind to one another, and alert to the wonders of your world. Remind us of your loving presence and bring us safely home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is always appropriate to begin meals with prayer. The following prayer may be prayed in unison or lead by one person.

Loving God, we give you thanks for this food. Teach us to be grateful for your many gifts and give us strength to share what we have with others. Amen



The Transfiguration of the Lord Feast Day August 6th

The first three Gospels contain a number of passages that show Jesus' divinity shining through his humanity. One of these is the passage on the Transfiguration. Some time before he died on the cross, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain—probably Mount Tabor. There, while the apostles watched, Jesus' face began to shine much more brightly than the sun. His garments became as white as snow.

Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared, standing on each side of Jesus. The three of them talked together for a brief time about Jesus' coming passion and death. Then Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" (Matthew 17:4).

While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud gathered and covered the apostles with its shadow. Then the apostles heard a voice saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" (Matthew 17:5). Peter, James, and John fell to the ground because they were so frightened. The next moment Jesus touched them and told them not to fear. When they looked up, there was no one in sight except Jesus, looking like his ordinary self.

As they walked down the mountain, Jesus told the favored three to keep the whole experience a secret. They were permitted to tell others only after he had risen from the dead. Perhaps Jesus gave these apostles a glimpse of his divine identity in order to strengthen their faith in preparation for the ordeals of his coming passion and death.