



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 at **stmarymountforest.ca**



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OFFICE HOURS: Closed Mondays 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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Through Christ**

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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

August 30, 2026

Tue Sept 1 7:00 pm † Laurie Moyer Req'd by Margie Moyer

Wed Sept 2 9:00 am † Wilma Maas Req'd by Betty Mogensen

Thu Sept 3 9:00 am † Holy Souls in Purgatory, Req'd by Bill & Mary Hammond

Fri Sept 4 9:00 am † Jim & Loretta Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

First Friday , adoration after mass

Sat Sept 5 9:00 am † Paolo Galloro Req'd by Maria Galloro

4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun Sept 6 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Sept 5 Cesar Arruda

Sun Sept 6 J. vonWesterholt

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 Sept 5 5:30 pm

† Marie Givlin Req'd by Frank Whaling

† Bogdan Rogelj Req'd by Jocelyn Rojelij

† Deceased members of the Seifried Family Req'd by Dan & Angela Seifried

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun Sept 6 11:00 am

† Stacey Samson Req'd by Brenda, Rudy & Scott Samson

† Eileen Horrigan Req'd by The Estate

† Deceased members of the Murray & Ryan Families Req'd by Mary & Dot

This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name. **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 63:2-6,8-9

Our souls yearn for God.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross. Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way. Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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CWL NEWS

1. CWL meeting Sept. 8, 2026 at 1:00pm. All ladies are welcome to come and see what the CWL does.
2. CWL North Regional Meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026. At 9:00 am. More details to follow.
3. There will be no St. Mary Auxiliary Meeting until October, 2026.



COFFEE SUNDAY

Please note that coffee Sunday will not take place during July & August, it will resume in September. We are also in need of volunteers to assist with set up and clean up. If you are interested, please contact the office. Thank you so very much and God Bless!



Please note, due to the Priests seminar, we will be cancelling morning mass from Sept.8-11. Mass will resume Saturday Sept. 12th. The office will remain open.



A Blessing for the New School Year

As our children and young people prepare to return to school, let us keep them in our prayers. May God bless them with curious minds, caring hearts, and the courage to face new challenges. May He guide them in making good choices, being kind to others, and remembering that they are never alone. We also pray for teachers, support staff, and parents as they begin another school year. May the Holy Spirit give them patience, wisdom, and strength as they nurture and guide our children.

Heavenly Father, watch over our children as they begin this new school year. Protect them, guide their steps, and help them grow in faith, knowledge, and kindness. May they always know Your love and carry it with them wherever they go. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.” — Proverbs 3:5

Diocesan Calendar- week of August 30
“Pray to the Lord of the Harvest”

Mon- Rev. Kevin D’Souza	Thu- Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Tue- Rev. Piotr Jurzyk	Fri- Very Rev. Joseph Okoko,i.v.Dei.
Wed -Salesians of St. Don Bosco, S.D.B.	Sat- Rev. John Iyekowa, O.S.A.

HEALING SERVICE

“Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.” Psalm 30:2

Date: Wednesday September 2, 2026

Place: St. Patrick Church , 53 Wellington St, Cambridge, Ont.

Time 6-9 pm, Rosary & Prayers for Healing , Holy Mass, Individual Prayer, Testimonies

Please join **Fr. Ivo Pavic, OFM.** Fr. Pavic was born in Bosnia and Herzegovia, answered God’s call to priesthood at 24, joining the Franciscan Order. He received his master’s and doctorate from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, focusing on spiritual healing and Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Ivo Pavic has led transformative healing services and retreats across Europe, the Americas, Asia, and Australia, touching countless lives with profound spiritual renewal and divine grace.

Sponsored by Ave Marie Centre of Peace, Toronto

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are grateful for the young people who serve in our parish! For this reason we are treating the youth who have volunteered in Church ministries (altar serving, choir, and readers) for a day of bowling and fellowship. We invite these special young people to the Mount Forest Bowling Center (350 Foster St., Mount Forest) on Tuesday September 1st from 1:00-3:00pm for bowling and pizza & pop for lunch! We ask that children under the age of 13 be accompanied by at least one of their parents. If this interests you, please call the parish at 519-323-1054 to register you and your parent, if applicable.

Thank you for offering your time and talents for Christ and his Church.

Also, thank you parents for building your children up in their faith. Hope to see you all on September 1st

In Christ,

Tim Kulakowsky

MISSION APPEAL **SEPTEMBER 12th & 13th**

Bishop Jude Silva will present a Mission Appeal at St. Mary of the Purification on behalf of the

Diocese of Badulla, one of the poorest Dioceses in Sri Lanka. Much of the Diocese serves families in the plantation sector, where many people continue to face significant economic hardship and limited opportunities. Through your prayers and generosity, the Diocese strives to improve educational facilities, develop essential infrastructure, and provide hope to those most in need. The Diocese also cares for vulnerable children through two girls' homes and offers love and dignity to the elderly through a residential elders' home. We warmly invite you to pray for this mission and to consider making a generous contribution.

Catechism

Starting Thursday September 17 at 7:00 pm, Fr. Mike and Tim will be holding Catechism classes for adults (18 years of age and older) who are interested in joining the Church. If you have not completed your initiation Sacraments or know someone who is interested learning about Catholic teaching or are interested in beginning the journey of joining the Church, please feel free to contact the office to register, 519-323-1054



DIocese of HAMILTON

Fall Book Club

Join us on Tuesdays from 1pm-2pm on Zoom, starting October 6. Step into the rich world of J.R.R Tolkien and discover how his stories illuminate timeless truths about faith, hope, virtue, and the Christian life.

Books are available for purchase from the Chancery office or can be sourced independently. Please reach out to us if you would like to purchase a book in advance. \$25 incl. shipping. For more information call 905-528-7988 ext. 2339 or email catecheses@hamiltondiocese.com

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 from Tuesday September 22 – November 24, 2026 at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration is online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com> and can be found under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.



**The Month of September is devoted to
Our Lady of Sorrows**

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Our mother of sorrows,
with strength from above you stood by the cross,
sharing in the sufferings of Jesus,
and with tender care you bore him
in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith,
which accepted the life God planned for you.
We praise you for your hope,
which trusted that God would do great things in you.
We praise you for your love
in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example,
and stand by all your children who need
comfort and love.

Mother of God,
stand by us in our trials and
care for us in our many needs.
Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen!

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