



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
information or assistance, see
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

DIOCESAN

NEWSLETTER: Visit the
Diocese of Hamilton to
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PARISH SCHOOL:

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Mount Forest

**Building Character
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

September 27 2026

Tue Sept 29 7:00 pm † Deceased members of
the Caughlin Family Req'd by Margie Moyer and
† Marion Beers Req'd by

Kathleen Boone

Wed Sept 30 9:00 am † Patricia Manion Req'd by
Mary MacMillan

Thu Oct 1 9:00 am † Dave & Joan Holloway
Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan

Fri Oct 2 9:00 am † Paolo Galloro Req'd by
Maria Galloro

First Friday Adoration after Mass

Sat Oct 3 9:00 am **First Saturday**
† John, Mary, Arthur
McDonald, Stan Staniewski Req'd by The Family
4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun Oct 4 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Oct 3 Maxine Schmidt

Sun Oct 4 Colleen Dalla Costa

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 Oct 3 5:30 pm † Mary & Francis
Garvey, Jerome Lane & Ernie Sr. Dunlop Req'd by
Virginia Lane and Intentions of Dennis & Rita
Reiger Req'd by The Seifried families of Harriston

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun Oct 4 11:00 am † Jim & Loretta Murray
Req'd by Dot Bourgeois and † Eileen Horrigan
Req'd by the Estate

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders
on the meaning of obedience.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting
tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious
leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned
the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has
caught the attention of the religious authorities; the
chief priests and elders question Jesus about the
source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for
these religious leaders the source of his authority.
Instead, he questions the priests and elders through
the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer
given by the religious leaders is correct, but it
convicts them for their failure to heed the call of
John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize
the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward.
Given the same task by their father, one son asserts
his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his
actions; the second son obeys with his words, but
disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus
poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the
father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak
louder than words" and that even if his words were
disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered
did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests
and elders, the ones who speak most often about
God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond
to the message of repentance announced by John the
Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's
message was heeded by those one would not expect
to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other
sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will
enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious
leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words
indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do
our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart,
that our actions (and our words as well) will give
evidence of our love for God. loyolapress/resources.com

Family Connection

The example Jesus poses in today's Gospel could
have been taken directly from family experience.
Each of us can recall instances in which family
members spoke one thing but then did another. The
point of Jesus' story is to show that our actions
speak louder than words, even with God.

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's
life.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-9

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11 (shorter form Philippians 2:1-5)

Be like Christ who humbled himself and was
exalted by God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:28-32

As you gather as a family, talk about times when a family member said one thing and then did another. Acknowledge that sometimes the action taken displays a true change of heart. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32. Observe that Jesus faulted the religious leaders for not allowing John the Baptist's message of repentance to change their hearts and actions. The word we sometimes use for this change of heart is *conversion*. Jesus wants us to do more than pay lip service to the Gospel; he wants us to be transformed by his word.

Pray together that your family will experience a conversion to God and show evidence of this in both actions and words. Pray together today's second reading, Philippians 2:1-5.

CWL NEWS

1. The CWL North Regional Meeting will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026 at 9:00 am. More details to follow.
2. CWL meeting will be held Tuesday October 13 at 1:00 pm
3. St. Mary Auxiliary meeting will be held Wed. October 14, 2026 at 7 pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We have been made aware of [#fraudulent](#) emails circulating that appear to originate from Father Michael Anderson's email account.

A reminder that fraudulent emails can sometimes be designed to imitate trusted organizations and may appear convincing.

Never respond to a suspect email, only ever make contact to people or institutions through email address's and phone numbers you know to be reliable. All parish emails are published in the bulletin and available on the website. Father Mike will never contact you through any other email other than manderson@hamiltondiocese.com. The parish will never contact you through any other phone numbers other than 519-323-1054 or any other email than stmarymtforest@wightman.ca or stmarymountforest@hamiltondiocese.com

If you receive an email that appears suspicious:

- 1 Do not click on any links or open attachments.
- 2 Do not send payment or provide personal information.
- 4 Report the email as spam or phishing.

We thank you for your vigilance and cooperation in this matter.



CWL COFFEE SUNDAY

The CWL Coffee Sunday and Fellowship will be held on the last Sunday of every month. Please join us in the Parish hall today after mass, all are welcome! If you are interested in volunteering to assist, please let us know.

Sincerest thank you to Dorothy, Mariette and Katarina for their dedication, kindness and long standing support in our parish community in hosting coffee Sunday the past several years. God Bless!

The Pope's prayer intention for September

"For the care of water"

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Catechism classes

Thursdays at 7 pm St. Mary of the Purification Parish hall

Topic for October 1 : The Creed

Contributions Sept 20

St. Mary of the Purification: \$1627; main. \$330

St. Peter Mission: \$280.60

St. Thomas Mission: \$170

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

What is PAR?

With Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), church offerings are given by an automatic monthly debit on the 20th of each month from individuals' bank account. PAR is convenient for the donor and supplies a reliable income for the congregation.

Does this sound like something that appeals to you? Signing up is simple. Contact Annette in the church office at (519) 323-1054, ext 6, or stmarybookkeeper@wightman.ca and she will get the necessary forms for you. Complete the forms, attach a VOID cheque and return them to Annette and you're done! If you wish to stop making your donation by PAR, the process is just as simple. Just let Annette know and the withdrawals can be terminated as soon as that same month if your notification is received by the 10th of the month.

There is a \$0.50 charge per donor which is paid by St. Mary Church. This is significantly lower than any other automatic payment process out there. Your entire donation goes to your credit.



*Christmas High Tea
in honour of Brenda Meyer*

Sunday November 15, 2026 12:30-3:30 pm at the
Mount Forest and District Sports Complex

Tickets are \$75 per person

For tickets and information, please contact 519-323-
2210 ext 77711 or info@louisemarshallfoundation.ca
www.louisemarshallfoundation.ca



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

**Collection for the Needs of the Church in
Canada (Weekend of September 26–27):**

This weekend, our parish joins Catholics from coast to coast in supporting the shared mission of the Church in Canada. Your gift strengthens the mission of our diocese and, together with the gifts of Catholics across the country, supports work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone. Through this collection, we help the Church proclaim the Gospel, support families and communities, promote respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, accompany migrants and refugees, and provide catechetical resources for Catholics throughout Canada. What begins as a gift in our parish becomes part of the shared mission of the Church across the country. Please give prayerfully and generously.

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.



Guardian Angels Feast Day October 2

Here is a riddle for you: *I am always with you, but you never see me. I am not God, but I was created by God. I protect and guide you. Who am I?*

God gave us guardian angels to protect and guide us. Saint Jerome wrote that the human soul is so valuable in heaven that every human person has a guardian angel from the moment the person comes into being. These pure spirits, which we can neither see nor feel, play an important role in our lives. Jesus refers to them when he says, “Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven” (Matthew 18:10).

Angels are messengers from God. The word angel comes from the Greek word for “messenger.” In a very real way, these powerful spirits point out to us the ways of God. Guardian angels assist us in work or study. In times of temptation, these spiritual beings direct us to do good. Thomas Aquinas said that angels are the most excellent of creatures because they have the greatest intelligence next to God. Perhaps the guardian angels are best known for protecting us from physical danger, but their main role is to care for the salvation of our souls. It is wonderful to know that God has promised to love, protect, and be with us always. One way he does this is through the care of the angels. Whenever you meet with danger or discouragement, your guardian angel is your personal, heavenly bodyguard. The angels also offer prayers to God for us. Because angels always see and hear God, they can intercede for us. We should love our guardian angels, respect them, and pray to them.

In early Christianity there was no feast for the guardian angels, just one for the archangels. But in the 15th and 16th centuries, the feast of the Guardian Angels was unofficially celebrated in Austria, Spain, and Portugal. In 1608 Pope Paul V made it a universal feast. In doing so, he helped to make us aware of the guardian angels, not just one day in October, but every day of our lives.