



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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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 6, 2026

NO WEEKDAY MASS Sept 8 - 11

Sat Sept 12 4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun Sept 13 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Sept 12 Florence Kreps

Sun Sept 13 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 Sept 12 5:30 pm People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun Sept 13 11:00 am People of the Parish

This Sundays Reading:

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

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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

Will resume soon, please stay tuned for further details!

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 September 6
“Pray to the Lord of the Harvest”

Mon- Rev. Andrew Czarny	Thu- Catholic Teachers
Tue- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Fri- Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Wed –Felician Franciscan Sisters, C.S.S.F.	Sat- Rev. Livinus Okamgba

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

Contributions

St. Mary of the Purification: Aug 23 \$1440 ; Aug 30 \$865
St. Peter Mission: Aug 23 \$40 ; Aug 30 \$115
St. Thomas Mission: Aug 23 \$35 ; Aug 30 \$295
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

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE 2026: The Young Adults are organizing the annual Conference on **Saturday, September 19th** at St. Raphael Parish from **9:30am to 7:00pm**. During the conference we will have spiritual talks, praise and worship band, Art Booths, Adoration, confession and Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. The theme for the conference will be “I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12)

All young adults (single and married) ages 19 to 40 years are encouraged to join. Price is \$25.00. For more information, please visit: <https://cyaconference.ca/>.

YOUTH MINISTER'S RETREAT We are inviting all youth ministers, youth ministry coordinators and leaders in youth ministry, to join us for our annual retreat on September 19 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster. Registration deadline is **September 11**. For all information and to register, please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/2026-youth-ministers-retreat/>.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR LEONOR SORGER All are warmly invited to a **Memorial Mass** for **Leonor Sorger**, who passed away on January 12, 2025, at the age of 94. The Mass will be celebrated at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** on **Friday, September 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.** In 1978, Leonor co-founded the Office for Refugees, Diocese of Hamilton, a ministry that continues to welcome and sponsor refugees seeking safety and a new beginning in Canada. Please join us as we give thanks for Leonor's extraordinary legacy of faith and service and pray for the repose of her soul. All are welcome.

MULTICULTURAL MASS All are warmly invited to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our Diocese at the Multicultural Mass on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., Bishop of Hamilton, and followed by a multicultural celebration in McNally Hall. All are welcome!

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES The **112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees** will be observed this year on Sunday September 27, under the theme, *"Even just one of these children."* This is taken from the Lord's promise that *"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me"* (Matthew 18:5). The theme draws attention to the Church's special concern for

children affected by migration. We are called to welcome every child with the love and dignity of Christ, recognizing their immeasurable value and need for care, protection, and hope. On this occasion, we pray in solidarity with migrants, refugees, and displaced people throughout the world.



**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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Have a safe
and happy
Labour Day
weekend