



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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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

October 4, 2026

Tue Oct 6 7:00 pm † Vincent Benjamin Req'd
by Kathleen Boone and † Kathryn Meyer Req'd by
The Estate

Wed Oct 7 9:00 am † Stan Staniewski,
Mary, Arthur, John McDonald Req'd by The Family

Thu Oct 8 9:00 am † Aiden Felsbourg Req'd by
Kathleen Boone

Fri Oct 9 9:00 am † Deceased members of the
Smolko, Zurav & Casek Families Req'd by Katarina
& Pavol Smolkova

Sat Oct 10 4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun Oct 11 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Oct 10 Cesar Arruda

Sun Oct 11 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 Oct 10 5:30 pm People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun Oct 11 11:00 am People of the Parish

This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

The Lord compares the house of Israel to a
vineyard.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20

The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to
the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's
Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish
religious leaders about the source of his teaching
authority. After refusing to answer their questions,
Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then
criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of
belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the
priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the
landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends
his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that
the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants
are sent to collect payment, and each time they are
beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the
landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The
tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard
if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together
and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief
priests and elders about what the landowner will do
to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the
landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the
land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon
Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one
that the priests and elders would have known well.
Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the
symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have
understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the
landowner represented God, the servants
represented the prophets, and the bad tenants
represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus
nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for
his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken
from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The
chief priests and elders have condemned themselves
with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12.
There are some notable differences, however. In
Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn
themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his
own question. Matthew names the religious leaders
as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel
shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus
and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that
his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was
written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects
the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian
community for whom Matthew was writing. Many
biblical scholars believe that the tension between
Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors
can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of
listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many
ways—through Scripture, through our Church
tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through
modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and

receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

Family Connection

In an ideal household, family members know the rules and follow them consistently. Even the most conscientious among us, however, sometimes needs to be reminded of the rules and their importance. How we respond to such correction reveals our true character. In today's Gospel Jesus exposes the religious leaders for their failure to heed God's messengers. It is an opportunity for us to consider how we respond to those who are God's messengers today, calling us to correct our ways and return to the way of the Lord.

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the most important rules of your household. Consider how consistently family members follow these rules. How are family members reminded when rules are not being followed? How do they respond? In today's Gospel Jesus corrects the religious leaders through a parable telling them that they have not heeded God's messengers. Read Matthew 21:33-43. What are some of God's rules that we must follow? How do we respond to God's messengers today? Pray together as a family that you will heed God's messengers and follow God's ways. Pray together the Act of Contrition for the times when your family has not heeded God's word.

CWL NEWS

1. CWL meeting will be held Tuesday October 13 at 1:00 pm
2. St. Mary Auxiliary meeting will be held Wed. October 14, 2026 at 7 pm



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



**The Parish office will be closed
Wednesday October 7th. Mass will still take
place at 9 am.**

The Pope's prayer intention for October

For mental health ministry

***"Let us pray that the mental health ministry be
established throughout the Church, helping to
overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons
with mental illnesses."***

Catechism classes

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

Topic for October 8 : Seven Sacraments



CWL COFFEE SUNDAY

The CWL Coffee Sunday and Fellowship will be held on the last Sunday of every month in the Parish hall after mass, all are welcome! If you are interested in volunteering to assist with set up and/or clean up, please let us know. Thank you.

Contributions –n/a at time of print

St. Mary of the Purification:

St. Peter Mission:

St. Thomas Mission:

***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

OPEN HOUSE: Bishop Farrell Library & Archives The Bishop Farrell Library & Archives invites you to an Open House, Oct. 17th from 2:00pm–5:00pm and Oct. 18th from 10:00am–2:00pm. We are located at 698 King St. West, on the beautiful grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Join us to view The Saint John's Bible, learn about our services, and pick up a few good books! Open to All!

MEN DISCERNMENT GROUP Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all young men in the Diocese of Hamilton to join the **Priesthood Discernment Group**. Come for prayer, fellowship, and conversation as we explore God's call together. Whether you are just beginning to ask questions or have been considering the priesthood for some time, you are welcome. Feel free to

invite a friend who may be interested. You do not need to have all the answers—simply come with an open heart.

Meetings are at two locations: in **Hamilton** on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 6:00pm at the Chancery Office (700 King St W, Hamilton, ON L8P 1C7) and in **Kitchener-Waterloo** on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at **10:00am** at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church (80 University Ave W, Waterloo, ON N2L 3C7). Sponsored by the **Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton**. Visit hamiltondiocese.com/vocations. For more information, contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

WALK WITH JESUS: A Retreat Day for Parents Who Have Experienced the Death of a Child – The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for this healing day. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we know this day will help to restore your inner peace. The retreat will be offered from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, November 7th at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. The \$20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required so we can plan for handouts and food. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the retreat date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Diocesan Calendar- week of October 4 "Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

Mon- Rev. Charles Galea	Thu- Lay & Youth Parish Ministers
Tue- Rev. Msgr. Pierra-Philippe Jean Pierre	Fri- Rev. James Link, C.R.
Wed –Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ, p.j.c.	Sat- Rev. Dominic Thomas, C.M.I.



Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day October 7

Many religions use beads to keep track of prayers. Our Rosary, a circle of beads, is like a garland offered to Mary because we pray a prayer on each bead. This well-loved prayer has its roots in the 150 psalms. People who couldn't read began praying 150 Hail Marys instead, the equivalent of three of our modern rosaries covering the original three sets of mysteries.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is an interesting one. In the 16th century Pope Pius V was having trouble with the Ottoman Turks, who were a real danger to Christianity. After months of disagreements and bickering, he was able to unite Spain, Venice, and the States of the Church in a naval expedition to fight the Turks.

The two navies met in the Gulf of Lepanto in Greece on October 7, 1571. On the same day, the Rosary Confraternity of Rome was meeting at the Dominican headquarters there. The group recited the Rosary for the special intention of the Christians at battle. The Christians defeated the Turks in a spectacular victory and believed it was the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin that won the victory. Pope Pius V dedicated the day as one of thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory. Pope Gregory XIII later changed the name to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary focuses on the intercessory power of Mary. It shows that when Christians are in danger, they can go to Mary. And when an individual is in pain, discouraged, or having trouble accepting God's will, he or she can also go to Mary. She will pray to her Son for anyone who calls on her. Anyone who prays to Mary no longer feels alone because she prays with them and for them. Mary encouraged praying the Rosary in her apparitions. At Lourdes when she appeared to Saint Bernadette, Mary had a Rosary. As Bernadette prayed it, Mary joined in on the Glory Be prayers. At Fatima Mary exhorted the three children who saw her to pray the Rosary for peace. The Rosary is a deep prayer because as we recite the Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glory Bes, we meditate on the mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary. No wonder it pleases Our Lady when we pray the Rosary.



"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances."