

Welcome to St. Mary of the Purification Parish, Mt.Forest, Ont.

We are delighted you could join us for today's Mass

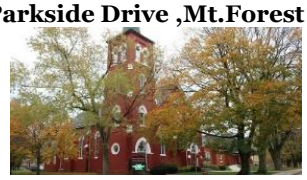
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St. Peter's Mission
943 Caroline St, Ayton N0G 1C0



St. Thomas the Apostle
#5800 Hwy 89, Harriston N0G 1Z0



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 subscribe to the online diocesan newsletter visit hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Mary Catholic School

Mount Forest
Building Character Through Christ

390 Parkside Dr, Mt Forest 519-323-2586
stmarymountforest.wellingtoncdsb.ca

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

November 15, 2026 Thirty Second Sunday, Ordinary Time



Weekday Mass cancelled November 17-20

Sat Nov 21 4:00 pm People of the Parish
Sun Nov 22 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors
Sat Nov 21 Florence Kreps
Sun Nov 22 Melissa Reid

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 Nov 21 5:30 pm People of the Parish
ST. PETER'S, Ayton
Sun Nov 22 11:00 am People of the Parish

This Sundays Reading:

First Reading
Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5
Blessed are those who walk in God's ways.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:14-30
Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. loyolapress/resources

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities.

Say: ***In today's Gospel, Jesus talked about how our trustworthiness in small matters shows that we***

can also be trusted to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. Read Matthew 15:14-30. Say: ***We share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven when we use our talents to help and serve others.***

As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

The Pope's prayer intention for November

"For the proper use of wealth"

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Catechism classes

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

Topic for November 19th- Marriage



FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE

Coffee Sunday Fellowship will take place on the last Sunday of each month following Mass. The CWL is happy to assist with providing snacks, however, we will warmly welcome donations of baked goods! We are also in need of two to three volunteers each month to help with set up and cleanup and will prepare a schedule for each month. Your help is greatly appreciated in making Coffee Sunday a welcoming time of fellowship for our parish community. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Colleen at 519-321-9888. Please note that Coffee Sunday may need to be cancelled if volunteers are not available.



In commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, during the month of November, we will have a Book of Remembrance at the back of the church. We invite all parishioners to record the names of your departed loved ones.

INDULGENCES: The faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased may obtain an indulgence that can only be used for souls in purgatory, once daily from November 1st to November 8th. You should meet the following conditions: Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. One Holy Confession is sufficient for all the days to obtain indulgences. However, it is necessary to remove all attachments to sin.

Operation Christmas Child is underway!



Shoeboxes are available in the foyer.

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT: As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last. * Select a quality "wow" toy * Other gifts * pray for the child who will receive your gift. * Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child. * A donation of $12 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. * Take your shoebox gift to Church. PLEASE PRAY FOR: BOYS AND GIRLS IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD Praise the Lord for the opportunity to bring great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children through shoeboxes. Ask God to prepare their hearts to respond to His love through these simple treasures. Thankyou for praying! To learn more, visit SamaritansPurse.ca/occ . Don't forget to put the donation envelope inside the box and add the label on the outside on top**.** PLEASE DO **NOT PACK** FOOD, CANDY, LIQUIDS OR LOTIONS Please note – Your Shoe boxes need to be in the morning of Friday Nov.20th at St. Mary's Parish.

Contributions

St. Mary of the Purification: Nov 1 $1487 ; Maintenance $220 ; Nov 8 $1334; Maintenance $185
St. Peter Mission: Nov 1 $160 ; Nov 8 : $1600
St. Thomas Mission: Nov 1 $410; Nov 8 $320
Thank you for your continued donations. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as we seek to encourage all with God's Love and Word.

Diocesan Calendar- week of November 15

"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

Mon- Rev. Gerald Mulhall	**Thu-** Rev. Michael Isabelle
Tue- Rev. Pierre Caoutte, L.C.	**Fri**- Rev.Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.
Wed- Deceased Members of Our Parish Community	**Sat**-Rev. Jerek John Scherber, L.C.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

Permanent Deacon Information Session:

For anyone who is interested in the Diaconate and/or wants more information about what is required and what is involved in the Admission process and Formation program, are invited to either of two Information Sessions:

1. Nov. 22nd, 2026, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 620 Rymal Rd. E, Hamilton after 11am mass.
2. Dec 6th, 2026, at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener after 11am mass.

You are welcome to attend the 11am Sunday Mass where Deacon Tom Vert, the Associate Director of the Deacon program will be preaching. Afterwards we will have the Information Session in the parish Hall. There will be a short presentation and then a question-and-answer session, with light refreshments. Also, we will be available for anyone wanting to speak privately. For more information about this session, feel free to contact:
Deacon Tom Vert, Associate Director Deacon Formation Program, tvert@hamiltondiocese.com
OR
Fr. Mark Gatto, Director of the Deacon Formation Program, mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT GROUP – Fr. John Ha, the 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. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, visit https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/ or contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com. (**Hamilton:** Friday, December 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Chancery Office, 700 King St W, Hamilton, ON L8P 1C7) (**Kitchener-Waterloo:** Saturday, December 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo, ON N2L 3C7)

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT — Saturday, December 5, 2026 – Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all young adults in their 20s and 30s across the Diocese of Hamilton to an evening of prayer, fellowship, and praise music. Come meet other young adults and find encouragement as you discern and live out God's call. Join us at St. Basil's Church, 50 Palace St, Brantford, ON N3T 3Y6. [Holy Hour**: 6:30–7:30 p.m.**; Social with food**:** Praise music and vocation testimony**: 7:30–8:00 p.m.**; Night Prayer**: 8:00–9:00 p.m.**; **9:00 p.m.**). Bring a friend—all young adults are welcome! Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. Visit https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/. For more information, contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day November 21

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Savior, she was completely free to accept or reject the offer. Her response, "Let it be done to me," was a great act of faith. Because she did not understand what was happening, she must have known that there would be difficulties ahead. She replied yes to the angel's announcement and agreed to become the mother of Jesus, and the Church has declared Mary to be the Mother of God. Because she was the first to say yes to the Messiah, the Church has declared her to be the Mother of the Church.

The feast of the presentation of Mary dates back to the 6th century in the East and the 15th century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3-years-old and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to his grace and dedicate yourself to him, as Mary did.

