

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

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

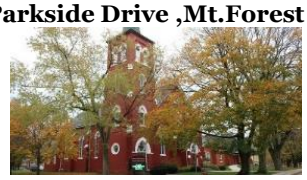
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OUR LORD'S DAY LITURGIES

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 FOR THE WEEK
November 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS DAY

Tue Nov 3 7:00 pm ✝Victor Ruffolo Req'd by The Family and ✝ Katheryn Meyer Req'd by The Estate

Wed Nov 4 9:00 am ✝ Deceased members of the Caughlin Family Req'd by Rita Caughlin

Thu Nov 5 9:00 am ✝ Deceased members of the Flanigan and Stortz families Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan

Fri Nov 6 9:00 am ✝ Father Gerald Mulhall Req'd by Mary Seifried & Family

Adoration after Mass

Sat Nov 7 First Saturday

9:00 am ✝ Paolo Galloro Req'd by Maria Galloro

4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun Nov 8 9:00 am People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat Nov 7 Cesar Arruda
Sun Nov 8 Debra Ross

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 7 5:30 pm ✝ Mary & Francis Garvey,Jerome Lane, Ernie Sr.Dunlop Req'd by Isabel & Gail Dunlop and ✝ Deceased members of the Seifried, Goetz, Noonan & Raftis Families Req'd by Dan & Angela Seifried

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun Nov 8 11:00 am ✝ Jim & Loretta Murray Req'd by Dot Borgeois and ✝ Margaret & Lawrence Horrigan Req'd by The Estate

This Sundays Reading:

First Reading
Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
John describes his vision: those who have endured the trials worship the Lamb.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6
Those who seek the face of the Lord shall be rewarded.

Second Reading
1 John 3:1-3
We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:1-12
Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

Family Connection

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives.

Together as a family, name and tell the story of favorite saints. Together prepare a list of some of the traits that these people have in common (generosity, courage, prayerfulness, and so on)

After preparing this list, read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12. Identify how the attitudes described in the Beatitudes are reflected in the lives of the saints and people you named.

Pray together as a family a Litany of the Saints. (For example, the leader prays, "St. Elizabeth," and the children are invited to reply, "Pray for us.") Include in your list the saints and holy people you named in your discussion. Conclude by praying that your family will follow the example of these people as disciples of Jesus. www.loyolapress.com/resources

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 5 - Reconciliation



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.

Auxiliary to Louise Marshal Hospital **" Annual Fall Bazaar and Luncheon"** . Saturday November 14th 11:30- 1:00 pm. Mount Forest and District Sports Complex, 850 Princess Street, Mount Forest. Hot lunch $20 , bake sale, gift shop items, draws, door prizes and Silent Auction!

St. Mary School Nutrition Program are looking for a couple of volunteers to assist with preparation , clean up etc. Mondays and Thursdays 11 am- 1 pm If you are interested, please contact Leigh Gorman at stmarymfnutritionprog@gmail.com



Book of Remembrance

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.

Please note, we will not be celebrating Mass on the following week days: Tues Nov 17, Wed Nov 18, Thu Nov 19 and Fri Nov 20th. Mass will resume Sat. Nov. 21st.
Thank you and God Bless! The parish office will remain open .

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.

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

Diocesan Calendar- week of November 1
"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

Mon- Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – All Souls Day	**Thu**-Rev. Lawrence Parent
Tue-Rev. Nishil Varghese,C.M.I.	**Fri**-Rev. Jonathan Reitzel
Wed-Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton	**Sat**-Rev. Ivica Majstorovic, O.F.M.



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Feast Day November 2

Catholics believe that death can separate people who they love from them for only a while. We are still united with them in the Communion of Saints. On this feast of All Souls, and throughout the entire month of November, we recall our deceased relatives, friends, and all the faithful departed who may yet be waiting for the full joy of heaven in purgatory. We pray for them, remembering that likewise these people being purified have the power to intercede us too.

In Mexico, All Souls Day is celebrated as *Dia de los Muertos* (the Day of the Dead). Altars are assembled in honor of the departed and decorated with flowers and sugar candy skulls, skeleton toys, candles, photographs, bread, chocolate, and the favorite food and drink of the departed. Families then go to cemeteries and wash the tombstones and decorate them. Modern urban Mexican families usually observe the Day of the Dead with a special family supper featuring the "Bread of the Dead" (*pan de muerto*). It is good luck to be the one who bites into the plastic toy skeleton hidden by the baker in each rounded loaf. Activities for All Souls Day: Visit the cemetery. Some cemeteries have special sections for infants, and you might wish to pray especially here. Attend Mass, find out the schedule of Masses for the day.

Pray the following: *Let perpetual light shine upon them, with your Saints forever, for you are merciful. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, with your Saints forever, for you are merciful. Amen.*



Remember to turn your clocks back!
Daylight Savings Time ends November 1st