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"What is this? A new teaching— with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

Mark 1:27

Parish Pastoral Team

Alison Coort / Office Administrator

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Judith Gottschalk / Ministry Rep (contact the parish office)

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday / 9:30AM - 2:30PM

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Week of January 29th – Feb. 4th

Tuesday, January 30th / 12:00 Noon
Communion Service

Wednesday, January 31st /
Exposition & Adoration / 11:00AM
No Adoration
Mass 12:00 Noon -
Communion service

Thursday, February 1st / 9:00AM
No Mass

Friday, February 2nd / 12:00 Noon
No Mass

Saturday, February 3rd / 4:00PM
+A Special Intention by A Parishioner
(Req. By: Adam Medon)

Sunday, February 4th / 9:00AM
SI For the People of the Parish
Sunday, February 4th / 11:00AM
+Cathy Majeau
(Req by: The Knights of Columbus)

*Let us pray for those who have died especially
Robert Boutotte and for those who have asked for
our prayers ...*

Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Marion Majkot, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Kristen Hackett, Janine Wright, Edward and Claire Hortensius, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Doris Cristiano, and Karl Richter

Sunday Offertory

January 21, 2024 \$3,551.00

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HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY

At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, St. Mark tells us that Jesus enters the synagogue and teaches as one having authority. But he does not tell us what precisely Jesus is teaching. Instead, he narrates that Jesus expels an unclean spirit from a man in the synagogue. This is an example of Jesus' teaching in deed not just words. The event itself teaches the people that Jesus has authority over unclean spirits. The people are amazed and exclaim that it is a new teaching-with authority. The words of Jesus are indeed powerful and effective.

This is the first sign of Jesus' power as recorded in Mark and the people of Capernaum, where this first miracle in Mark happened, were all amazed. They are even more astonished when Jesus expels the unclean spirit from a demoniac.

It's thought-provoking that what the bystanders were amazed at wasn't Jesus' power, but his teaching. Jesus, however, resisted the temptation to become famous; he wanted only to be faithful to the mission given him by his heavenly Father.

One great lesson to learn from reflecting on Mark's angle of approach to Jesus' public ministry is to see it as a "power struggle" between good and evil. Hence the show of Jesus having power over demons and evil spirits. We live in a world where the struggle between good and evil can be very dramatic indeed. For example, fear of terrorism in one form or another casts a dark shadow over the lives of many today. This, in turn, often leads to further evil in the form of violation of human rights, cutting corners in the administration of justice, discrimination against others because of ethnic origins, religions, etc. In fact, there will be no happy outcome to the struggle against the powers of darkness unless we allow Jesus to confront the demons within us so that we can be healed from our self-righteousness and hypocrisy. The personal struggle within us must never be forgotten either.

God in Jesus has potentially released us from all sorts of spirits-greed, jealousy, despair, etc.-potentially, I say, because it depends on our cooperation so that our life can be of inspiration and hope to others. Do we listen attentively to the authoritative teaching of Jesus, especially as given through his Church, and do we bear witness to it in our words and in our deeds?

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - February 3rd / 4th, 2024

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Rhea Woods	Mary Towson	Diane Poling
EMC	Bob Moore	Eleanor Wolfle	John MacInnis
Ushers	Ben Boivin Walter Gryg	Maureen McIntyre Doug Neigel	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, January 30, 2024	Mary Kudryk	& Gisele Neigel

Hot Lunch Program / In order to keep this program running, we need your financial support. Our Parish volunteers **serve 35 to 40 people every week.** Any monetary donations are greatly appreciated. You may use the Poor Box at the entrance of the church, or any envelope designated as Hot Lunch. Again, thank you for making this possible!

Parish Nurse News / The clinic will be on **Tuesdays** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus room in the Parish Hall. If you would like to see me, I will check your blood pressure, review your medication, discuss chronic disease management, discuss pain management, review your lab and x-ray results, discuss matters of mental health concerns, or any other issues that may be on your mind. I can also help you with your knitting! Please take advantage of this clinic, it is a ministry offered here at St. Mary's.

The **"Let's Get Physical" Exercise Class** has resumed on **Wednesdays**, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome, there is no charge for these classes. We will concentrate on gaining Strength and Balance using a Yoga based program. Please dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat.



Fr. Dominick is on vacation, he will be returning on February 12th. Scammers often take advantage of priests going on holidays to try to get money from parishioners. If you receive an email claiming to be from Fr. Dominick asking for money, please note that this is a scam. Fr. Dominick will never email a parishioner asking for money.

Book Study / Have you ever wondered about the presence of Mary Magdalene as one of the early believers and followers of Jesus? Was she really this "scorned" woman she has been portrayed to be? Why would Jesus choose her as a follower? How did she earn the traditional title of "Apostle to the Apostles"? Starting on **Wednesday, February 28th** these questions and more will be explored in the book, **The Meaning of Mary Magdalene, Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity** written by Cynthia Bourgeault. The sessions will be from **6:30-7:30**. All are welcome! If interested, the book may be purchased through Amazon.

Oremus, Let us Pray / is a prayer book with many beautiful traditional prayers, commentaries, and more. We have ordered a number of copies and are selling them for \$20.00 each. Please contact the office by email (office@stmaryshuntsville.ca) or phone (705-789-2348) to get your copy.

CAP Money Course at the Huntsville Library February 8, 15, & 29. from 6:30 p.m. –8:30 p.m.. If you are interested in learning how to manage your money better register at: capcanada.org/budgethelp

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish thank you for your continued and gracious donations to the Food Bank.

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SVDP SOCIETY

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Parish Group Meetings /Events

Tuesdays	11:30AM -1:00 PM	Parish Nurse Available / Knights of Columbus Room
Tuesdays	12:00 PM - 1:00PM	Hot Lunch / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	9:30 AM	Gentle Exercise Class / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	6:00 PM	Choir Practice / Choir Loft
Thursdays	6:00 PM	Huntsville Community Band Practice / Parish Hall
Tuesday	January 30th	Knights of Columbus Hockey Meeting / Parish Hall / 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 3rd	First Reconciliation Class / Parish Hall / 2:45 p.m.