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After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan.

Mark 1:12

Parish Pastoral Team

Alison Coort / Office Administrator

Marguerite Goodfellow / Parish Nurse

Judith Gottschalk / Ministry Rep (contact the parish office)

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Fr. Dominick Mbah/

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

Confessions: Saturdays 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

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Week of February 19th – 25th

Tuesday, February 20th / 12:00 Noon

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Req. By: Elizabeth Janssen)

Wednesday, February 21st /

Exposition & Adoration / 11:00AM

Mass 12:00 Noon -

+Joan Devaux
(Req. By: Maria Laurie)

Thursday, February 22nd / 9:00AM

+Rennie Melnyk
(Req. By: Walter Grys)

Friday, February 23rd 7:00 PM

SI Anna Maria Ertler
(Req. By: Walter Grys)

Saturday, February 24th / 4:00PM

SI Anna Maria Ertler
(Req. By: Eleanor Wolfle)

Sunday, February 25th / 9:00AM

+Sarah Steele
(Req by: Mike and Cathy O'Mara)

Sunday, February 25th/ 11:00AM

SI For the People of the Parish

Let us pray for those who have died 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, Janine Wright, Edward and Claire Hortensius, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Wayne Arbeau, and Dallas Clarke

Sunday Offertory

February 11, 2024 \$3,957.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Since Lent is about organizing our Christian life and focusing on the will of our heavenly Father which gives us true happiness and meaning in life, Jesus is our guide par excellence. The temptation of Jesus is our blueprint in fighting our own temptations in life. Jesus is our model as Christians, in all of life and especially during the season of Lent.

Temptations are part of our human condition. At certain points in our lives, we have been enticed or lured into committing sin. The Gospel proclamation for the First Sunday of Lent tells us that Christ himself was tempted not once, but three times. In all these instances, Christ came out triumphant.

Seeming Delight. The object of temptation is usually something that appears and seems to be delightful. It is for this reason that temptations are able to entice or to lure people into committing sin.

Temptations **seem** to be good and easy to accomplish: Command this stone to become bread, and you will have food for your hungry stomach! Worship me, and you will have all the power and glory of the kingdoms of this world! Throw yourself down from this parapet, and you will prove to everybody that you are the Son of God!

Temptations present themselves to us as something delightful and desirable to do: Cheat, and you don't have to study hard. Steal, and you don't have to toil. Forget about the poor and the needy, and you will have more resources for your own pleasure and satisfaction. Don't tell the truth but lie, and you get out of a difficult situation unscathed. Blame other people, and your own failings will be overlooked. Be unfaithful to your partner, and you will have the fun and thrill of your life. Entertain impure thoughts, and you end up being entertained.

The fact that Christ himself is tempted indicates to us that there is no moral fault in being tempted. The problem is the willful consent to temptation. Jesus is able to overcome the temptation by remaining steadfast in his resistance.

Unmask temptation's lie. Jesus also shows us further the way on how to undermine and remove the appeal of temptation, namely, unmask temptation's lie. That is what Jesus does at every turn that Satan tempts him. The Catechism of the Catholic Church stresses the need for discernment that unmasks the lie of temptation "whose object appears to be good, a 'delight to the eyes' and desirable, when in reality its fruit of death" (no. 2847).

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - February 24th/ 25th, 2024

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Jim Waters	Rhea Woods	Mary Jane Zimmerman
EMC	Catherine Treacy	Eleanor Wolfle	Dean Beaudry
Ushers	Marguerite Goodfellow Alison Coort	Maureen McIntyre Doug Neigel Linda Latour Mike Pearson	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tues., February 20, 2024	Mary Kudryk	& Linda Latour

St. Mary's 2023 Tax Receipts / are now available at the back of the Church. They will be here until February 25, 2024. After this date they will be mailed out. Please pick up your tax receipt to save us the cost of postage. Thank you for your continuing support.

SVDP/ The total donations to St. Vincent de Paul during the month of January were \$2,369.70 and 86 calls were received. The collection for St. Vincent de Paul after Masses on February 3rd & 4th was \$1,274.75. Thank you for your support.

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 21st** 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.

Kindergarten Registration at SMCDSB

Is your child turning 4 in 2024? If so, it's time to register for Kindergarten!

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Parish Nurse News / There will be no clinic on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 or Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The clinic will resume on March 5, 2024.

The **"Let's Get Physical" Exercise Class /** . Classes are cancelled on February 21st and February 28th. Exercise class will resume on March 6, 2024.

Stations of the Cross / There will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent following the 12:00 p.m. Mass starting on Friday, February 23rd.

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST 1:30 pm. Our parish community is hosting this year's **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**. We will be welcoming the members of various Christian faith communities and residents of Huntsville to our Church to pray for peace. The prayer service will be followed by light refreshments served in the church hall. We need your presence and support. Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin boards for more details.

Job Opening for an Assistant to the Bishop

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Thank you for your interest in our opportunity. Please send your resume to DebMcRae@peterboroughdiocese.org . Candidates' submission deadline is February 29, 2024. We thank all those that apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For More information please visit: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/employment-opportunities.aspx>

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Parish Group Meetings /Events

Tuesdays	11:30AM -1:00 PM	Parish Nurse Available / Knights of Columbus Room –cancelled Feb.20th and Feb.27th
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
February 20th	7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting / Parish Hall
February 22nd	7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus General Meeting / Parish Hall