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- Hot Lunch Program
- Parish Council
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- Sacramental Prep

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- Catholic Women's League
- Children's Rosary Program
- Development and Peace
- Knights of Columbus
- St. Vincent de Paul Society



Jesus cleanses the Temple

Parish Pastoral Team

- Alison Coort / Office Administrator
- Marguerite Goodfellow / Parish Nurse
- Judith Gottschalk / Ministry Rep (contact the parish office)
- Jan Sirek / Deacon /jsirek54@gmail.com
- Fr. Dominick Mbah/
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Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday / 9:30AM - 2:30PM

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Wednesday, March 6th / 12:00 Noon

SI Charles & Lorraine Rozario

(Req. By: Ben Boivin)

Thursday, March 7th / 9:00 AM

+Ken & Kay MacLeod

(Req. By: Nadine Diplock)

Friday, March 8th / 12:00 Noon

+Jim Tremblay

(Req. By The Members of the SVDP)

Saturday, March 9th / 4:00PM

SI David Jr. MacDonald

(Req. By: Kirsten Harty)

Sunday, March 10th/ 9:00AM

SI Barb & Jack Ataman

(Req by: Helga & Peter Fibikar)

Sunday, March 10th / 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 25, 2024 \$3,391.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Destroy This Temple And In Three Days I will Raise It Up

The above expression sounds like the language of one who is in love! You can feel the chauvinistic and all the grandiosities. “Zeal for your house will consume me.” Yes, God is so passionately in love with us and amazingly expressing the power of his love. For two persons truly in love, every gift, no matter how insignificant in monetary value, is meaningful because it speaks of one’s affection for each other. On the other hand, when a husband who has been unfaithful and womanizing, beating up his wife and kids, and generally making life miserable for them, suddenly gives an expensive gift to his wife, he is met with disbelief. The gift is empty because it does not follow from the giver’s way of life. Here we feel the power of Jesus’ words because he loves us to death and represents the fidelity of God to us despite our infidelity and insincerity. God’s gift is so invaluable and incalculable because he is so faithful.

God made a covenant with his people, giving us a principle that would guide his love relationship with us. In truth, our observance of the ten commandments is an expression of our fidelity to the covenant with God. They are not supposed to be a burden to bear but rather an opportunity to actively participate in God’s love. God loves us and wants to bond with us so deeply that we are called His bride, the Temple of Holy Spirit, the dwelling place of God. Temple symbolizes the presence of God. And we are that temple representing his presence in the world and among his people. Temple in the Old Testament and for the Jews is a privilege place of encounter, a place to offer sacrifices meant to signify their affection and loyalty to God and the covenant. It is a sacred and holy place.

Jesus cleanses the Temple: “Stop turning my Father’s house into a market-place!” (Jn 2:17). For him, the transactions in the Temple have lost the spirit of true worship. The merchants are there to make money; the sacrifice has become an empty ritual. The people have forgotten their calling as God’s chosen people; their offerings do not express a life of loving obedience to God and the covenant. Jesus’ bold gesture recalls the prophet Isaiah’s lament: “The number of your endless sacrifices – what do I care for them?” says the Lord. ‘I have had more than enough of whole-burnt offerings... I do not need your oblations... Your hands are bloody; wash and make yourselves clean... Put an end to your wickedness and learn to do good. Seek justice, give hope to the oppressed; give the fatherless their rights and defend the widow’” (Is 1:11-17). This is what God wants from us.

Jesus signals the end of the Temple worship to replace it with a perfect sacrifice: the offering of himself on the cross, crowning a whole life lived in total, loving obedience to the Father. Are you ready to give yourself wholeheartedly to God this Lent?

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - March 9th / 10th, 2024

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Ron Downey	Mary Towson	June Macdonald Bob Lacroix
EMC	Marguerite Goodfellow	Jo Ann Giesler	Bob Lacroix
Ushers	Ben Boivin Alison Coort	Mary Kudryk Al Kudryk	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix,
		Jerzy Lenart Krystyna Lenart	Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, March 5, 2024	Mary Kudryk &	Jo Ann Giesler

Exposition & Adoration / Starting on Friday, March 1, 2024, Exposition and Adoration will only be held on the first Friday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross / There will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent following the 12:00 p.m. Mass.

CWL Card Ministry / A special thanks to all the parishioners that have contributed to the shut in card ministry. Your donations bring smiles to many ... some who have no one to visit them. Would anyone be able to donate Easter Cards. Leave them at the back of the church in the box provided. To all card writers, God bless you in your task.

Parish Nurse News / The clinic will be open on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm. 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** will resume on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024** 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.

Housekeeping / To help keep our Church tidy, could you please use the boot brush found outside to clean any salt and debris off your shoes before entering the Church. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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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Peace, Good Will, and Thank you!

SVDP SOCIETY
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In advance, we thank you for whatever you have been able to share with us in the way of monetary donations. The money we collect from you, helps us to buy some perishable food items that we are able to add to their food hampers. Those coming to our food bank receive not only food, but kindness and the encouragement to remain hopeful. *Shalom*

Kindergarten Registration at SMCD SB

Is your child turning 4 in 2024? If so, it's time to register for Kindergarten! There is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. It is a blessing that the youngest members of our parish have the opportunity to grow in spirit and faith within a Catholic school community. Catholic schools offer distinct faith-filled learning experiences, with a combined focus on academic, spiritual, social and emotional growth. Together, our Catholic schools and our parish community will guide children in their ongoing growth in faith. We encourage parents who want to register their child for Kindergarten to visit the website at smcdsb.on.ca for welcome videos and registration information.



Penitential Service / followed by individual confession will be on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s.

Taizé Prayer Service / One of the three pillars of Lent is the opportunity to engage in and come together in prayer. On **Wednesday, March 20th from 7-8 pm** there will be an ecumenical Taizé prayer service held at St. Mary’s Church. Please come and join in a time of prayer, praise and song. We are all one in the One.

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.

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 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	March 5th	SVDP Meeting / Zoom / 6:30 p.m.
Sunday	March 10th	Coffee Sunday / Parish Hall / After the 9:00 a.m. Mass