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- Readers
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- Saturday Vigil Music
- Sunday Choir & Organist

**Parish Groups**

- Altar Society
- Friends of St. Kateri
- Friends of St. Mary's
- Holy Communion to Shut-ins
- Hot Lunch Program
- Parish Council
- Finance Committee
- Parish Property Committee
- Parish Screening Committee
- Sacramental Prep

**Catholic Organizations**

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

**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. - JOHN 3:16**

**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/  
FrDominickMbah@peterboroughdiocese.org

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

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

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Wednesday, March 13th /

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Thursday, March 14th / 9:00 AM

Friday, March 15th / 12:00 Noon

+Anna Horvatic

(Req. By: Jerzy & Krystyna Lenart)

Saturday, March 16th / 4:00PM

+Tom & Mary Pappaceno

(Req. By: Margaret Warman)

Sunday, March 17th/ 9:00AM

+Jim Tremblay

(Req by: Knights of Columbus)

Sunday, March 17th / 11:00AM

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Sunday Offertory

March 3, 2024 \$4,446.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

The first and foremost knowledge about God’s love is that God loved us first and invites us into the life of love, to respond in love. The Gospel of John as we reflect on this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent leads us into some deeper places of understanding the nature of God’s love: we will have eternal life with God; we will not be condemned if we believe in Jesus Christ the embodiment of God’s love for us. This has not been so easy and simple to understand. Because we do not love the way God loves.

Despite being a teacher of Israel, Nicodemus cannot understand Jesus' explanation of God’s love. Nicodemus is thinking in a human way so Jesus tries to slowly walk him through into a spiritual way of understanding God’s love. Jesus cites the story of the bronze serpent lifted by Moses during the Israelites' sojourn in the desert (cf Nm 21:4-9) and then leads Nicodemus to the fact that the Son of Man, Jesus himself, is the one who truly brings the fullness of God’s love and gives eternal life to those who believe in him through his death and resurrection from the dead.

The death and resurrection of Jesus eloquently tell us how serious God is in his plan to save us despite our disobedience. He made us, and so he does not want us to perish. He desires our good, for our good is his crowning glory! How comforting is the reflection of John the evangelist: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” These are our refuge against those who would threaten us with the wrath of God or those who declare that we won’t be saved unless we join their select group.

However, we have to claim for ourselves the plan of God. We have to correspond to his desire by believing in his beloved Son who alone knows the Father and who reveals him to us. “Whoever does not believe has already been condemned.” God loves us so much that he respects our human freedom! Even if through that freedom we turn away from him. He will not save us without us, without our free consent, without “obedience of faith” which St. Paul says is our response to God’s redeeming love through Jesus Christ. The love of God has been poured into our hearts.... When one is fully convinced of God’s love, he/she cannot but begin to love God back in loving others. In the final analysis, the realization that God has loved us, makes us lovable and is a basic step in self-esteem.

God is free because he loves, we are as free as we love.

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - March 16th / 17th, 2024

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Ben Boivin	Helen Hebb	Michelle MacIsaac
EMC	Bob Moore	Eleanor Wolfle	Jillian Febbo
Ushers	Marguerite Goodfellow Walter Gryg	Maureen MacIntyre	Hugh Knox
		Doug Neigel	Bob Lacroix,
		Linda Latour	Linda Lacroix
		Mike Pearson	
Counters	Tuesday, March 12, 2024	Jo Ann Giesler &	Bob Moore

**SVDP** / The total donations to St. Vincent de Paul during the month of February were \$2,791.75 and 89 calls were received.

The collection for St. Vincent de Paul after masses on March 2nd/3rd was \$1,329.00. Thank you for your support.

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

**Penitential Service** / followed by individual confession will be on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s. This is a great opportunity to make your Lenten confession.

**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** runs 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.

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

Nothing is ever too small or too little.

Peace, Good Will, and Thank you!

**SVDP SOCIETY**

**Hotline:  
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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*

**Knights of Columbus** / There were 2 winners in the Knights of Columbus Monthly Calendar draw from the calendars that were sold by the Knights of Columbus of our Parish. They were Lorraine Jordan \$40 and Ross Olan \$40. Congratulations to both.

**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.

**Taizé Prayer Service** / One of the three pillars of Lent is the opportunity to engage in and come together in prayer. On **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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.

**Mass Intentions** / A reminder that we have empty days for Mass intentions if you would like to book a Mass for family or loved ones.

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
Sunday	March 10th	Coffee Sunday / Parish Hall / After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Sunday	March 10th	RCIA / Parish Hall / 3:00 p.m.
Monday	March 11th	CWL Meeting /Parish Hall / 10:00 a.m.