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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

Holy Week

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Palm SUNDAY

Hosanna to the Son of David

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.

Parish Office: 705-789-2348

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Week of March 25th – 31st

Tuesday, March 26th / 12:00 Noon

SI Dallas Clarke
(Req. By: Anonymous)

Wednesday, March 27th / 12:00 Noon

SI Maria & John Oksanen
(Req. By: Ron & Annette Downey)

Thursday, March 28th / 7:00 PM

+Vincent Merry
(Req. By Mary Hofbauer)

Saturday, March 30th/ 7:00PM

SI Jayme Ward
(Req. By: Anonymous)

Sunday, March 31st/ 9:00AM

+Walter Grys Sr.
(Req by: Walter Grys)

Sunday, March 31st / 11:00AM

SI For the People of the Parish

*Let us pray for those who have
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, Dallas Clarke, Jamie Sef-ton, Tcherina Zylstra, and Brian O'Connor

Sunday Offertory

March 17, 2024 \$3,916.00

Share Lent \$617.25

Thank you for your continued generosity.

HOLY WEEK IS A TIME OF RENEWAL

They crucified him... The chief Priests mocked him... The Revolutionaries kept abusing him... Jesus cried out in a loud voice. The normal reaction to suffering and pain is grief and loneliness. Those who are elated at the first rush of pain are demented people. Because pain is pain. It is not sweet nor anybody's friend.

The summit of Mark's passion narrative is Jesus' cry of dereliction: "My God, my God, why have you forgotten me." How can Jesus endure such pain and cruelty without breaking down? How can he survive the punishment and ridicule? What kind of a man is he to bear the beatings and the inhuman treatment?

The only answer I can suggest is that he has been so emotionally hurt that no pain inflicted on his body will matter any longer. His heart has been so pierced that he can take any blows given to his body. His has been betrayed, abandoned, and denied by his friends. These must have hurt him so much that his body had become unmindful of the physical pain inflicted on him.

How does Jesus' pain relate to our own pain in our lives? And how deeply it can be when those whom we love and cherish continue selfishly to hurt us.

Of all things, they say, be most careful of love.

Jesus reveals his identity through the cross, to Christians, to show themselves as adopted sons and daughters of God, cannot but be done through a life which accepts suffering and pain. Christian faith does not escape from suffering but embraces our frail humanity.

Despite our efforts to make life comfortable, this world remains a valley of tears where suffering and pain are normal fare. To carry them, we must live the Christian attitude that sees them as a way to reflect to others our dignity as children of God through forgiveness. Then, from that initial repulsion, we may even come to see suffering as a privilege, an opportunity given us by God to be closer to him and to our neighbors.

Holy Week is a time of renewal. We should facilitate our own renewal and re-vitalize our spirit. Let us go to confession, cleanse ourselves of our sins and receive God's mercy and forgiveness.

At home, we can also show greater love and concern to our loved ones, especially the elderly and the sick. We can schedule times for common prayer. Kids and teenagers can be more respectful to their parents, brothers and sisters.

Jesus already suffered for all; we need not inflict sufferings on others.

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - March 30th / 31st, 2024

	7:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Ben Boivin Ron Downey	Helen Hebb	Bert Vanderhulst
EMC	Deacon Jan	Jo Ann Giesler	Dean Beaudry
Ushers		Lou Luvison Natasha Aben Ian Etherington Urszula Lewgowd	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, March 26, 2024	Wanda Roberts	& Laila Etherington

Palm Sunday / Holy Week / Triduum Schedule

Palm Sunday / March 23rd / 24th

Mass 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's, Huntsville
Mass 11:00 a.m. St. Kateri, Baysville

Holy Thursday / March 28th / St. Mary's

Mass 7:00 p.m.
Exposition until 9:00 p.m./ Knights Room

Good Friday Service / March 29th / St. Mary's

3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday / March 30th / St. Mary's

10:00AM / Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter Vigil / March 30th / St. Mary's

Mass 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday / March 31st

9:00 a.m. St. Mary's, Huntsville
11:00 a.m. St. Kateri's, Baysville

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

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St. Vincent de Paul / Thank you to all who donated to the SVDP Monthly Food Drive. Through your generous donations we received 469 pounds of food. Thank you again for your generosity.

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 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.

CWL Card Ministry / Would anyone be able to donate Easter Cards, we need 24. Leave them at the back of the church in the box provided.

Readers, Ushers, and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC) / Perhaps you have considered one of these ministries, especially if you are not presently involved, or you are new to the parish. If you are interested, please contact the office (see cover of bulletin) . Your participation in these ministries helps to bring our community together as we serve one another.

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 26th	Knights of Columbus General Meeting / Parish Hall / 7:00 p.m.