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THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

AMEN

Sunday December 5, 2021  
Second Sunday of Advent

**St. Mary of the Assumption Parish & St. Kateri Mission**

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Sprit of Life

Prepare the Way of the Lord

We are not merely asked to do this, "prepare the way of the Lord", but it is in fact given to us as an imperative. There are a multitude of ways we can do this, but in the end, we will only know we have had some success in doing so, when the mountains and hills of our lives, no longer become so insurmountable, because we have accepted the instruction from God, to embrace these challenges and to rise up to the occasion. To the degree that we engage the struggles before us and within us, step by step, day after day, these mountains no longer seem so great, because we are now walking upon them and climbing our way to the top.

Equally so, when we find ourselves in the deepest valleys, mired in despair and darkness, and we feel our lives being drained from us or our voices silenced, we stand up, no matter how shaking we feel, no matter how small or insignificant we have been told we are, no matter how many times people wanted us to be quite or to be invisible, we find our voice and allow God to echo through the very fiber of our being and with God and in God, we choose to be raised up, and we climb out of this pit of despair with every ounce of strength we can muster, because God is our light and our salvation, and desire nothing less than our self-respect and integrity to be in tact.

Here are a few suggestions to prepare God's way in our lives ...

*wake up with a smile on your face, be generous and freely share, laugh with abandonment and cry until you are dry, include strangers, shun no one, tell the truth, delight in simple pleasures, walk in the rain, always be amazed with the birthing of life, listen to your elders, forgive quickly, accept you are not perfect, encourage others, have a conversation with a flower, each day do one thing that makes you uncomfortable, allow yourself to see beauty everywhere, and finally, enjoy your life and do what you are able to help your neighbour ...*

Prepare, the way of the Lord is among us, within us, and awaits our willing consent to birth it in the world today. *pab*

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The members of the St. Vincent de Paul thank you for your continued donations to the Food Bank.

Presently we are in most need of Drink Boxes, Canned Salmon and Tuna, and Cookies.

Thank you





## Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

### Mass Schedule Week of December 6th - 12th

<b>Monday</b> 9:00AM	<b>December 6th</b> SI Evan Maroney
<b>Tuesday</b> 12Noon	<b>December 7th</b> +Deceased fathers, Silviu Mitrofan and Silvestru Moraru
<b>Wednesday</b> 11:00AM 12Noon	<b>December 8th</b> Exposition & Adoration +Pam Festing
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00AM	<b>December 9th</b> +Rennie Melnyk
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00PM	<b>December 11th</b> +Pamela Festing
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00AM	<b>December 12th</b> +Pamela Festing
<b>Sunday</b> 11:00AM (B) (B) Baysville	<b>December 12th</b> +Sheila Prince

**Confessions on Saturday 3:15PM - 3:45PM or by appointment.**

We pray for those who have died, especially **Rebecca Muzzi**

and we join our prayers with those who are in need ...

Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Kevin Phillips, Joe Hanrath, John Dunbar, Connie Gregory, Ian Bruce, Ruth Anne Foley, John Schreurs, Robert Foley, Jack Ataman, Sharon Boivin, Sharron Purdy, Doris Lane, Marjory Curry, Verna Simioni, Irene Downey, Anita Verzyden, Marion Majkot, Pam & Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Evan Maroney & Kirsten MacDonald.

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God” *Luke 3.4,6*



The second candle, also purple, represents Faith. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder that faith is as much a journey as it is a destination ... we become what we experience.

### Second Sunday in Advent - Faith

It is said that faith is believing in that which we cannot see with our eyes, nor necessarily prove through argument or logic. Arguably then, those who discount what one holds to in faith, they say that this person is nothing more than delusional at best, or is acting out of desperation at worst. In other words, they are sad and pathetic people out of touch with reality. I do not believe that this is the case at all. Rather, I believe a person of faith, is perhaps the freest and the one who is most full of joy and promise in this life.

The person of faith is prepared to allow the ground beneath them to fall away, and know that all will be well. They do not for a moment, attach themselves to anything in this passing world, because they know what they see, touch, feel, hear and smell, is all passing. For this reason, they do not hold onto it, but enjoy it in the moment, for what it is, and not what they need it to be. Faith has little or nothing to do with believing in something; it is instead about allowing the presence of God to be-lived in the self.

The person of faith does not put their lives in the hands of creation, but in the author of all of creation, God, the one that is to be lived, not to be limited. They choose to fall away into God and in so doing, what is revealed to them as they do this, is not the fulfillment of what they believe in, but the continual unfolding of God through them and in them. Faith is not seeing the completion of things or the neatly defined or orderly plan of God that they must fulfill. Rather, faith is the unfolding of revelation, who God is as God is, moment to moment, and it comes to this person, not as a surprise, nor as a reward, but as an overwhelming awareness of God’s indwelling.

A person of faith is both prepared and longs for God’s vision for all of creation to be born in them. This birthing is nothing short of completely transforming the person, not into something they are not, but in fact who they have truly been and are. They desire with all their being to be unmade only to be re-made according to God’s loving and generous will. In short, a person of faith is not some desperate, sad and forlorn person, but is the most peaceful, gentle and kindest person you will encounter.

Lastly, the person of faith is extremely realistic. They acknowledge that in order for God’s will to be so on earth, it will not come about simply by hoping for it, or waiting for God to bring it about. They know that this is something they do in unison with God’s will and this will require work in the form of determination, perseverance, self-discipline, patience and above all, humility of heart and mind. What the world has always needed is people of faith who are willing to be God’s conduit of vision in the world. They see what is, and what is possible, knowing they may never actually see the fruits of their labours. Let us be these people to one another, according to God’s good will. The second Sunday of Advent is all about FAITH. It is allowing ourselves to see as God sees, imagining how the world would be if we consented to God’s vision. *pab*

#### Ministerial & Group Meetings

SVDP Meeting	Tuesday, Dec. 7th, 6:30PM, Parish Hall
C.W.L. Meeting	Monday, Dec. 13th, 9:30AM, Parish Hall
2nd Huntsville Spark Unit Meeting	Tuesday, Dec. 14th, 6PM Parish Hall
K. of C. Meeting	Thursday, Dec. 16th, 7PM, Parish Hall
Christmas Hampers	Tuesday, Dec. 21st, 9:30AM, Parish Hall

## Parish Pastoral News

### Advent Parish Mission:

Our Advent Mission is taking place in the church hall at 1pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this coming week, **starting on December 7th**. Since all those interested may not be able to attend, the option to watch the videos and do a personal reflection at home is available as well. Attached are the daily questions and references for the talks as well as the link to the YouTube videos. God Bless.

The links to the videos are:

Episode 1:  
[https://youtu.be/CqQC4E\\_vvrQ](https://youtu.be/CqQC4E_vvrQ)

Episode 2:  
<https://youtu.be/yPoYYJLUHw>

Episode 3:  
<https://youtu.be/VbuAFIRLDjY>  
Please copy and paste the link into your browser.

Further instructions to opening these links have been sent out as an email.

### Christmas Hampers:

A long standing tradition in this parish is our Christmas Hamper Program. It is a joint venture between the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish, but they are only possible through your generosity. What every you are able to give is greatly appreciated. Peace and Good Will.

**Knights of Columbus Cash Calendar:** The cost of the calendar is \$20. There's a draw every day: 353 draws - \$40 each /8 draws - \$175 each and 4 Special draws: March - \$180 / June - \$400, September - \$500 / December - \$1,000. A total of \$17,600 in cash prizes. You can win more than once as all numbers remain in the draws all year. This is a fund raiser for the K. of C. who use the proceeds to help others in the Huntsville area.

**The 2022 Sunday Missals:** They have now arrived and are at the entrance of the church. To help cover the cost of the missals, the suggested donation is \$5.00. Thank you

#### Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - December 11th / 12th

	4:00PM Mass	9:00AM Mass	11:00AM Mass
Readers	Jim Waters	Doug McKnight	Diane Polling
Ushers	Water Gryns Tracy Shisko Margaret Warman Ben Boivin	Al Cormier Lou Luvison Judith Gottschalk Mike Pearson	John MacInnis Jean MacInnis Linda Lacroix Hugh Knox
Counters	December 14th	Linda Latour &	Giselle Neigel

### Parish Nurse News:

The Thursday Clinic is available for walk in sessions. Drop by and get your BP checked, your medication reviewed or just to chat. I am available after Mass every Thursday for as long as it takes. I have also started visiting those who are housebound or have recently been hospitalized. If you know of someone who would like a Nursing visit, please let me know.

Marguerite Goodfellow RN Parish Nurse

### Hot Lunch Tuesdays:

They will continue with Family Restaurant as we did last year. To ensure that this happens and succeeds, we will require your financial support through donations. You can either use the poor box at the entrance of the church or drop an envelope in the donation basket at mass. Thank you.

### New To the Parish

We welcome you and look forward to getting to know you. Please let us know you are here, and ask us how we together can make your transitioning to the area enjoyable and affirming. Our contact information is on the cover of this bulletin.

#### Christmas Mass Schedule

##### Christmas Eve - Friday December 24th

4:00PM Mass	St. Mary’s, Huntsville
6:00PM Mass	St. Mary’s, Huntsville
8:00PM Mass	St. Kateri, Baysville

##### Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25th

9:00AM Mass	St. Mary’s, Huntsville
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##### Weekend Mass Schedule / December 25th / 26th

No 4:00PM Mass Saturday

9:00AM Mass	St. Mary’s Huntsville
11:00AM Mass	St. Kateri, Baysville

*“It is not what happens to you, but how you react that matters. First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do.”*

*Epictetus*

#### Last Weekend Offertory November 27th / 28th

Sunday Offertory Total / **\$4,243.00**

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*