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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
- Gospel Reflection Group
- Holy Communion to Shut-ins
- Hot Lunch Program
- Parish Finance Committee
- Parish Screening Committee
- St. Mary's Parish Friends
- Sacramental Prep

Catholic Organizations

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

HOW TO LOOK AT YOUR OWN BLINDNESS AND BROKENNESS

There is a revealing story of a monk living in the Egyptian desert who was so tormented by temptation that he could bear it no longer. So he decided to abandon his cell and leave the monastery, quitting his vocation as a monk.

As he was putting on his sandals to carry out his resolve he saw another monk not far from where he stood who was also putting his sandals on.

"Who are you?" he asked the stranger. "I am yourself," was the reply. "If it is on my account that you are leaving the monastery, I would have you know that no matter where you go I shall go with you." Both what we run away from - and what we yearn for - is within us.

Since we are born with the blindness of original sin, we do not see what we should see in us that truly brings us happiness, peace, and freedom. Christ who is with us in all of our journey through life never abandons us especially in critical moments if we can give ourselves enough time to reflect. Our blindness and short sightedness make us stumble and unable to see. We dabble into things that do not bring us true joy but rather pain and sorrow afterward. However, Christ who is the light with which we can see is with us everywhere and every time waiting for an opportunity to open our eyes.

Here is something we can truly rely on: Just as Jesus healed the man with blindness, he has washed us clean of sin and healed our blindness in the waters of Baptism. So, we are his true brothers and sisters. No matter how much and how far we are stumbling in darkness - we have Jesus, the Light of the world, to guide us. No more hiding in shame over our sin-we are children of God and members of his family. We may experience some lingering effects of sin, but Jesus offers us an opportunity to see more clearly each and every day. In time, we will overcome all our darkness.

Jesus spoke to the people, I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me, Will not be walking in the dark, He/she will have the light of life. John 8:12.

Let us give up all the things we prefer. To do under the cover of darkness; Let us arm ourselves and be in the light Let us live decently as people do. In the daytime; no drunken orgies, No promiscuity or indecency, No wrangling or jealousy. Let our armour be the Lord Jesus; Forget about satisfying our bodies With all their cravings. Rom.13:12-14

-Fr. Dominick Mbah, MSP

Parish Pastoral Team

- Alison Coort / Office Administrator
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- Judith Gottschalk / Ministry Rep (contact the parish office)
- Jan Sirek / Deacon /jsirek54@gmail.com
- Fr. Dominik Mbah / Pastor

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Mass Schedule

Week of March 20th - 26th

Tuesday, March 21st / 12Noon
+Ita Flynn

Wednesday, March 22nd / 11:00AM Exposition & Adoration Mass 12Noon -
+Anna Horvatic

Thursday, March 23rd / 9:00AM
+Cheri Webster

Friday, March 24th / 9:00AM
+SI For the People of the Parish

Saturday, March 25th / 4:00PM
+Helena Czeslaw

Sunday, March 26th / 9:00AM
+Sally McIlroy

Sunday, March 26th / 11:00AM
SI For the People of the Parish

Let us pray for those who have died especially, 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, Sam Muzzi, Diane Haywood, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Marion Majkot, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Merle Jordan, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Kristen Hackett, William Brennan, Janine Wright, & Rose Hamblin

Weekend Offertory

March 12, 2023

\$4,222.00

SVDP February Collection

\$3,662.60

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SEARCHING FOR MEANING IN OUR STUMBLINGS IN LIFE

It is Viktor Frankle who writes that the essence of being human lies in searching for meaning and purpose. We can discover this meaning through our actions and deeds, by experiencing a value such as love or achievements through work and suffering. There is a connection in the encounter between Jesus and the man born blind in our Gospel this weekend.

Jesus is the light of the world. Our faith in Christ gives us the opportunity and the challenge to have deeper values for living. We ought to have a great appreciation that life is a gift and is sacred. And that Jesus is the meaning of the life we live and the Light through which we see everything in life.

The Spirit of light leads to life and love, understanding and truth. The spirit of darkness brings fear and insecurity.

You were darkness, but
Now you are light in the Lord;
Be like children of light,
For the effects of the light are seen
In complete goodness
And right living and truth.

Try to discover what the Lord wants of you Ephesians 5:9-11.

-Fr. Dominick Mbah

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - March 25th/26th, 2023

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Readers	Ben Boivin	Mary Towson	Bob Lacroix & June McDonald
EMC	Linda Moore	Diane Phillips	Diane Poling
Ushers	Diana Snowden Edyta Kucherenko Tracy Shisko Margaret Warman	Al Kudryk Mary Kudryk Ian Etherington Dave Webster	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, Mar. 28th, 2023	Wanda Roberts &	Laila Etherington

Mass Schedule / As of Monday, March 20, 2023 there will no longer be a Monday morning 9:00AM Mass. This daily mass is being moved to Fridays at 9:00AM starting immediately.

Gospel Reflections / The Gospel Reflection Group after mass on Mondays will be moving to Fridays starting on Friday, March 24, 2023.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive / Tuesday, March 21st, will be our Monthly Food Drive. Because of the generosity of the parishioners of St Mary's, and St. Kateri's we were able to serve 65 families in the month of February. We are in most need of: Juice, Catsup, Cookies, Canned Vegetables, Salmon, Tuna, Canned Fruit, Jam, Coffee, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Juice Boxes, and Pudding. The food drive is from 9:30AM to 12Noon at the SVDP Office. Whatever you are able to share is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Parish Nurse News / The clinic will be open on Tuesdays from 11:00AM to 12:30PM in the Knight's room.

The "Let's Get Physical" **Exercise Class** is on Wednesdays, in the Parish Hall from 9:30AM to 10:30AM. All are welcome. Please dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat. The last exercise class will be Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Hot Lunch Tuesdays / In order to keep this program running, we need your financial support. We **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!

Easter Flowers / Attached to the Bulletin is a donation envelope for Easter Flowers. If you wish to donate, please return the envelope in the offertory basket.

Stations of the Cross / A traditional devotional prayer practice during Lent, helps us in part to remember the last hours of Jesus' life and to walk with him, but they are also meant to become our steps in this life to conscientiously question and stand up to anything that attempts to diminish the dignity of another. We will, during the season of Lent, celebrate communally, the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. You have two options: St. Kateri's in Baysville at 3:00PM, or at St. Mary's in Huntsville at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend. Thank you.

Church Keys / If you have a key to the Church please let Alison in the office know either by phone (705-789-2348) or by email (office@stmaryshuntsville.ca). We are doing a keyholder audit. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

CWL Lenten Project "Go Make the Difference" / The CWL will be collecting items this lent to donate to indigenous families. The collection will take place the week-ends of March 18th/19th and March 25th/ 26th. The following is a list of items that they will be collecting: Shawls, lap quilts, knitted or crocheted items or supplies needed to make such items. New or gently used children's clothing, sports equipment, puzzles, games, arts & crafts supplies, items for baking, school supplies, items for new babies and mothers. These items will go to Indigenous families. Please bring your donation to the Church and place them on the altar.

Parish Directories / The Parish Photo Directories have arrived. They will be available for pick up in the office during office hours. They are free for anyone who had their photo taken. There are a limited number for sale after March 21st at a cost of \$10.00 each.

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*

Parish Group Meetings

Mondays	9:30AM	Gospel Reflection Group / Sacristy / following 9:00AM Mass
Mondays	6:00PM	Huntsville Community Choir Practice / Parish Hall
Tuesdays	12:00PM	Hot Lunch / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	9:30AM	Gentle Exercises / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	4:00PM	Pope Francis Book Study / Sacristy
Wednesdays	6:00PM	Choir Practice / Church
Thursdays	6:00PM	Huntsville Community Band / Parish Hall
Fridays		Stations of the Cross during Lent/ 3:00PM at St. Kateri's/ 7:00PM at St. Mary's
Thursday	March 23	Knights of Columbus General Meeting / Parish Hall / 7:00PM