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- Altar Servers
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- Readers
- Ushers

Music Ministry:

- 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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

As his passion drew near, Christ looked on Jerusalem and wept, because it did not recognize that God's salvation had come. Only a God with such a love and tenderness can weep instead of destroying his enemies.

God's passionate love for us can go to any length to reveal itself. Today we join the crowd on the road to Jerusalem. We watch as they spread their coats and palm branches before Jesus, and we join in chanting "Hosanna!" Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the Son of David and King of the universe.

When we celebrate Palm Sunday, we recall that God's power is one with love. The Church and all believers are called to witness this power of love. Any other power exercised within the community is inappropriate and a contradiction to the gifts of freedom, grace and Spirit. Such is the way of our God who comes to us. This is God's way of royalty. This is the way he has given to us to exercise amongst ourselves and to the entire humanity as a whole. It is a grace to accept one's limitations.

Although God is infinite in power and has no limitations, he showed majesty in weakness and power in serving. He subjected himself to the limitations of time and space to prove his love for us. In the breadth of such love, St. Paul talking about the heart of God, puts it this way: "My grace is enough for you, my power is best in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). Love is the greatest power. Through the grace that Jesus won for us, we can live out this royal calling as he did; in love, in service, and in laying down our lives for his people. As we walk this road, we are invited to wear the crown of righteousness that awaits us who serve in Jesus' royal household.

During this holiest of weeks, let us thank Jesus for his passion and death. Let us lay down our lives like palms at his feet, in humble obedience. Let us adore him with songs of praise for his mercy. Blessed are you, Jesus, you have come to set us free. With the waving palm branches let us adore the Lord as he comes; let us meet him with hymns and songs, rejoicing and singing: Blessed be the Lord!
Jesus, you are my King. May I serve you every day of my life.

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. Dominik Mbah / Pastor

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

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April 2, 2023

**Palm Sunday /
Passion Sunday**

**Mass Schedule
Week of April 3rd—9th**

Tuesday, April 4th / 12Noon
+Walter Grys Sr.

Wednesday, April 5th / Mass 12Noon
SI Eleanor Wolfle

Holy Thursday, April 6th / 7:00PM
SI For the People of the Parish

Good Friday, April 7th / 3:00PM
SI For World Peace

**Easter Vigil / Saturday, April 8th /
8:30PM**

SI For the People of the Parish

**Easter Sunday, April 2nd /
9:00AM**
+Cheri Webster

**Easter Sunday, April 2nd /
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 26, 2023
\$3,362.00
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Thank you for your continued generosity.



BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

Hail, Son of David, our king and redeemer of the world! Palm Sunday is the gateway to Easter, from passion to glory. We worship you, Christ, and we bless you because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Everything this Sunday seems to portray the nature of our God who comes to us as king. Meek, humble, gentle, kind, forgiving, and loving so much so as to find us worthy to be died for. Our joy is based not only on that this is our God but on the fact that he is that humble. Hence our enthusiasm in joining with the crowd and all the redeemed in singing 'Hosanna in the highest!'

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The psalmist echoes this sentiment when he invited us with this saying: "The Lord is great and worthy to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain rises in beauty!" (Psalm 47:1). He comes to rule his people in his goodness. He accepted to suffer in order to redeem us. He is our God and king.

Are there sins in your past (or present) that are making you feel unworthy of God's love? Are you so enmeshed in some situation right now that you think you are beyond his mercy? Don't believe those lies! Turn to Jesus. Join us in singing the hosanna this week. Let the joy of salvation fill your heart. Let the experience of his love break any chains that might be binding you and soften whatever hardness is in your heart. Jesus has come not to condemn the world but so that the world might live through him. So, we calm our troubled hearts to come into the Lord's presence singing for joy! Our God has come; our Savior is with the victory! May we treasure his humility in kingship and come to the depth of his love for us.

We stand with St. Paul in giving glory to him whose power working within us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine (Ephesian 3:20).

Fr. Dominick Mbah, MSP

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - April 8th/9th, 2023

	8:30PM MASS Easter Vigil	9:00AM MASS Easter Sunday	11:00AM MASS Easter Sunday
Readers	Marguerite Goodfellow Ron Downey Helen Hebb	Gisele Neigel	June MacDonald & Bob Lacroix
EMC	Deacon Jan	Deacon Jan	Dean Beaudry
Ushers	Al Kudryk Mary Kudryk Ben Boivin Diana Snowden	Lorraine Rozario Doug Neigel Jerzy Lenart Krystyna Lenart	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, April 11, 2023	Bob Moore	& Mary Kudryk

"Occupy your mind with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones."

-St. Thomas More

Parish Pastoral News

Confessions

Wednesday, April 5th, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Palm Sunday / Holy Week / Triduum Schedule

Palm Sunday / April 1st/2nd

Mass 4:00PM & 9:00AM St. Mary's, Huntsville
Mass 11:00AM St. Kateri, Baysville

Holy Thursday/ April 6th / St. Mary's

Mass 7:00PM
Exposition until 12midnight

Good Friday Service / April 7th / St. Mary's

3:00PM

Holy Saturday / April 8th / St. Mary's

10:00AM / Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter Vigil / April 8th / St. Mary's

Mass 8:30PM

Easter Sunday / April 9th

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

Knights of Columbus / will be hosting a Roast Beef dinner in the Parish Hall on Sunday, April 23, 2023. See the posters on the bulletin boards for more information.

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!

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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*

Week of April 3rd - 9th, 2023

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.

Parish Photo 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.

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!

Welcome To The Area And The Parish / Whether you are new to the area, or here for a short visit, you are most welcome. We hope and pray that the memories that you have created here in the Muskoka area, will bring you all joy in the future. May God's peace be within you always.

Christian Family Life Card Ministry - CWL Initiative / This card ministry is in need of more blank cards. If you find you have some lying around the house and wish to donate them, please drop them off in the box at the back of the Church.

Parish Group Meetings

Mondays	6:00PM	Huntsville Community Choir Practice / Parish Hall
Tuesdays	12:00PM	Hot Lunch / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	9:30AM	Gentle Exercises / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	6:30PM	Pope Francis Book Study / Sacristy
Wednesdays	6:00PM	Choir Practice / Church
Thursdays	6:00PM	Huntsville Community Band / Parish Hall
Fridays	9:30AM	Gospel Reflection Group / Sacristy / following 9:00AM Mass
Wednesday	April 5th	Confession / St. Mary's / 2:00PM - 4:00PM