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Wishing everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas

Parish Pastoral Team

Alison Coort / Office Administrator
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Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday / 9:30AM - 2:30PM
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Mass Schedule

Week of December 25th – 31st

Monday, December 25th

9:00AM + Deceased Members of the Simioni Family
(Req by: Sandra Cochrane)

11:00AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 26th / 12:00 Noon

+Jim Ranson & +Vic Masi
(Requested By: Joan Ranson)

Wednesday, December 27th / Exposition & Adoration / 11:00AM

Mass 12:00 Noon

+Christine Rath
(Requested By: Anna Maria Ertler)

Thursday, December 28th / 9:00AM

SI Barb & Jack Ataman
(Req. By: Barb & Jack Ataman)

Friday, December 29th/ 12:00 Noon

SI Eleanor Wolfle
(Req. By: Walter Grys)

Saturday, December 30th /4:00PM

+Rennie Melnyk
(Req. By: Walter Grys)

Sunday, December 31st /

9:00AM + Karen Foster
(Req by: Brian & Diane O'Connor & Family)

11:00AM For the People of the Parish

4:00PM SI Anna Maria Ertler
(Req. By: Walter Grys)

Let us pray for those who have died 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, Kristen Hackett, Janine Wright, Jim and Patricia Tremblay, Edward and Claire Hortensius, Anna Maria Ertler, and Mike and Loretta Pearson

Sunday Offertory

December 17, 2023 \$5,016.00

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CHRISTMAS GOODWILL MESSAGE TO ALL PARISHIONERS!



Christmas is around the corner and there is joy in the air, joy in every heart that is touched by God-With-Us. The excitement of this season of the year is amazing! Everybody is in high spirits and in a celebratory mood. It’s all about Christmas, all about the wonders that God has done for us, and it is wonderful to behold! This is the conscious presence of Emmanuel, God-with-us. Where the Spirit of God is, there is life, joy, and happiness. This is what we are celebrating! This is the Spirit of Emmanuel, God with us!!!

Christmas is God’s philanthropy, the continuation, and the progression of the ineffable amount of love God has for us. Christmas begins the banquet of the children of God with the Father in Jesus. “When the bridegroom is around, the friends of the bridegroom do not have to fast.” We are both God’s children and his guests. Our parish Christmas care for those in need is flowing. The Knight of Columbus Christmas Hampers, the St. Vincent De Paul is busy with the food bank and the many other ways that they are reaching out to individuals and families in need reveals somewhat of the kingdom of the newborn King, where everybody is at peace, everybody is cared for and everybody is a beneficiary of God’s ineffable love. Everybody is loved and is lovable! This is revealed in the gifts you are giving at Christmas!!!

May I use this opportunity to thank the members of the Knights of Columbus, the St. Vincent De Paul, and the CWL in our Parish for your relentless care for the needy around us, your efforts in wiping the mourners’ tears, and constant support to our parish. Many Thanks and God’s blessings to the Lectors. The Ushers, the Choirs, the Altar Servers, the Parish Staff, and all our volunteers for all your blessed services to the parish. You represent the love of God made visible at Christmas and at all the times.

This is my first Christmas with you as your new pastor. I am deeply grateful for your great love and caring support since I arrived in the parish. Your love replicates and exemplifies the love of God. The very God who sent me to you is already at work in you, even before I arrived, moving you to act in his own way, the God of graciousness and love! This is the spirit of Christmas!

As you celebrate Christmas this time around, I want you to remember how good and how beautiful you are! I want you to know that I am very proud of you and blessed to be your pastor. Merry Christmas!!!

Merry Christmas and God’s blessings in abundance in the New Year 2024, to you and to all your families!

MERRY CHRISTMAS! MERRY CHRISITMAS!! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Fr Dominick Mbah, Msp			
Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - December 30th/ 31st, 2023			
	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Ben Boivin	Helen Hebb	John & Jean MacInnis
EMC	Bob Moore	Gisele Neigel	Jillian Febbo
Ushers	Walter Grys Alison Coort	Maureen McIntyre Natasha Aben	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix
Counters	Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023	Wanda Roberts, Laila Etherington,	Mary Kudryk Gisele Neigel



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

An Advent season of just three weeks has not given us very much time to heed the call of St. John the Baptist to “prepare the way of the Lord.” This shortened runway has probably meant that we have been busier than ever in the lead-up to Christmas, maybe even more frazzled than usual, and not as ready spiritually as we would like to be. The Christmas rush seems to get ever more rushed, and we do our best to manage it all.

What a consolation then, to remember that Christmas is not so much about what we do, but about what God has done for us. Cardinal John Henry Newman (canonized in 2019) once wrote in a sermon that the special charm of Christmas is that Christ comes to us as our guest. And in that coming, Newman notes “He brightens everything. He does not take away, he adds. He makes the world our home, for he deigns to be the light of it.”

In this busy season, with all that is pressing in on us, may our hearts be attuned to Christ who comes to us as the Son of God, the Word made flesh, the Savior of the World. Let us open our hearts in welcome because, ready or not, here He comes!

May His coming fill our families, churches and communities with light and joy this holy season.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Daniel Miehm

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!

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Hotline:

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Message form the Parish Office / The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year’s. We wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas. The office will re-open on Tuesday January 2, 2024.

Hot Lunch Program / Please note that there will be **NO** Hot Lunch on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, or Tuesday January 2, 2024.

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday December 24th
4:00PM St. Mary’s, Huntsville
6:00PM St. Mary’s, Huntsville

Monday December 25th
9:00AM St. Mary’s, Huntsville
11:00AM St. Kateri, Baysville



New Years Mass Schedule

Sunday December 31st
4:00PM St. Mary’s, Huntsville

Monday January 1, 2023
9:00AM St. Mary’s Huntsville,
11:00AM St. Kateri, Baysville

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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 /Events

Tuesdays 11:30AM -1:00 PM

Tuesdays 12:00 PM - 1:00PM

Wednesdays 9:30 AM

Wednesdays 6:00 PM

Thursdays 9:30 AM

Thursdays 6:00 PM

Parish Nurse Available / K of C Room - Cancelled for Dec 19th, Dec. 26th, Jan. 2nd

Hot Lunch / Parish Hall -Cancelled for December 26th and January 2nd

Gentle Exercise Class / Parish Hall—Will resume on January 17th

Choir Practice / Choir Loft

Gospel Reflection Group / Sacristy / following 9:00 a.m. Mass

Huntsville Community Band Practice / Parish Hall