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### Parish Groups

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## Catholic Organizations

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#### Parish Pastoral Team

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January 14, 2024

## Mass Schedule Week of January 15th – 21st

Tuesday, January 16th / 12:00 Noon

+Vic Masi

(Requested By: Sheila Bruce )

Wednesday, January 17th / Exposition & Adoration / 11:00AM Mass 12:00 Noon -

+Deceased Members of the Wolniewicz Family

(Requested By: Wiesia & Roman Nikipierowicz)

#### Thursday, January 18th / 9:00AM

+Wayne Cormier (Req. By: SVDP)

#### Friday, January 19th / 12:00 Noon

+Deceased Members of the Grabausku Family

(Req. By: Anonymous)

# Saturday, January 20th / 4:00PM

+Special Intention By A Parishioner (Req. By: Adam Medon)

#### Sunday, January 21st / 9:00AM For the People of the Parish

# Sunday, January 14th / 11:00AM

+Kristen Hackett (Req by: Michelle MacIsaac)

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 24, 2023 \$3,793.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

#### THE CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES

We Christians have been given the priceless grace of knowing Jesus. Being with Jesus is our life goal. And when we have a goal in life, we must give up everything else and pursue this new vision without looking at anything else. This is basically what the first disciples, John and Andrew, did in the Gospel of today when they were first introduced to Jesus by John the Baptist. John the Baptist introduces Jesus as the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The story of the call of the first disciples is meant to help us to know how to follow Jesus and work with him. It is all about our calling by God to become something to others. Everyone is called by God to be a witness for Christ by doing something for others with his or her life, using his or her unique gifts and blessings. Samuel is called in the Old Testament and his response to the divine vocation made him the greatest prophet in his own time and to his own people. And in the Gospel of John presented to us this week, John and Andrew respond to Christ when John the Baptist pointed him out as the Lamb of God.

As the disciples timidly followed Christ from a distance on the road, he turned and spoke to them, thus taking the initiative. That is to say, he met them halfway as it were. He made things easier for them. He opened the door that they might

Andrew in turn, becomes a frontline missionary for Christ. Andrew broke the news to his brother Simon that he had found the Messiah, and he personally brought the latter to Jesus. Andrew brought to Jesus the boy who had five barley loaves and two fish (Jn 6:8-9). Also, Andrew and Philip introduced to Jesus some Greek-speaking foreigners who came to worship in Jerusalem (Jn 12:20-22). The people Andrew brought to Jesus had crucial roles in the mission of Jesus. The fisherman Simon became the leader of the apostles, and eventually the first pope. How did Andrew come to do all of this? He must be a person of positive outlook and have good influence on people. This reminds us about affirmation which means recognizing and acknowledging whatever good someone has done and the good qualities in others. This is some of the qualities that mark us out as the disciples of Christ. We are called to empower people and encourage them to make use of the good qualities they received from God for the good of everyone. In our vocation as Christians, we are called by God. Hence, today's readings remind us of our personal and corporate call to become witnesses for Jesus, the Lamb of God, by leading lives of holiness and purity and inspiring others to do so. In following Jesus, each one is met halfway by Jesus. He does not leave us to our devices. After all, he first called us and he is faithfully companioning us.

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - January 20th / 21st, 2024				
	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS	
Lectors	Michelle Haskin	Mary Towson	Michelle MacIsaac	
EMC	Linda Moore	Jo Anne Giesler	Dean Beaudry	
Ushers	Ben Boivin Victoria Baumgart	Maureen McIntyre Doug Neigel Linda Latour Mike Pearson	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix	
Counters	Tuesday, January 16, 2024	Mary Kudryk &	Linda Latour	

#### Parish Pastoral News

#### will be Tuesday, January 16, 2024. We are most in need of: Peaplease enter your name and address on the envelopes to help ennut Butter, Coffee, Pasta Sauce, Canned Tuna and Salmon, Cere- sure we have the correct information on file. al, and Canned Fruit and Vegetables. The food drive is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the SVDP Office, located by the parking lot off of Caroline St. Whatever you are able to share is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**SVDP**/Dear Parishioners, You did it again! Thank you for your generosity to this year's Christmas Hampers. Because of you 51 Families received a Christmas Hamper and gift cards for their children. This year we gave a happy Christmas to 128 adults and 46 children. A huge shout out goes to Peter Fibikar and to the Knights of Columbus for organizing such a successful project. They are the best elves ever! We also thank the staff and students of St. Mary's Elementary School, a wonderful and generous school community, who donated food and other items to add to the Hampers. Your school community did an amazing Advent Food Drive again this year for those most in need. The families who received the hampers were genuinely touched by your thoughtfulness, love and concern. Gratefully, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul members of St. Mary of the Assumption

**SVDP** / The total donations to the St. Vincent de Paul during the month of December were \$14,087.56 and 65 calls were re-

The collection for St. Vincent de Paul after Masses on January 5th / 6th was \$747.65. Thank you for your support.

**Hot Lunch Program** / In order to keep this program running, we need your financial support. Our Parish volunteers 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!

# Week of January 15th - 21st, 2024

The St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Food Drive 2024 Offertory Envelopes / For the first few weeks,

**Parish Nurse News** / The clinic will be 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 will resume on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 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

St. Mary's Lending Library / It has been carefully organized with good spiritual reading. You can take a book or books home with you. When you are finished, please return them to the library. Thank you and enjoy.

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.

# 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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: 705-789-0008

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	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
Sunday	January 14th	Coffee Sunday / Parish Hall
Tuesday	January 16th	SVDP Monthly Food Drive / 9:30–12:00 / SVDP Office entrance at Caroline St.
Saturday	January 20th	First Reconciliation Class / Parish Hall / 2:45 p.m.
Sunday	January 21st	RCIA / Parish Hall / 3:00 p.m.