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Welcome

Whether you and your family are new to the area, or here for a short visit, you are most welcome to worship with us. May you find God's peace, hospitality and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, the doors of our Parishes and our hearts are open to you. Let us gather as a community to celebrate the blessings that surround us.

Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 pm - St. Mary, Huntsville

Sunday 9:00 am - St. Mary, Huntsville

11:00 am - St. Kateri, Baysville

WEEKDAY MASSES - St. Mary, Huntsville

Tuesday 9:00 am

Wednesday 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am

Friday 12:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm - St. Mary, Huntsville
Anytime by Appointment

Adoration

First Friday of the Month at 11 am, followed by Mass

Parish Departments

Parish Council - Jo Ann Giesler

Finance Committee - John Emsley

Music Ministry - Belinda Moretto, Rosie Vandenberg
- Cathy Vancleave (St. Kateri)

Counters - Please contact the office

Eucharistic Ministers - Please contact the office

Lectors - Judith Gottschalk

Property Committee - Deacon Jan Sirek

Parish Schools

St Mary Elementary School

Barbara Heeneman, Principal 705-789-6481

St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School

Joe Conway, Principal 705-646-8772

SMCDSB School Board Trustee

Joshua Boutotte 705- 722- 3555 ext., 462

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Hotline: 705-789-0008

Parish Office

Mary Helen Moes, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Catholic Funeral Rites

Please call the parish office to arrange funeral Masses. We work closely with the funeral homes and will assist you with the liturgical arrangement to honour the departed family member.

Rites of Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Classes begin in October for Adults seeking baptism or full communion into the Catholic Christian faith. Please contact the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Baptism (Infants)

Please contact the parish office for details. A pre-baptism meeting is required.

Catechism Classes (Oct - May)

First Communion and Confirmation classes are held at the parish. Registration takes place in September.

Sacrament of Marriage

Kindly contact the parish office at least six months prior to desired date of marriage. A Marriage Preparation Course is essential as are several meetings with the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

If you have a family member sick or know of someone near death please call the parish and request the sacrament of the sick.

Sick and Homebound

Please contact the parish office if you know someone confined to home or in hospital, so sacramental and pastoral care may be arranged.

Third Sunday of Advent



Masses for the Week of December 15 - 21, 2025

Monday, December 15

12:00 p.m. SI Efen Jumayao on his 68th birthday
/ Dustin & Mary Townson

Tuesday, December 16

9:00 a.m. no intention

Wednesday, December 17

12:00 p.m. no intention

Thursday, December 18

9:00 a.m. SI of Mary Helen Moes / Christian Moes

Friday, December 19

12:00 p.m. SI of Dustin & Mary Towson on their wedding
anniversary / Towson Family

Saturday, December 20

4:00 p.m. † Dearly Departed of the Romanowski Family
/ A & G Romanowski

Sunday, December 21

9:00 a.m. † Pia Roy / Nadine Diplock

11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Prayers for the Sick

Especially for Sam Muzzi, Jaymie Ward,
Phillip Tomkin, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley,
John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Ian Bruce,
Sharon Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Peter Poustie, Bill Weber,
Pam & Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Keith Ham,
Carole Ruttan, Stephanie Jarvis, Mabelle Claer, Janine
Wright, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Kate Monk,
Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Linda Latour,
Tcherina Zylstra, Remi LeGros, Jim Poling Sr.,
Brian & Diane O'Connor, Terry Russell, Ed Quinn,
Veronica Cotman, Kenn Jumayao, Marg Grant,
Anna Maria Ertler, Mike Berardi, Michelle Haskin, Bianca
Hernandez Laurie, June Anne Crawford, Raul Hernandez,
Neil McAllister

And in remembrance of the deceased

Gertrud Dutkewicz



GAUDATE SUNDAY

We are now very close to celebrating the Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity, Christmas Day, on December 25th. The Lord is very near and is coming quickly, as the Liturgy of the Church keeps reminding us. It is the recurring theme in the season of Advent.

The nearness of the Lord should be a comfort to all believers. The Redeemer of all people is coming, desiring that all of us partake of everlasting life. Christ our God came among us as a human being, toiling and suffering for us, sharing our existence to

the full, showing us how to live and how to hand ourselves over in the service of God and neighbor.

The Lord calls us to give of ourselves, what Christ also called "losing oneself," in order to truly find oneself, whereby we attain complete fulfillment, realized in Christ who dwells in our hearts.

The Scripture readings assigned for the Third Sunday of Advent, when the vestment color changes, remind us of the Lord's nearness and how pleasant and rich the mystery of God's coming really is. The color assigned by the Church for today's liturgy is rose, recalling the fragrant offering we make to God and calling to mind what many consider to be the most fragrant of flowers, the rose.

Our Church in her liturgy wishes us to know that our God can be compared to the powerful beauty and fragrance of the rose. Of course, it is only a comparison, since our God transcends the beauty and goodness of all things.

However, it is such a great joy and privilege to be in this dynamic with our God. We ask with hope for the help of God, who has redeemed us in Jesus Christ. In serenity and patience, we are to hear God's voice calling out to us each day, to lose ourselves that we may be found doing God's work, that is, loving all and serving them without counting the cost. May the Eucharist, Holy Mass, where we commemorate the supreme sacrifice of God's love for us, in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, help us know more profoundly God's great gifts and be more ready and willing to hand over our lives for love of God and others. We carry on in the season of Advent with gentle expectation of truly meeting the Lord who has loved us into being and who invites us to taste of immortality.

- Fr. Dominick

Parish Groups

Altar Care Society

Altar Servers Group

Friends of St. Kateri

Friends of St. Mary

Hot Lunch Program

Catholic Organizations

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Knights of Columbus Council #7851

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Assoc. Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP)

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule

December 20 - 21, 2025

	4:00 pm	9 am	11 am
Lectors	Gaile Romanowski	Judith Gottschalk	Bob Lacroix
EMC			Dean Beaudry
Ushers	Marguerite Goodfellow	Lou Luvison	Hugh Knox
	Walter Gryg	Al Kudryk	Bob Lacroix
		Mary Kudryk	Linda Lacroix

Counters: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 - Gisele Neigel & Mary Kudryk

Restoration Appeal Building Update

Thank you to everyone who came to the Town Hall Meeting to hear first hand, the dilemma that we are facing with our moldy property! I understand that this was the largest crowd for a meeting in parish memory and it shows how much love and dedication everyone has for our parish. I can not thank you enough because I can not move forward without you.

The meeting was very long and concluded with a motion approved to renovate the existing rectory and not to purchase further property at this time. This week has been filled with conversations, meetings, emails and phone calls with parishioners full of gratitude for coordinating this huge unexpected project and wishing clarification on how they can help. This warms my heart so much! For now, my dear parishioners, I want to concentrate on the parish and the pastoral care of us all through the joy and peaceful season of Advent! I will coordinate with the Diocese to move this project forward and we pray everything will go as planned.

In the meantime we will raise the funds to do the work. And with this I trust you! I am inviting any parishioners with experience in fundraising to come forward to help us, by please contacting the office. Let us now focus now on celebrating the birth of Christ!

-Fr. Dominick

The St Vincent de Paul collection from Dec. 6/7 was \$1302.15. Thank you St. Mary's!

Join the Children's Christmas Tableau

The Christmas Tableau will be on **Sunday, Dec. 21st** after the 9 am Mass in the Parish Hall. Lets encourage our young ones by cheering them on with our witness! Next rehearsals are: Wednesday, December 17 - 7 pm, Saturday, December 20 - 12 pm Pageant: Sunday, December 21, after 9:00 am mass

Christmas Hot Lunch

This year, 5 groups of our parish have come together to cook a hot turkey Christmas Dinner for all. Cooking day is December 22. Christmas dinner served on December 23rd at 12 noon.

Sunday Collection, December 7, 2025

Offertory \$ 4,714.23

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Christmas Mass Schedule

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH
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DAY OF GRACE (CONFESSIONS) Fri. Dec. 19 6:00 pm	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TABLEAU Sun. Dec. 21st 9:00 am Mass
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CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES
December 24
4:00 pm (St. Kateri, Baysville)
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - 12 Midnight (St. Mary, Huntsville)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
December 25
9:00 am (St. Mary, Huntsville)
11:00 am (St. Kateri, Baysville)



Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Hot Lunch
Tuesdays
11:30 am
Parish Hall



Sun. Choir Practice
Wednesdays
6:00 pm
Church



RCIA Class
Sun., Dec. 14
3:00 pm
Parish Hall



Tableau Practice
Wed., Dec. 17
7:00 pm
Church



Advent Confessions
Fri., Dec 19
7:00 pm
Church



Tableau Practice
Sat., Dec 20
12:00 Noon
Church



Tableau Pageant
Sun., Dec 21
After 9:00 am
Parish Hall