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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 Vanclief (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.



## Masses for the Week of January 12 - 18, 2026

### Monday, January 12

12:00 p.m. no mass intention

### Tuesday, January 13

9:00 a.m. no mass intention

### Wednesday, January 14

12:00 p.m. + Evelina Simioni / Sandra Cochrane

### Thursday, January 15

9:00 a.m. no mass intention

### Friday, January 16

12:00 p.m. no intention

### Saturday, January 17

4:00 p.m. no intention

### Sunday, January 18

9:00 a.m. SI Anna Maria Etler / Peter & Helga Fibikar

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

7:00 p.m. no mass intention

## Prayers for the Sick

Especially for Sam Muzzi, Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, 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, Marg Grant, Veronica Cotman, Kenn Jumayao, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike Berardi, Michelle Haskin, Bianca Herandez Laurie, June Anne Crawford, Raul Hernandez, Neil McAllister, Michaela Enright, Eleanor Wolfle, Joan Ranson

## And in remembrance of the deceased

Rolf Posma

## THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a moment to reflect not only on the Lord's baptism, but also on our own. For in an extended sense, when Christ is baptized, so are we, for we are members of his body. As Christ enters the water, he makes holy the water that will baptize us. He enters the water and we follow. And in these waters he acquires gifts to give us, as we shall see below.

So Christ, as it were, opens a way for us by troubling the waters, just as he did at the Red Sea, and obtains for us victory over our spiritual enemies. He brings us forth to freedom on the other side. He is baptized for us. Ephesians 5:30 says we are members of Christ's body. Thus when Jesus goes into the water we go with him. And in going there he stirs up, he troubles the water for us, acquiring gifts on our behalf.

Do not be afraid of troubled waters, there is a blessing on the other side. A song writer once spoke of seeking a bridge over troubled waters. Biblically this is poor advice. Don't build a bridge over troubled waters! Wade on in! For it is only by going through, or wading into, the troubled waters that the blessing is found. Christ wades in, he troubles the water, and he obtains blessings for us out of troubled waters.

And what are the gifts He obtains for us? The texts speak of them somewhat figuratively, but also clearly. In effect, there are four gifts spoken of in the Gospel descriptions of Jesus' Baptism:

1. Access – the heavens are opened. The heavens and paradise had been closed to us after Original Sin. But now, at Jesus' baptism, the text says the heavens are opened. Jesus acquires this gift of sanctifying grace for us.
2. Anointing – the Spirit of God descends on him like a dove – Here too, Jesus acquires the Gift of the Holy Spirit for us. In Baptism we are not just washed of sins, but we also become temples of the Holy Spirit.
3. Acknowledgment – this is my beloved Son. Jesus receives this acknowledgment from his Father. He allowed this to be heard by some of the bystanders for the sake of their own faith. But he also acquires this gift for us. In our own Baptism we become the children of God.
4. Approval – I am well pleased. Jesus had always pleased his Father. But now he acquires this gift for you as well. Here too is another acknowledgment of the sanctifying grace that the Lord gives us in Baptism

- Fr. Dominic

## 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

January 17 - 18, 2026

	4:00 pm	9 am	11 am
Lectors	Jim Waters	Mary Towson	June McDonald
EMC			June McDonald
Ushers	Marguerite Goodfellow Walter Grys	Natasha Aben Urszula Lewgowd Doug Neigel Mike Pearson	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix
Counters:	Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - Mary Kudryk & June Anne Crawford		

# Parish Announcements

## The 25th Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto

**Sat. March 14, 2026 9:00 am to 5:30 pm**

The day will feature two simultaneous events—a youth rally (ages 13-18) and an adult rally (which younger children are welcome to attend). It is a day to deepen and renew your faith, with inspiring talks and testimonies, powerful praise and worship, the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, fellowship, and so much more! Early bird tickets are \$39 for adults, \$25 for youth. Fr Cyprian is bringing a number of high school students and adults. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office to register prior to Jan 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Restoration Appeal:

Things are moving now!

**Moving help:** On Wednesday, January 14 at 10 am, Fr Dominick is looking for a few more strong people to help move his large library of books from the rectory to a space in the electrical room. If you can help, please contact the office.

**Property Committee** We wish Deacon Jan a wonderful holiday and we will continue moving things forward with new Property Committee Co-Chair Frank Van der Straay. The next Property Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. We would like to thank Gaile Romanowski for joining the committee as well, and for taking on the role of a corporate secretary for this project to keep the restoration on task with our building permits, grant applications dates, contractor bids, etc. She will be working closely with the Fundraising Committee as the liaison between the two committees.

**Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs** A huge thank you to Ted Dodds, Catherine Vanclieaf and John Emsley for saying yes to co-chairing this committee so we can restore our rectory first and then address the issues with the church and hall. We are thrilled and excited to see this dynamic trio bring our community together.

## 2026 Sunday Missals

There are still some missals available at the entrance to the Church. Please get yours as they will be removed soon. The cost per missal is \$6.00. Please place the money in the box.

## Collections

**January 1, 2026** Offertory \$3,760.00

**January 4, 2026** Offertory \$3,185.38

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

# Week of January 12 - 18, 2026

## **THANK YOU!**

The Catholic Women's League would like to give a huge Thank you to the members of the Parish for all of your support over the past year. We would not be able to support our community without your help. Our December Holiday Bake Sale was a great success and we raised \$700 which will be donated to the Church Restoration Fund. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members. We would love to see all members old and new at our next General Meeting, Tuesday, January 13th at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Bring you ideas as we will be setting our calendar of events for 2026 and take a serious look at our budget for the year.



Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

## **BILL C- 9**

As you may have observed in recent news, the Liberal government has reached an agreement with the Bloc Québécois concerning an amendment to eliminate the religious exemption clause from Canada's hate speech legislation in Section 319 (3) (b) of the Criminal Code. This initiative is intended to garner support for Bill C-9, titled 'An Act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda, hate crime, and access to religious or cultural places).' The current provision in the Criminal Code slated for removal states: "(3) No person shall be convicted of an offence under subsection (2) [...] (b) if, in good faith, the person expressed or attempted to establish by an argument an opinion on a religious subject or an opinion based on a belief in a religious text." Given all that could be at stake if the amendment passes, the Permanent Council has sent an open letter to the Prime Minister, with other government officials in carbon copy. The letter is available for viewing on the CCCB website: <https://cccb.ca>. Please consider contacting our local MP, Scott Aitchison, at 705-789-4640 or [Scott.Aitchison@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Scott.Aitchison@parl.gc.ca), to express your concerns and ask him to vote against this bill.

## **Mass Requests**

There are openings for Mass intentions during the month of January, if you would like to request a Mass to be said for a loved one or a deceased family member. You can simply visit or call the office with your request and payment can be made by leaving a \$20 stipend in the offertory collection basket at Mass, labeled Mass Intention and your name.

## Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Hot Lunch  
Tuesdays  
11:30 am  
Parish Hall



CWL Meeting  
Tues., Jan. 13  
1:00 pm  
Church



Sun. Choir Practice  
Wednesdays  
6:00 pm  
Parish Hall



Confirmation Class  
Wed. Jan 14  
7:00 pm  
Parish Hall



Property Meeting  
Tues. Jan 20  
3:00 pm  
Parish Hall



RCIA Class  
This Sunday  
3:00 pm  
Parish Hall



Coffee Sunday  
This Sunday  
After 9 am Mass  
Parish Hall