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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.

First Sunday of Advent



Masses for the Week of December 1 - 7, 2025

Monday, December 1

12:00 p.m. no mass intention

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 a.m. no mass intention

Wednesday, December 3

12:00 p.m. + Anne Metcalfe / Michel Potvin

Thursday, December 4

9:00 a.m. No Mass

Friday, December 5

12:00 p.m. St Bianca Hernandez Laurie / Maria Laurie

Saturday, December 6

4:00 p.m. No mass intention

Sunday, December 7

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. The Pascua Family gives thanks for all the blessings upon their family / Luz Pasca & Clayton Harrison

We have some openings for Mass Intentions for 2025. Please contact the office.

Prayers for the Sick

Especialy 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, Jack Ataman, 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

Keith Marsh, Wilhelm (Bill) Nagel, Tom Giesler, Jay Weiler

ADVENT SEASON IS HERE!!!

Hope in the Lord's Coming

It seems that one fact of life is that things go around and around. Every end is close to a beginning and any beginning can be on the verge of an end. And thus it is somewhat fitting that on this first Sunday of a new liturgical year, as we begin again to wait for the coming of the Lord, we are asked to reflect on words he spoke close to his ending, words said only a few hours before his death.

On the brink of his ending, he tried to prepare his confused followers for his next coming ... when he would come to them to take them home. His message was simple. He said:

"Be Alert! You Cannot Know the Day When Your Lord Is Coming."

Perhaps as he spoke quietly with his friends there at the end of his life, he remembered his beginning. He remembered how unprepared the human race had been to receive him when he entered this world as a human.

Humans – at least the Chosen People – had had plenty of warnings. For centuries prophets had promised that a Messiah, a Savior, was coming and that humans had best prepare for his coming.

But over the years people forgot. They became busy about other things: getting through each day, going to work, having fun, studying for exams, getting married, having children, going to doctors. And after a while the only Savior that made any sense to them was someone who could make their daily life easier.

When Jesus began to live among us, the leaders of the Chosen People were more concerned about time than eternity ... more interested in escaping the military rule of the hated Romans and restoring Israel's ancient power and wealth. And if the ordinary people looked for any savior, they looked for someone with power ... someone who could cure their diseases, or feed them in the desert, or be a winner whom they could be proud of and cheer for and welcome into towns with shouts of Hosanna!

When God finally came as a baby only his mother and father, a few shepherds, and three wise foreigners suspected who he was. The rest of the world would not even give him a room in their house. They did not even give him the time of day. And why? Because they did not expect him to come as he did. They did not expect him to come when he did.

Indeed, when Jesus first came into this world, the world was not ready for him. And so it ignored him for thirty years, used him for three more, and then killed him in three days. They neither saw the coming of the Lord, nor did they mourn his passing. And this is because they were not alert to his presence.

And so it will be for each of us. At an hour we do not expect, the Son of Man will come. As we twirl about on our merry-go-round lives, we must be ready for the coming of the Lord ... when he comes to awaken our lives, when he comes to prepare us for our death. And thus Jesus's words to his disciples are meant for us too:

Stay Alert! You Do Not Know When or How I Shall Come to You. I Am Always Nearby, Standing by Your Side Wheresoever You Go on this Earth. Don't Forget about Me in the Midst of Your Busy Days. Stay Alert! I May Be Coming to You in the Next Moment. Stay Alert!

- 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 6 - 7, 2025

	4:00 pm	9 am	11 am
Lectors	Gayle Romanowsk	Giselle Neigel	Michelle MacIsaac
EMC			Jean MacInnis
Ushers	Marguerite Goodfellow Walter Gryś	Lou Luvison Al Kudryk Mary Kudryk	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix

Counters: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 - June Anne Crawford & Mary Kudryk



**MONDAY
December
1st**

Christmas Supper

Happy Hour
begins at:
4:00pm
Supper at 5:00pm)

St. Mary of the
Assumption Parish
12 Centre Street N.,
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Please join us for our annual Catholic Women's League Christmas supper!
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Restoration Appeal Building Update

We are moving forward investigating two plans to rectify our current situation with the mold and I would like your input.

**All parishioners are invited to a
Town Hall Meeting on
Sunday, December 7th at 3 pm
in the Parish Hall.**



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VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF MEETING

Please attend so we can together listen to the proposals based on all the reports we have received and have your say as a parishioner. We can make the right decisions together based on all the facts we have today.

- Fr Dominick

Additional Masses

In addition to our existing Sunday Mass times we are adding a new mass time of 7 pm.

The new schedule will be:

Saturday 4 pm - St. Mary, Huntsville

Sunday 9 am - St. Mary, Huntsville

Sunday 11 am - St. Kateri, Baysville

Sunday 7 pm - St. Mary, Huntsville **STARTS Jan. 4th**



Join the Children's Christmas Tableau

The Christmas Tableau will be on **Sunday, Dec. 21st** after the 9 am Mass in the Parish Hall. All children of the parish are invited to participate!

Rehearsals are:

Wednesday, December 3 - 7:00 pm, Thursday, December 11 - 7:00 pm,

Wednesday, December 17 - 7:00 pm, Saturday, December 20 - Noon

Pageant Sunday, December 21, after 9:00 am mass

Estate Planning Presentation - Wed. Dec 3rd POSTPONED

Offertory Envelopes 2026

Offertory envelopes will be ready for pickup at the entrance of the Church next weekend for those who used them this past year. If you're not currently using envelopes and would like to start, we can set you up with a blank box. Please contact the office.

2025- 2026 Sunday Missals - The new missals are available at the entrance of the Church. The cost per missal is \$6.00. Please place the money in the box provided. If you didn't have change, please remember to the following week.

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, November 23, 2025

Offertory

\$ 3,349.23

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Catholic Women's League

Christmas Bake Sale

**Saturday, December 6th
AND
Sunday December 7th
After Mass**



Let the CWL Ladies help
with your Christmas
baking!



Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Hot Lunch
Tuesdays
11:30 am
Parish Hall



Sun. Choir Practice
Wednesdays
6:00 pm
Church



CWL Chr. Dinner
Mon. Dec. 1
4:00 pm
Church



Tableau Practice
Wed. Nov. 26
7:00 pm
Church



RCIA Rite of Acceptance
Sunday, Dec. 7
9:00 am Mass
Church



CWL Bake Sale
Dec. 6 - 7
After each Mass
Parish Hall



Town Hall Meeting
Sunday, Dec. 7
3:00 pm
Parish Hall