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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
7:00 pm - St. Mary, Huntsville

WEEKDAY MASSES - St. Mary, Huntsville

Monday 12:00 pm
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
- Cathy Vancleef (St. Kateri)
Counters - Please contact the office
Eucharistic Ministers - Please contact the office
Lectors - Judith Gottschalk
Property Committee - Deacon Jan Sirek, Frank Van der Straay

Parish Schools

St Mary Elementary School
Joe Conway, 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 August 10 - 16, 2026

The Power of Faith

Monday, August 10

12:00 p.m. St Eleanor Wolfle / Walter Gryg

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 a.m. no intentions

Wednesday, August 12

12:00 p.m. no intentions

Thursday, August 13

9:00 a.m. no intentions

Friday, August 14

12:00 p.m. St Anna Maria Ertler / Walter Gryg

Saturday, August 15

4:00 p.m. For CWL Living and Deceased Members on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
† Johann Ertler / Anna Maria Ertler

Sunday, August 16

9:00 a.m. People of St Mary of the Assumption Parish

11:00 a.m. † Leslie Grills/ Ted Dodds

7:00 p.m. no 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, Kate Monk, Michaela Enright, Dan Recker, Pam & Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Keith Ham, Carole Ruttan, Stephanie Jarvis, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Linda Latour, Tcherina Zylstra, Jim Poling Sr., Brian O'Connor, Terry Russell, Marg Grant, Joan Ranson, Lisa Knox, Veronica Cotman, Kenn Jumayao, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike Berardi, Bianca Hernandez Laurie, Eleanor Wolfle, June Anne Crawford, Megan Barnes, Michaela Enright, Marta Klaja, Heather Adams, Sharon Huckle, Deanna Neigel, Ursula Recker, Mike Pearson

In remembrance of our deceased

Diane O'Connor, Edward Quinn, Jose Pastrano Robillos

If taken literally, the Gospel story has little or no relevance for us. Taken symbolically, however, it has great relevance for us. And that seems to be how Matthew meant it to be taken.

Even though it is meant to be taken symbolically, it does represent something that really did happen to the apostles. The small boat represents the infant Church. The wind and the waves represent the persecutions let loose on it. And it represents something that really did happen to Peter. It is a reference to his failure during the Passion, and his restoration after the resurrection. Matthew tells this story to demonstrate the kind of faith that followers of Jesus must develop if they are to weather the storms that are an inevitable part of Christian life.

Some people think that if we have sufficient faith, life will be all plain sailing for us. It doesn't happen like that. Faith doesn't shield us from hard knocks of life and death. We see this even in the case of the great prophet, Elijah (First Reading).

Elijah was a man of great faith. But because of his opposition to idolatry, queen Jezebel wanted to kill him. So he fled to the desert and took refuge in a cave. A beaten and broken man, he just wanted to die. However, in the cave he experienced the presence of God. And reassured by that experience, he was able to go on.

We see the same thing in the lives of the early Christians. They too were people of faith. Nevertheless, they encountered persecution. Thinking that the Lord had abandoned them, their faith began to wilt. However, they discovered that even though the Lord was not with them physically, he was with them, and could still help them. Hence, their faith revived, and they were able to face their trials and dangers.

It is comforting for us to see that the apostles and early Christians were weak and fearful - just like us. We may think that we have great faith. But when difficulties arise, we may discover that we have very little faith.

The example of Peter is especially enlightening. He represents the typical disciple, caught between faith and doubt. He set out to obey Jesus, but failed him. But Jesus upheld him with his power.

So it is with us. Like Peter, we often start out courageously only to lose heart when the going gets tough. Jesus' rebuke, "Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?" is directed to us too.

There can be many situations in which we feel weak and powerless. At such times we have to cry out to the Lord for help, like the apostles and Peter did. If we do, the Lord will uphold us.

Faith doesn't save us from trials and tribulations. What it does is give us the strength to cope with them. Faith assures us that we are not alone in our trials. God is with us, and his power is available to us.

I believe that most of us, on looking back over our lives, can say that there was some situation we would never have been able to cope with were it not for our faith. This means that we have experienced what Elijah experienced, and what Peter and the apostles experienced - we have been upheld by the power of God.

The Gospel story shows us the power of faith. To those with faith, Jesus is not a ghost from the past. He is the Son of God, who is present with us, and whose grace upholds us when things are too much for us.

Fr. Dominick Mbah, MSP

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

August 15 - 16, 2026

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	7:00 pm
Lectors	Jim Waters	Mary Towson	Bert Vanderhulst	Sandra Cochrane
EMC			June MacDonald	
Ushers	Ben Boivin Alison Coort <i>Please Volunteer</i>	Nataska Aben Ursula Lewgowd Doug Neigel <i>Please Volunteer</i>	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix	Ursula Lewgowd James Westgarth Alexandra Kiszti <i>Please Volunteer</i>

Counters: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 - Gisele Neigel and Mary Kudryk

St Kateri, Baysville *Bottle Drive* for the Restoration Fund

The Friends of St. Kateri are holding an ongoing bottle drive starting today that will run until Thanksgiving weekend. Please drop off your all your empties such as beer cans, wine bottles, and liquor containers at the St. Kateri Mission in Baysville. All contributions would be greatly appreciated. All funds raised will be directed to the Restoration Appeal.



Knights Lottery Calendar Winners for July!

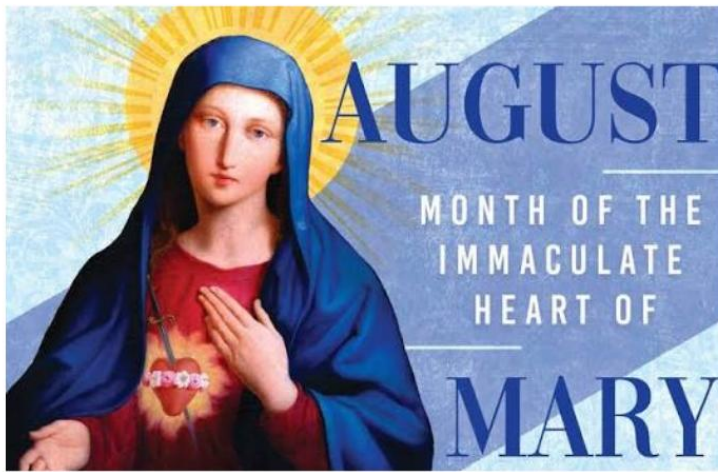
Thomas Cowden \$50.00
Don Diplock \$50.00
Stephanie Salmon \$50.00



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Diocesan Website

The Diocese of Peterborough has launched their new website. Check it out at:
www.peterboroughdiocese.org



Collections

August 2, 2026	Offertory	\$ 5,258.83
August 2, 2026	Restoration Appeal	\$ 5,202.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Fundraising Progress



Restoration Appeal Update

Its with tremendous gratitude we acknowledge how much you the parishioners and visitors to our parish, have sacrificially gave to date, to restore our rectory. Times are tough and the degree of restoration that was needed is mind boggling. We thought while we had a contractor here that we could update some other necessities, but sadly in this economy we have to leave it as a restoration project and not a renovation project. You have likely noticed, all bricks are off the south wall, all windows are being replaced, We expecting a truck of new drywall as well. There have been a ton of trades here working together. It has been a very busy week!

For those that are visiting for the first time, our rectory was found to have a high level of mold in every single room. It was an unhealthy environment for our priests to live. Remediation of the mold is complete, which has exposed the extent of damage that is dictating the need for this huge amount of over \$536,000 to complete the restoration and make it livable for our priests.

If you can invest in our restoration appeal in any way NOW IS THE TIME! The Lord reminds us that a gift even as small as a mustard seed is destined to grow and will make difference to accomplishing our goal.

Forgot your envelope? Can't find your cheque book? Forgot to grab cash? Please use your cellphone and **scan this QR code**. It will take you directly to **CANADAHELPS** who will process your credit card donation and provide you with a tax receipt. Its so easy. And will make huge difference to our offertory and restoration appeal.



Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



K of C General Meeting
Thurs. Aug 27
3:00 pm
K of C Room



Fun Dance Party
Fri. Aug. 28
7:00 pm
Parish Hall



Confirmation Registration
Tues. Sept. 15
7:00 pm
Parish Hall



1st Communion Registration
Thurs. Sept. 17
6:30 pm
Parish Hall