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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
- Cathy Vanclieaf (St. Kateri)
Counters - Please contact the office
Eucharistic Ministers - Please contact the office
Lectors - Judith Gottschalk
Property Committee - Dcn Jan Sirek, Frank Van der Straay

Parish Schools

St Mary Elementary School
Joe Conway, Principal 705-789-6481

St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School
Carlo Iocono, Principal 705-646-8772

SMCDSB School Board Trustee
Joshua Boutotte 705- 722- 3555 ext. 462

Parish Office

Mary Helen Moes, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:
Tuesday - Thursday
9:30 am - 2:30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Hotline: 705-789-0008

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 (Sept - June)

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.

Annointing 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 Nov. 2 - 8, 2026

Tuesday, November 3
9:00 a.m. no mass (Dio. Clergy Study Day)

Wednesday, November 4
12:00 p.m. no mass (Dio. Clergy Study Day)

Thursday, November 5
9:00 a.m. no mass (Dio. Clergy Study Day)

Friday, November 6
9:30 p.m. St. Mary's School Mass
† Theresa Schwaighofer/ Eileen Baron

Saturday,November 7
4:00 p.m. SI Family Member / Anonymous

Sunday, November 8
9:00 a.m. † Brian Clarke / Cindy Clarke

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, Sharon Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Peter Poustie, Bill Weber, Kate Monk, Michaela Enright, 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 Herandez Laurie, Eleanor Wolfle, June Anne Crawford, Michaela Enright, Marta Klaja, Heather Adams, Sharon Huckle, Deanna Neigel, Mike Pearson, Bernard Recker, Elisabeth Posma, John Schreurs

In rememberance of our deceased

Theresa Schwaighoger, Milena Leonardy, Ursula Recker

Being the Genuine Article

Tropical woods such as mahogony and teak are very beautiful. They are beautiful as they are, that is, in their natural state. They should never be painted. It would be a sin to cover up their natural beauty. If anything is added it should serve one purpose and one purpose only - to bring out the natural beauty of the wood.

Yet sometimes one finds them painted, presumably with the aim of making them more attractive. Even when this is done tastefully and imaginatively, harm rather than good results. The finished object comes across as false, or at least unreal. And while it may be pretty, it is not authentic. Tropical woods are best left as they are. They are far more interessting and impressive in their natural state.

Beautiful wood is a gift from God. To paint over it is akin to dsecration. The role of the cabinet-maker is to emhance the beauty inherent in the wood, not to obscure it with paint.

There is a tendency to do something similar with the saints. We tend to so polish up the image that their humanity disappears. They cease to be human beings. But if they cease to be human, they become unreal and unbelievable.

The saints didn't become saints by putting on a false or artifical self. To be a saint one doesn't have to be an ascetic, or even serious and solemn. But one has to be one's true self. The best way to imitate the saints is to be ourselves, our unique selves, but the best that we can be.

The role of spirituality is not to cover-up. Its purpose is to bring out what is inside us. Grace builds on nature. It doesn't destroy nature, but brings it to its fullest development.

When a person combines true religion and deep humanity, you have a powerful combination. It's like well-polished mahogany. Here you have true holiness. Such people are other Christs.

Even the little saints cause the vision of a higher and a purer life to rise up before us. They inspire us to try to win back our finer and kinder selves. They expand the possibilities of human love and courage.

Piety is no substitute for goodness. Perhaps there can be goodness without holiness.But I'm quite sure that there is no holiness without goodness. Since we are made in God's image, all of us have the capacity for goodness. The saints show us how to express this goodness.

Our real goal is not to strive for happiness but for goodness. IF we strive for goodness, happiness will follow. There are good people who ache with loneliness and a feeling of sadness for having left undone what they ought to have done. This is the sadness we all feel at times - the sadness of not being saints.

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
November 7 - 8, 2026

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Ben Boivin	Mary Towson	Nick Arruda
EMC			Jean MacInnis
Ushers	Ben Boivin	Walter Grys	Hugh Knox
	Walter Grys	Urszula Lewgowd	Bob Lacroix
		Al Kudryk	Linda Lacroix
		Andre Lamy	

Counters: Tuesday, November 3, 2026 - Wanda Roberts & Jo Ann Giesler

Parish Announcements

Week of November 2 – 8, 2026

Clergy Study Days:
Fr Dominick will be away from November 3 - 5, for the annual Diocesan Clergy Study Days. There will not be weekday Masses, Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Weekday Masses will resume on Fri., Nov. 6th , 9:30 am, for the School Mass. Let us pray for Fr Dominick and all the priests of the Peterborough Diocese that they experience safe travels and spirit-filled days.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

CWL Annual Christmas Bake Sale



Saturday Dec 5
following the 4:00pm Mass
AND
Sunday Dec 6
following the 9:00 am Mass

Let the CWL ladies do your Christmas baking for you!

CWL Christmas Party

Monday December 7
at 5:00 pm
at the
Family Place Restaurant
Cost $35.00 including tip and taxes.
All ladies of the parish welcome
Sign up sheets are at the back of the church

1st Friday Adoration:
Will take place between 11:00 am and 12 noon on Friday, November 6 (After the School Mass in the Church)

All Souls Day Mass: will be on Monday, Nov. 2, at 9 am.

Family Mass The next Family Mass is scheduled for the 1st Sunday of Advent on **Sunday, November 29th**. All young families will be warmly welcomed! Families wishing to assist with decorating, ushering, bringing up the gifts, singing, etc., please contact the office.

Sunday Collections

October 18, 2026		October 25, 2026	
Offertory	$3,283.84	Offertory	$4,222.79
Restoration Appeal	$1,290.00	Restoration Appeal	$ 240.00
World Mission Sunday	$ 290.00		

Fundraising Progress



Restoration Appeal Update

This was the week of counter tops in the kitchen, vanities in the bathrooms, lumber for the porch. The crew of trades continues to be drilling, hammering, sanding and painting. There are still some ongoing electrical updates, ceilings and flooring to be done but the finish line is on the horizon. There never seems to be daylight hours when there is not someone in the building working. Its remarkable. We are looking forward to a big reveal in the weeks to come.

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 was completed, which 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.

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Parish Groups Meetings/ Events

SVDP Collection
Oct. 31 & Nov. 1
All Masses
Church

RCIA Class
Sun. Nov. 1
3:00 pm
Parish Hall

Hot Lunch
Tues., Nov. 3
12:00 noon
Parish Hall

Clergy Study Days
Nov 2 -5
No Masses

Confirmation Class
Wed., Nov. 4
7:00 pm
Parish Hall

St. Mary's School Mass
Fri., Nov. 6
9:30 am
Church