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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 Vancleaf (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 September 15 - 21

Tuesday, September 16

9:00 a.m. † Kevin Phillips / Helen & Lou Luvison

Wednesday, September 17

12:00 p.m. † Kevin Phillips / Dodds Family

Thursday, September 18

9:00 a.m. † Joe Allen / Maria Laurie

Friday, September 19

12:00 p.m. SI Ron Downey
/ Patti Hanrath

Saturday, September 20

4:00 p.m. † Maria & Stefan
/ Krystyna & Adam Medon

Sunday, September 21

9:00 a.m. † Dianne MeHaffey / June Crawford

11:00 a.m. SI Linda & Robert Lacroix - 50th Anniversary
/ Paul Shoniker

Prayers for the Sick

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

And in remembrance of the deceased

Kevin Phillips, Fr. John Albao

The ever-present Threat of Idolatry

The greatest sign God gave the Israelites of his love for them was when he delivered them from slavery in Egypt. Yet, shortly after their deliverance from Egypt, they fell back into idolatry, as the First Reading tells us.

We might think that idolatry belongs to primitive peoples and to a bygone age. Unfortunately, this is not so. Modern people have their idols too.

And how they worship those idols! They may not get down on their knees before them, or offer sacrifices to them, but they worship them in other ways.

Whenever anything usurps the place God should occupy, then idolatry enters our life. Money is probably the most common idol today. But there are others - possessions, pleasure, success, fame, and power. A life based on the worship of things is a life of idolatry. When we are wealthy, fed and healthy we quickly forget God.

What is enthroned in our heart becomes the substance of our desires and the object of our strivings. In short, it becomes our god. We worship what we love.

Idolatry leads at best to a superficial life, and at worst to a debased life. But the greatest harm idolatry does is that it causes us to forget the true God. Jesus shows us who God is, and how we can keep God at the centre of our lives. God is not some remote and uncaring figure. God is our heavenly Father, who is close to us, and to whom we are important and precious.

We must strive to keep God at the centre of our hearts. And we must try to serve God with an undivided heart. Because only God can fill our empty hearts.

But we must be on our guard. We are an obstinate people. We have a tendency to follow the devices of our own heart, and so we err and stray from God like lost sheep.

The First Reading seems to portray God as an angry, jealous God, who will resort to most terrible punishments when his law is disobeyed. But that's not the message of the story. The message is that God pardons the sin of his people in response to the prayer of Moses.

We must not worship God out of fear. We must worship God out of love. It was God who first loved us. Our love is a response to God's love for us. And God's love is the only star that never ceases to shine for us.

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

September 13 -14, 2025

	4:00 pm	9 am	11 am
Lectors	Jim Waters	Mary Towson	Jean MacInnis
EMC			Jean MacInnis
Ushers	Ben Boivin Alison Coort	Natasha Aben Urszula Lewgowd Mike Peason Andre Lamy	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix

Counters: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - Laila Etherington & Jo Ann Giesler

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LIFE CHAIN - Sunday, October 5 2-3pm

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, August 18, 2025, 10 am - 3 pm
4th Annual St. Mary's Autumn Art Show, CWL Victorian Tea Room and Bake Sale!

Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School is seeking a volunteer member for its Audit Committee.

The position is a 3-year term, and the primary role is to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its duties related to governance and oversight. More details about the duties, meeting obligations, and eligibility requirements can be found at smcdsb.on.ca. The deadline to reply is October 27, 2025.



Sunday Collection, September 7, 2025

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is being formed. We need you. So many fun ideas already. Let's do something amazing to help our parish. If you would like to join please contact the office.

Diocesan Event at the Martyr's Shrine



Immaculate will be joining several parishes in the Diocese of Peterborough in their own bus trip to the Martyr's Shrine in Midland, ON, on Saturday, **September 20th**. The bus will leave Immaculate's parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and leave the Shrine at 3:30 p.m., returning to Peterborough about 6:00 p.m.

The Bishop has the following special day planned for all Peterborough Diocesan pilgrims:

- 10:00 a.m. Arrival
- Confessions & prepare for Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Miehme & assembled clergy
- 12:00 p.m. Picnic lunch on grounds (café has limited seating)
- 1:00 p.m. Afternoon programs:
 - Children's Activities
 - Youth Activities
 - Visit Ste. Marie Among the Hurons
 - Tour & Explore Shrine
- 1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 2:30 p.m. Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
- 2:45 p.m. Blessing of Pilgrims
- 3:00 p.m. Closing



How do we follow St. Paul?

This fall the Associate Missionaries of St. Paul will begin digging into the statues for living out our Catholic faith everyday as a life of service and prayer, in today's world. Join Fr Cyprian on **Thursday, Sept. 18th at 7 pm** in the sacristy for an evening of prayer and spiritual discussion. All are welcome to attend.



Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Choir Practice
Wednesday, September 17
6:00 pm
Church



AMSP - Following St. Paul
Thursday, September 18
7:00 pm
Sacristy



Parish Council Meeting
Monday, September 23
6:30 pm
Parish Hall