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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 Vanclieaf (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 December 22 - 28, 2025

Monday, December 22

12:00 p.m. SI Elly Janssen / Elizabeth Janssen

Tuesday, December 23

9:00 a.m. † Henk Janssen / Elizabeth Janssen

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. (Baysville) no intention

4:00 p.m. (Huntsville) SI Jackson Drinkwater
/Daniel Recker

7:00 p.m. (Huntsville) no intention

12:00 a.m. (Baysville) † Bob Ashleigh / Dodds Family

Thursday, December 25

9:00 a.m. (Huntsville) For the People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. (Baysville) no intention

Friday, December 26

12:00 p.m. no intention

Saturday, December 27

4:00 p.m. no intention

Sunday, December 28

9:00 a.m. † Dave and Kevin Phillips / Diane Phillips
SI Jack & Barbara Atman on their 62 wedding
anniversary

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, 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, 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 Hernandez Laurie,
June Anne Crawford, Raul Hernandez, Neil McAllister

And in remembrance of the deceased

Gertrud Dutkewicz

CHRISTMAS IS GOD'S WAY!

Christmas reveals to us God's attitude and disposition toward humanity. God loves us so much and chooses to come to us even in a lovable, touchable and huggable baby. His will is for us! He sends his angel to Mary to announce the good news. And Mary turns her will to God. Then in a dream the same angel Gabriel comes to Joseph, saying: '... don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife... what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

When Joseph wakes up, he does something remarkable: he abandons his way and accepts God's way, without any conditions or complaints. Just simple obedience, trust, and love. He agrees to take Mary into his home and to love her and her son.

Here, Joseph joins Mary in a song that's far more meaningful than any anthem of pride. This is the quiet harmony of those who truly trust God, and it's sung by every disciple who learns that God's way is always the road to peace and fulfillment.

As we continue to grow in conformity and uniformity of our wills to God's Will like Mary and Joseph, we will discover that 'my way' cannot save us. Only God's way can. That's what Christmas invites us to learn: to stop grasping, and to trust. To make space for God to make a difference in our lives.

To say, like Mary and Joseph, 'Not my way, Lord, but yours.' As we want to spend this time with our new borne King, Mary and Joseph and with all the people of good will, those whom God's favor rests; as we revel in the joy of Christmas, this is a good time to ask yourself: Where am I still clinging to my way? Is it holding me back? And where do I need to make room for God's way like Mary and Joseph?

When we truly let go and trust God as St Joseph did, we make space for Jesus' birth not only in Bethlehem, but also in ourselves. Bethlehem, Mary, Joseph and Jesus... they all belong to us because we can identify ourselves in them. May all of that allow us to be at peace with ourselves... and between ourselves... and with God. Christmas is God's gift of love! "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (Jn 3:16).

- Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule December 27 - 28, 2025

	4:00 pm	9 am	11 am
Lectors	Jim Waters	Giselle Neigel	Jean MacInnis
EMC			June MacDonald
Ushers	Ben Boivin Alison Coort	Maureen McIntyre Doug Neigel Mary Kudryk Al Kudryk	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix

Counters: Tuesday, December 23, 2025 - June Anne Crawford & Mary Kudryk

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)

Christmas Flowers were donated in Memory of:

Deceased Members of the Simioni Family

Deceased Members of the Downey/Lamers Families

Henk Janssen

Deceased Members of the Kudryk/Handsor/Salmon Families

Deceased Members of the MacLeod/Diplock/Ray Families

Deceased Members of the Dodds/Woolfrey/Dixon Families

Rennie Melnyk

Johann Ertler

Czestaw & Gertrud Dutkiewicz

Romeo & Blanche Bisson

William Roberts



1st Reconciliation & Communion Classes

The classes for students to make the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation & Communion will begin on Wed., January 7, 6:30 – 8 pm in the Parish Hall. Children and parents are both asked to come to this meeting. If you have not registered your child yet, please bring them to the first meeting to fill out the registration forms.



Property Committee

The next meeting will on Wednesday, Jan. 7th at 3 pm. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Fr Dominick or leave a message with the office.

Restoration Appeal:

Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs Request

As presented at our recent Town Hall Meeting the estimated costs of renovating the existing rectory for address the ventilation and mold issues in the church, and renting a place as our temporary rectory for 2 years is, \$972,000.00. It is now time to start the ball rolling and save our parish. We need skilled people from all walks of life to help us achieve this financial goal. Right now Fr Dominick is looking for Co-Chairs for the Fundraising Committee to work together to layout a very simple and achievable plan for our parish that incorporates all committees, organizations, groups etc. that call our beloved parish their spiritual home. If you are interested in being part of this team, or would like to nominate someone else, please let Fr Dominick know or contact the office.

Sunday Collection, December 14, 2025

Offertory \$ 3,290.38

Restoration Appeal \$ 1,303.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Christmas Office Hours

The office will be closed

Thursday, December 25, 2025 to Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

We wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas!



Christmas Mass Schedule

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH
12 CENTRE ST. N.
HUNTSVILLE, ON

DAY OF GRACE (CONFESSIONS)	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TABLEAU
Fri. Dec. 19 6:00 pm	Sun. Dec. 21 9:00 am Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES
December 24
4:00 pm (St. Kateri, Baysville)
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - 12 Midnight (St. Mary, Huntsville)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
December 25
9:00 am (St. Mary, Huntsville)
11:00 am (St. Kateri, Baysville)

COME CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST!

NEW YEARS MASSES

Friday, January 1, 2026

9:00 am (St. Mary, Huntsville)

11:00 am (St. Kateri, Baysville)

Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Hot Lunch resume on Jan 6th
Tuesdays
11:30 am
Parish Hall



Sun. Choir Practice
Wednesdays
6:00 pm
Church



Property Committee
Wed. Jan 7
3:00 pm
Sacristy



1st Reconciliation Class
Wed. Jan 7
6:30 pm
Parish Hall



RCIA Class
Sun. Jan. 11
3:00 pm
Parish Hall



Coffee Sunday
Sun. Jan 11
After 9 am Mass
Parish Hall