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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

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 March 2 - 8, 2026

Monday, March 2

12:00 p.m. no intention

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. SI Rennie Melnyk / Walter Gryś

Wednesday, March 4

12:00 pm † Jack Merry / Yvonne Spradbrow

Thursday, March 5

9:00 a.m. For the Young Families of the Parish

Friday, March 6

12:00 p.m. † Aline Hins / Jacque & Francine Hins

Saturday, March 7

4:00 p.m. † Neil Mc Allister / Alison Coort

Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the CWL

11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. For the Sick 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, Mike & Loretta Pearson, 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, Ted Dodds, June Anne Crawford, Raul Hernandez, Joan Ranson, Michaela Enright, Eleanor Wolfle, Megan Barnes, Walter Gryś

And in remembrance of the deceased

Jorge Ramos, Martina Mbah, Amorfinia (Amie) Garland, Berta Adelina Ramirez, Father Collins Okafor, SMMM

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT THE TRANSFIGURATION

This week, as we reflect on the Transfiguration of Christ, we are invited to see this event in relation to the Fall of Adam. The Fall no doubt striped Adam and Eve of their glory and splendour when their sin separated them from God. The Fall did not only do damage to the mental image of Adam and Even but also to something of physical too. Sin is ugly and does nothing but to turn people ugly.

'I was afraid because I was naked, and so I hid' (Gen. 3:10). For the first time Adam looked at himself from outside, as if his soul was someone different from his body. He did like the ugliness he has turned himself into. We are embodied beings. In every culture and epoch we have found this reality of being human very difficult. Either we have tried to escape into mental fantasy, or else tried to silence the yearnings of the soul by living a purely material life. Neither will make us happy. The root of this problem is the Fall. This origin story of the mystery of sin reveals a multiple breakdown in relationship: between man and woman, humankind and God, humankind and creation – and between body and soul. We can see how Jesus has restored that lost beauty and glory in the transformation and the Transfiguration.

One of the early Fathers and Doctor of the Church, St Ephrem the Syrian, wrote on how in the Resurrection we will be radiant, 'the spirit manifested in the soul and the soul in the body,' over beauty fully restored in the Church.

In Lent we are on a graced journey of return to God and to our true nature. Starting with Ash Wednesday, the journey of repentance was marked visibly on our foreheads, where the spiritual and creative part of our brain is located. We commit to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, all of which involve practical, embodied doing, for God, ourselves and our neighbour, as individuals and communities. The danger, of course – given the fallen reality of our distance from God – is that we turn it into an endurance exercise. And when it becomes a battle – when we feel the broken relationship of spirit, soul and body within us – we blame ourselves or give up. Ten days into Lent we may well be finding ourselves at that point now! So the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus is a sign of God's grace and hope for us. In the presence of Peter, James and John, his closest friends – and therefore with us, His brothers and sisters by adoption – Jesus is transformed on the mountain. His spirit is manifested in His soul and His soul in His body. He is dazzlingly radiant. As He will be in His Resurrection, and we will be. This is what the way of the Cross, the way of self-denial, is all about. Like Abram, we are called by God to leave what is familiar, all our often-negative assumptions about who we are and what we should do – to walk instead by the way of faith, and to be fruitful beyond what we could imagine. Often not all at once, but when we are old, towards the completion of our journey.

-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

March 7 - 8, 2026

| | 4:00 pm | 9:00 am | 11:00 am | 7:00 pm |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Lectors | Jim Waters | Mary Towson | Bert Vanderhulst | Michel Potvin |
| EMC | | Gisele Neigel | Dean Beaudry | <i>Please Volunteer</i> |
| Ushers | Ben Boivin | Natasha Aben | Hugh Knox | <i>Please Volunteer</i> |
| | Alison Coort | Ursula Lewgowd | Bob Lacroix | <i>Please Volunteer</i> |
| | <i>Please Volunteer</i> | Doug Neigel | Linda Lacroix | <i>Please Volunteer</i> |
| | <i>Please Volunteer</i> | Mike Pearson | | |

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

Parish Announcements

Week of March 2 - 8, 2026

Ushers and Lectors Needed **Urgently**

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to assist our wonderful parish community. Due to sicknesses and travels we are now in need of more ushers for all Masses. Please contact: Mary Kudryk, 705-789-2163

Do you love to sew?

Baptismal Bib Sewers Needed

It has been an absolute honour to make baptismal bibs for our enfants to wear during the baptismal ceremony, with the creative Barb Ataman. We are both being pulled to focus on other things and would love it if someone would be able to carry on this wonderful tradition. We have a number of baptisms coming up soon. The pattern and all supplies are provided. You will need a sewing machine. If interested please call the office. I will answer any questions with joy!



Announced Mass Intentions Dates Available

You may have a Mass said for a Special Intention or in Memory of a Deceased person. Mass intentions are available for weekday or weekend Masses. The stipend for this mass is \$20.00. If you would like to book a mass email: office@stmaryshuntsville.ca or call 705-789-2348

New Mass at Muskoka Traditions

For residents that are unable to make it to Mass, there will be a Mass on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 pm at Muskoka Traditions.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

The students will be making their sacrament of reconciliation on Sat., March 7 at 2 pm. Let us keep them in pray as they continue in their catechism classes.



World Day of Prayer

The churches in Hunstville will be holding a service for the World Day of Prayer. This year it is hosted by the Salvation Army Church on Friday, March 6 at 1 pm



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Volunteer Screening

The Volunteer Screening has been reorganized and every single person in our parish who is a volunteer must fill out a new Volunteer Screening Form. We can not put the parish in risk. If you still need a form please contact Dave Loring or the office as soon as possible.



Bill C-218: Second Reading Early March

The CCCB Permanent Council has issued a statement of support of the Private Member's Bill C-218, which seeks to prevent persons whose sole condition is mental illness from accessing euthanasia ("MAID"). Bill C-218 is expected to proceed to 2nd reading in the House of Commons in early March 2026. Continue to contact your local MP and support this bill.

<http://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/>

Stations of the Cross

St. Mary's after the 12 noon mass every Friday the stations of the cross will be lead by:

- Mar 6 AMSP
- Mar 13 SVDP
- Mar 20 CWL
- Mar 27 Choir



St. Kateri, Baysville, Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday at 3 pm during Lent.

World Youth Day 2027

Anyone interested in World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, are invited to attend an online information session on March 11th at 7:00 PM. While some details are still being finalized, this meeting will allow us to ask the questions we have about this amazing spiritual pilgrimage to Korea. To register, please email, FrStephenDecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org



Save the Date! Great Commission Parish Event Thursday, April 23rd

You are invited to the Augustine Institute presentation at the "Great Commission Parish" Event in the Diocese of Peterborough to mark an important step in renewing our ministry commitment as a diocesan family. Please plan to attend:

Thursday April 23, 9:00 am -3:00 pm, St. Peter the Apostle, Parry Sound, 9:00 am Mass with Bishop Miehm and priests followed by the event in the parish hall.



Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Hot Lunch
Tuesdays
11:30 am
Parish Hall



Sun. Choir Practice
Wednesdays
6:00 pm
Church



Seniors Mass
Tues., Mar. 3
7:00 pm
Muskoka Traditions



1st Communion Class
Wed., Mar. 4
6:30 pm
Parish Hall



1st Reconciliation
Sat., Mar. 7
after 12 noon mass
Church



Coffee Sunday
Sun. Mar. 8
After 9 am mass
Parish Hall