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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 Vancleef (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 8 - 14

Tuesday, September 9

no mass today

Wednesday, September 10

12:00 p.m. SI Katherine Quinn's baby (pregnancy)
/Friends of the Sisters of Life

Thursday, September 11

9:00 a.m. † Rosemary Pincentini
/Eleanor Wolfle

Friday, September 12

12:00 p.m. SI Roy & Diplock Families
/ Nadine Diplock

Saturday, September 13

4:00 p.m. † Laurence McAllister
/ Alison Coort

Sunday, September 14

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. SI John MacInnis
/Hugh Knox

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, Kevin Phillips,
Stephanie Jarvis, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright,
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, Jack Ataman

And in remembrance of the deceased

Fr. John Albao

The Cost of Discipleship

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, and people were joining him. Jesus knew that suffering, rejection and death awaited him at the end of his journey. But it seems that some of these would-be followers regarded it as a victory march of the Messiah.

Jesus dispelled any romantic view they might have of discipleship. He told them in no uncertain terms that it wouldn't be easy. So they could not complain later on, "Oh, we never thought it would be like this." He suggested that calculation should have a role to play in their decision to follow him, pointing out that discipleship is a serious calling. It could mean persecution and even death. In this, as in any other sphere of life (such as business and politics), one should not walk into it blindly. One should calculate the cost before committing to it, and see if one has what it takes.

Finally Jesus said, "No one can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions." He doesn't mean that a disciple must be destitute. The life of the poor, with its hardship and suffering, is not set forth in the Gospel as an idea for the Christian disciple. But neither is the desire for possessions and the accumulation of wealth.

Jesus had one great goal in life, namely, to carry out the task his Father had given him. That's why he lived for. And he was willing to pay whatever price was demanded in order to fulfil that task. And he expected nothing less from his disciples.

The goal Jesus sets before us is immensely worthwhile - the goal of an authentic way of life here and eternal life hereafter. There is no higher goal than that. That doesn't mean it is easy. No one can be a disciple without carrying the cross. But Jesus knows our fragility. He lavishes his grace on those who strive sincerely to follow him.

We can draw encouragement from the example of the apostles. The Gospels show that they struggled at every point to follow Jesus. Yet he did not write them off. By looking at them we discover our own inadequacies.

The Gospel offers hope to Christians who fail. Repentance and a second chance are always possible. Jesus is generous with his grace to those who strive to answer his call.

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 September 13 -14, 2025

	4:00 pm	9 am	11 am
Lectors	Ron Downey	Mary Towson	Jean & John 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 9, 2025 - Mary Kudryk & June Anne Crawford

Sacrament Registration and Info Night

A quick reminder that online registration is available for First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion and Confirmation on our website. To register go to:

www.maryassumptionparish.com/sacraments

Our **Sacrament Information Night** for Parents is **Tuesday, September 9th at 7 pm** in the Parish Hall. Schedules and costs of materials will be given out at the meeting. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.



Catholic Women's League Meeting

The CWL will be hosting a special General Meeting and Fall Mass on **Monday, September 8th, at 10 am**, at St. Kateri Mission in Baysville. Guest speaker, Jo Ann Giesler. Luncheon to follow. All are welcome to attend.



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 Miehm & 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



Contact Patsy at the office to reserve your spot. \$50 a ticket for bus and entry fees: 705-742-5466

Fun Dance Party

For anyone who just wants to get out and have a social evening, this is the place for you. The music is fantastic, the volume is low enough you can talk to your friends, and you can dance all night without worry about having a spouse or partner. It is a warm welcoming and safe environment full of fun and great people. Mark your calendars for Fridays at 7 pm on: **Sept. 26** (Fall), **Oct. 24th** (Too Cute to Spook), **Nov. 28** (Christmas)



Sunday Collection, September 2, 2025

Offertory \$ 4,856.92

Thank you for your continued generosity.

St. Mary's Restoration Appeal

We would like to take a moment to thank you for the incredible ways you continue to support and strengthen our parish family. As you know this appeal is to deal with deferred maintenance and mold remediation of the rectory/church and the unexpected expenses from relocating our priests. The associated costs has created a need for additional income outside of the regular donation streams of our parish. The diocese wants an engineering firm to help us clearly determine the steps and costs needed to make the spaces safe, free from mold and functional. After consulting with some professional fundraisers, we learned many churches make the mistake of using endowed or reserve funds to make the repairs without asking the congregation to contribute, leaving them financially handicapped to deal with any unforeseen damages created by an act of God, or otherwise. We don't want to make that mistake.

I am sure you will share in our frustration of not knowing what the final costs will be until the engineering report is back with their findings and estimate for how long restorations will take and consequently, how long our priests will be renting a place down the road. Every effort is being made to make sure you are fully informed with all the information regarding this restoration and appeal.

So here is our plan. We will provide a weekly scorecard in the bulletins with new information as it comes in such as:

- Updates on the progress of the restorations.
- Fundraising efforts and associated restoration/relocation costs.
- Our clergy will work with the diocese and update us, so we are approaching this as one family.

How do we raise the funds?

We have started with asking parishioners to contribute using a special restoration appeal collection envelope. You can give once or as many times as you wish. And we are extremely thankful for all donations to date!

In a recent meeting we decided to make it even easier for you to donate. Next week we will have a QR code available so you can donate using your credit card, with options for monthly pledging, one time donating and more. Your monetary donations over \$20 will receive a charitable tax receipt.

A Fundraising Event Committee is being formed for this appeal. If you would like to join please contact the office. We trust God will lead us through this unplanned renovation so Christ's mission will thrive for generations to come.



Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



RCIA
Introduction Night
Sunday, September 7
3:00 pm
Parish Hall



Catholic Women's League
General Meeting & Mass
Monday, September 8
10:00 am
St. Kateri Mission, Baysville



St. Vincent de Paul
Meeting
Tuesday, September 9
6:30 pm
Sacristy



Sacrament Registration Night
1st Reconciliation/Communion/Confirmation
Tuesday, September 9
7:00 pm
Parish Hall