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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 Vanclieff (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 705-789-6481St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School
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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.

Second Sunday of Advent



Masses for the Week of December 8 - 14, 2025

Monday, December 8

12:00 p.m. SI Adam & Jan Szpunar / A & G Romanowski

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 a.m. + Rennie Mylnk / Walter Grys

Wednesday, December 10

12:00 p.m. + Gertrud Dutkewicz / Dodds Family

Thursday, December 11

9:00 a.m. + Paul Jennings / Dodds Family

Friday, December 12

12:00 p.m. SI of Dustin & Mary Towson on their wedding anniversary / Towson Family

Saturday, December 13

4:00 p.m. + Peter Petrunko / Edyta Petrunko

Sunday, December 14

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

11:00 a.m. The Pascua Family gives thanks for all the blessings upon their family / Luz Pasca & Clayton Harrison

We have some openings for Mass Intentions for 2025. Please contact the office.

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, Jack Ataman, 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, Veronica Cotman, Kenn Jumayao, Marg Grant, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike Berardi, Michelle Haskin, Bianca Herandez Laurie, June Anne Crawford, Raul Hernandez, Neil McAllister

And in remembrance of the deceased

Gertrud Dutkewicz

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)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT GLORIFYING GOD IN HIS MERCY

Although Advent is about meeting our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in His glory, it is also about our preparedness and readiness in meeting with Christ.

Salvation is God's doing, and we cannot earn His blessings. We are saved by His grace. On the other hand, we must cooperate with God's grace because God can not force his bounty upon us without invalidating our free will. That is why John the Baptist in today's Gospel summons us to play our essential part by leading lives of repentance, conversion, and renewal, thus preparing the way for the Lord's second coming.

John the Baptist speaks of an 'axe' and a 'winnowing fork', rather than a sword, but the underlying message is the same: there will be a decision, we will be judged. The axe moreover speaks of punishment: 'Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire' (Mt 3:10). The winnowing fork is more like the sword of decision and applies an objective standard (what has substance versus what is superfluous) to separate out the wheat from the chaff.

We must never forget that God's judgment is objective and perfectly fair. St Paul speaks of 'God's truthfulness' in Rom 15:8. This truthfulness of God gives us hope (Rom 15:4) and assures us that his offer of mercy is extended to everyone, including all the Gentiles (Rom 15:9). God himself is the standard of justice; his logos (word or reason) is the epitome of rational judgment. And the Logos became human in Christ (Jn 1:14).

In a traditional sculpture of Lady Justice, fairness is indicated by her being blindfolded. Perhaps this echoes what we just heard from the Prophet Isaiah, that the descendant of Jesse 'shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth' (Is 11:3-4). In other words, the Messiah is not blinded by merely human appearances, but is enlightened by the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and knowledge. So we could say that God's justice is not blind, precisely because he sees with absolute clarity into the truth of our hearts. 'For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God' (1 Cor 2:10).

This Advent, as we wake up again to the fact that we will be judged by God, we are emboldened by John the Baptist's preaching to face that winnowing fork – that sword of decision – and apply it already to ourselves. By God's Holy Spirit at work in us, we can 'prepare the way of the Lord' by starting that work of cutting out what is bad, to preserve and nurture what is good. Then we will be able, with St Paul, to 'glorify God for his mercy'.

- Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule December 13 - 14, 2025

| | 4:00 pm | 9 am | 11 am |
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| Lectors | Ron Downey | Mary Towson | June MacDonald |
| EMC | | | June MacDonald |
| Ushers | Ben Boivin Alison Coort | Maureen McIntyre Krystyna Lenart Jerzy Lenart | Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix |
| | | Doug Neigl | |

Counters: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - Wanda Roberts & Jo Ann Giesler

Parish Announcements

Week of December 8 - 14, 2025

Additional Masses

The new schedule will be:

Saturday 4 pm - St. Mary, Huntsville
Sunday 9 am - St. Mary, Huntsville
Sunday 11 am - St. Kateri, Baysville
Sunday 7 pm - St. Mary, Huntsville



STARTS Jan. 4th

Join the Children's Christmas Tableau

The Christmas Tableau will be on **Sunday, Dec. 21st** after the 9 am Mass in the Parish Hall. All children of the parish are invited to participate! Rehearsals are: Thursday, December 11 - 7:00 pm, Wednesday, December 17 - 7:00 pm, Saturday, December 20 - Noon Pageant Sunday, December 21, after 9:00 am mass

Offertory Envelopes 2026

Offertory envelopes will be ready for pickup at the entrance of the Church next weekend for those who used them this past year. If you're not currently using envelopes and would like to start, we can set you up with a blank box. Please contact the office.

Advent Penitential Services

Mark Your Calendar for Friday, December 19, at 6 pm. Priests from the Northern Deanery will be at St. Mary's to hear your confession.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24 - 4:00 pm - St. Mary
Wednesday, December 24 - 6:00 pm - St. Mary
Wednesday, December 24 - 12 Midnight - St. Mary
Thursday, December 25 - 9:00 am - St. Mary
Thursday, December 25 - 11:00 am St. Kateri

Knights of Columbus Winners!

Winners from the K of C Calendar Lottery for the month of November are:
Elyshia McQuade, Burk's Falls - \$40.00
Nadine Diplock, Huntsville - \$40.00
Congratulations to all!

Christmas Hot Lunch

This year, 5 groups of our parish have come together to cook a hot turkey Christmas Dinner for all. Cooking day is December 22. Christmas dinner served on December 23rd at 12 noon.

Sunday Collection, December 7, 2025

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| Offertory | \$ 3,924.23 |
| Restoration Appeal | \$ 1,325.00 |

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Hot Lunch
Tuesdays
11:30 am
Parish Hall

Sun. Choir Practice
Wednesdays
6:00 pm
Church

RCIA
RCIA Rite of Acceptance
Sunday, Dec. 7
9:00 am Mass
Church

CWL Bake Sale
Dec. 6 - 7
After each Mass
Parish Hall

Tableau Practice
Sun. Dec. 7
3:00 pm
Parish Hall

K of C Meeting
Thurs. Dec. 11
7:00 pm
Parish Hall

MSP Prayer Meeting
Fri. Dec. 12
7:00 pm
Church

Restoration Appeal Building Update

We are moving forward investigating two plans to rectify our current situation with the mold and I would like your input.

All parishioners are invited to a

**Town Hall Meeting on
Sunday, December 7th
at 3 pm
in the Parish Hall.**



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Please attend so we can together listen to the proposals based on all the reports we have received and have your say as a parishioner. We can make the right decisions together based on all the facts we have today. - Fr Dominick

Catholic Women's League

Christmas Bake Sale

**Saturday, December 6th
AND
Sunday December 7th
After Mass**



**Let the CWL Ladies help
with your Christmas
baking!**

Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



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Tuesdays
11:30 am
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