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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 Vanclleaf (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 January 26 - February 1, 2026

Monday, January 26

12:00 p.m. SI Blair Smith / Elizabeth Janssen

Tuesday, January 27

9:00 a.m. † Christine Rath / Anna Maria Ertler

Wednesday, January 28

12:00 p.m. SI Elenor Wolfle / Walter Grys

Thursday, January 29

9:00 a.m. SI Diana & John Snowden
/ Charlie & Diane Lennox

Friday, January 30

12:00 p.m. SI Walter Grys / Elenor Wolfle

Saturday, January 31

4:00 p.m. SI Adam & Jan Szpunor /Romanowski Family

Sunday, February 1

9:00 a.m. SI Elenor Wolfle / Anna Maria Ertler

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. The Sick of our 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, 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, Michaela Enright, Eleanor Wolfle, Joan Ranson

And in remembrance of the deceased

Rolf Posma, Neil McAllister, Darlene Moes Dubray

The Beginning of the Ministry of Jesus

If you have been paying attention to the readings from St Matthew's Gospel at Mass over the last few weeks of the Advent and Christmas seasons, it won't have escaped your notice that the evangelist loves to make a link between prophetic texts from the Old Testament and the coming and action of Christ. Indeed, by the time we get to today's Gospel reading, from the fourth chapter of his Gospel, St Matthew has already quoted or paraphrased passages especially from the prophet Isaiah, but also from Ruth, Chronicles, Kings, Micah, Hosea, Jeremiah, Deuteronomy, and the Book of Psalms, together with allusions to various other imagery from the Old Testament.

So it is important to understand that there is continuity between the old and the new covenants: Christ's mission is one that continues God's repeated calling of his chosen people. Christ completes and fulfils the story told in the Old Testament.

It follows that, in order to understand quite what Matthew is trying to say, and what Christ is doing in carrying out his preaching ministry, it's necessary to have a certain awareness of that Old Testament story.

This Sunday's gospel episode, the calling of the first disciples, takes place in Galilee, albeit not in Jesus' home town of Nazareth. Instead he moves to Capernaum, a town, we are told, on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali, two of the twelve tribes of Israel.

History has it that Tiglath-Pileser III, king of Assyria, in 733-732BC defeated Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel, and the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali were the first to be ravaged. These were the first places to become 'Galilee of the nations', or 'Galilee of the gentiles', rather than Galilee of the Israelites: it is precisely here that the people lived in darkness and dwelt in the land and shadow of death.

So Jesus begins his mission of redemption in the very place where the fall of Israel began. Here in Capernaum, in Naphtali, in Zebulun: here are the 'lost sheep of the house of Israel' (Matthew 15:24). The cure begins right in the place where the symptoms of the disease began. Of course, ultimately the disease is sin, which goes back to Adam's fall; but the fall of the Kingdom of Israel begins here, and so the preaching of the Kingdom of Heaven begins here: here in Capernaum.

And interestingly it is here in fallen Capernaum that Christ calls his disciples. The first co-workers in bringing the truth of the Gospel are called from among those who need to hear it first.

Matthew has nothing but to let us know that it is our defeat, in our difficult time, at disheartening, perhaps even dangerous and challenging times that God comes to bring the power of his victory, light of comfort and salvation to us. Professing our faith in and following Jesus Christ is without a doubt the most fulfilling thing we can do in our life. The light of truth has dawned – take it out there and let it shine.

- 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 January 31 - February 1, 2026

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	7:00 pm
Lectors	Gaile Romanowski	Helen Hebb	Nick Arruda	<i>Please Volunteer</i>
EMC			June McDonald	<i>Please Volunteer</i>
Ushers	Walter Grys	Urszula Lewgowd	Hugh Knox	<i>Please Volunteer</i>
	<i>Please Volunteer</i>	Lou Luvison	Bob Lacroix	<i>Please Volunteer</i>
	<i>Please Volunteer</i>	Al Kudryk	Linda Lacroix	<i>Please Volunteer</i>
	<i>Please Volunteer</i>	Mary Kudryk		

Counters: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 - Mary Kudryk & Gisele Neigel

Parish Announcements

Week of January 25 - February 1, 2026

The 25th Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto

Sat. March 14, 2026 9:00 am to 5:30 pm

The day will feature two simultaneous events—a youth rally (ages 13-18) and an adult rally (which younger children are welcome to attend). It is a day to deepen and renew your faith, with inspiring talks and testimonies, powerful praise and worship, the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, fellowship, and so much more! Early bird tickets are \$39 for adults, \$25 for youth. Fr Cyprian is bringing a number of high school students and adults. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office to register prior to Jan 30th.

Restoration Appeal:

Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs are enthusiastically inviting all parish group leaders to meet about our Restoration Appeal on **Thursday, February 12th at 10 am** in the Parish Hall. This meeting is also open to all parishioners who want to join or just sit in.

Calling All Contractors - Open Bid

The Property Committee is inviting all contractors interested in bidding on the gutting work and mold remediation needed on the rectory, to request a scope of work from the office. Contractors can view the property on Wednesday, February 18th between 3 and 6 pm only. For more information, please contact the office and leave a message for Frank van der Staay, Property Committee Co-Chair.

Fr Dominick Away This Week

Fr Dominick will still be in meetings out of the province all week. The office will remain open, and Fr Cyprian will be delighted to attend to any of your pastoral needs while Fr Dominick is away.

The Office Is Open

Our Office Manager, Mary Helen will also be away next week to be with family. The office will remain open, and Fr Cyprian will be looking after the office until she returns.

Offertory Collection

January 18, 2026 Offertory \$3,065.38

Thank you for your continued generosity.

BILL C-9

As you may have observed in recent news, the Liberal government has reached an agreement with the Bloc Québécois concerning an amendment to eliminate the religious exemption clause from Canada's hate speech legislation in Section 319 (3) (b) of the Criminal Code. This initiative is intended to garner support for Bill C-9, titled 'An Act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda, hate crime, and access to religious or cultural places).' The current provision in the Criminal Code slated for removal states: "(3) No person shall be convicted of an offence under subsection (2) [...] (b) if, in good faith, the person expressed or attempted to establish by an argument an opinion on a religious subject or an opinion based on a belief in a religious text." Given all that could be at stake if the amendment passes, the Permanent Council has sent an open letter to the Prime Minister, with other government officials in carbon copy. The letter is available for viewing on the CCCB website: <https://cccb.ca>. **Please consider contacting our local MP, Scott Aitchison, at 705-789-4640 or Scott.Aitchison@parl.gc.ca, to express your concerns and ask him to vote against this bill.**

Ushers Needed Urgently

We desperately need ushers for all masses. Very simple position to fill. Full training available. If you are going to be at mass anyway, it is a tremendous way to assist our parishioners without the hassle of extra meetings or events you need to attend. Please contact Mary Kudryk at 705-789-2163.

Looking for a Few More Lectors for all Masses

With the addition of the 7 pm Mass we need to update the Lectures schedule a bit. We are looking for volunteers to take advantage of this wonderful privilege to serve the Lord by proclaiming the Word of God. Lectors are important for the Liturgy. Please search in your heart and discerning a call to be Lector. If you would like more information please contact the office and leave a message for Judith Gottschalk.

2026 Sunday Missals

There are still some missals available at the entrance to the Church. Please get yours as they will be removed soon. The cost per missal is \$6.00. Please place the money in the box.

Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Hot Lunch
Tuesdays
11:30 am
Parish Hall



Sun. Choir Practice
Wednesdays
6:00 pm
Church



SVDP Meeting
Tues. Feb. 3
6:30 pm
by Zoom



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



K of C Fun Night
Fri. Feb. 6
7:00 pm
Parish Hall



Coffee Sunday
Sun. Feb. 8
After 9:00 am Mass
Parish Hall