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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 May 4 - 10, 2026

### Tuesday, May 5

9:00 a.m. no mass intention

### Wednesday, May 6

12:00 p.m. St Mary Catholic Elementary School Mass  
at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

### Thursday, May 7

9:00 a.m. no mass intention

### Friday, May 8

12:00 p.m. no mass intention

### Saturday, May 9

4:00 p.m. † Ivona Ziemyte / Romanowski Family

### Sunday, May 10

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

11:00 a.m. † Ron Knox / Knight of Columbus

7:00 p.m. 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,  
Sharon Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Peter Poustie,  
Bill Weber, Kate Monk, Michaela Enright, Ed Quinn,  
Pam & Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Keith Ham,  
Carole Ruttan, Stephanie Jarvis, Mabelle Claer,  
Janine Wright, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter,  
Dallas Clarke, Linda Latour, Tcherina Zylstra,  
Jim Poling Sr., Brian & Diane O'Connor, Terry Russell,  
Ed Quinn, Marg Grant, Joan Ranson, Walter Gryz,  
Veronica Cotman, Kenn Jumayao, Anna Maria Ertler,  
Mike Berardi, Bianca Hernandez Laurie, Linda Knox,  
Eleanor Wolfle, June Anne Crawford, Megan Barnes,  
Raul Hernandez, Michaela Enright, Marta Klaja,  
Flo & Brian Dittmar, Dorothy & Vano Mauro

### And in Remembrance of the deceased

Loretta Pearson, Ronnie Knox, Teresa Czekalewska,  
Wojciech Czekalewski

## DIVINE AND HUMAN FACE OF THE CHURCH

In the selection from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 6:1-7), we hear that the nearly perfect community, the Early Church, wasn't always ideal. The Divine Presence is sufficient but the human is imperfect!

The contentious Hellenists and the Hebrews represented two distinct cultural strands within the community. The "Hebrews" considered themselves as the "natives" or originals. They spoke Aramaic, revered the Temple and practiced a carefully conservative religiosity. (Give me that old-time religion!) The Hellenists were Greek-speaking Jews, influenced by a wider world. Their families had settled outside the promised land and their culture — language, customs, religiosity — had been affected by that.

So, as happens, some of the Hellenists saw the Hebrews as too rigid, and the strictest Hebrews viewed the Hellenists as "cafeteria Jews."

This ongoing clash predisposed the Greeks to assume that the Hebrews disparaged them and overlooked their neediest people, leading them into that perennial practice of "grumbling." Long ago, hungry Hebrew refugees in the desert grumbled against Moses, and the imagination of the hungry tends to interpret current hardships as unfair and someone else's fault.

The apostles, wiser than they had been when they walked with Jesus, knew better than to offer a solution that would eventually bring on more grumbling. So, they told the community — especially the grumblers — to meet and select seven "reputable" men to handle the situation by serving equitably at table while the apostles continued their important practice of preaching the good news to anyone with ears to hear. Grumblers, then, could hardly complain because they themselves had chosen the ones called to serve.

The Gospel gives us a sample of direct divine approach to solving human deep desires. We hear God's solution to "unfair/not yet there." First, Jesus promises that the Father offers all anyone can need. There are mansions for everyone — Greeks and Hebrews, natives and immigrants, refugees and even those who cause harm to others. The hitch is that to arrive there, one has to travel along the way of Jesus (Jn 14:1-12).

Like Thomas, we disciples ceaselessly wonder, "What is that way?" Jesus' first reply does not feel all that helpful. "I AM the way, the truth and the life." We might imagine Thomas saying, "I ask for a road map and you give me a philosophy lesson!"

Jesus' second explanation is clearer and more challenging: "How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? I am in the Father and the Father is in me. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works."

The good news is that we now know the way. Jesus showed us the way to grow in a relationship with God that draws us irresistibly into loving others, serving them, feeling their need and responding with all we are and have. This is the way, the only way. This is what Jesus meant when he broke the bread and invited his disciples to repeat his way of giving everything for others. Sure, we will get tired, see the imperfections and grumble along the way. But even in those moments we are on the way. Let us follow in the footstep of Jesus and everyone will be okay!

-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 May 9 - 10, 2026

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	7:00 pm
<b>Lectors</b>	Gaile Romanowski	Helen Hebb	Michelle MacIsaac	Sandra Cochrane
<b>EMC</b>			Jean MacInnis	<i>Please Volunteer</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	Ben Boivin Alison Coort <i>Please Volunteer</i> <i>Please Volunteer</i>	Krystyna Lenart Jerzy Lenart Al Kudryk Mary Kudryk	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix	Andrea Arsenaault <i>Please Volunteer</i> <i>Please Volunteer</i>

**Counters:** Wednesday, May 6 2026 - Mary Kudryk & Giesle Neigel

**March For Life**

The parish is organizing carpooling for the **March For Life, on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on May 14, 2026.**

There are a number of drivers. To join in this national event with the parish, please contact the parish office. For more information about the March For Life, please visit [marchforlife.ca](http://marchforlife.ca)



**Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the May 2026**

*That everyone might have food*

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**BIG NEWS! We are going to Britt again!**

During the months of July and August there will be an addition opportunity to attend Mass in Britt, Ontario on Saturday evenings. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Congratulations to Jaxon, Ella, Logan, Grace, Fin, Kyla, Colton, Raeden, Stella, Emma, Atticus, Kasia, Halina, and Isla, as they make their First Holy Communion. Please continue to pray for these children. A big thank you to Deacon Jan, Adam, and Linda for their dedication in preparing the children for this Sacrament.



**Rectory Mold Remediation/Restoration Project**

**Update:** As we predicted things are moving quickly now. The engineer has been back and made the recommendation to not replace the flat roof with a peaked roof on the rectory. The building structure would need more work, which equals more time and more money. The cost outweighs the benefit. We have news on the Peterborough Diocese Giving to Grow (GTG) capital campaign. With Bishop Miehm moving to the Diocese of London ON, he announced this week his decision to suspend the GTG campaign. Our parish will now continue with the Restoration Appeal fundraising that was paused. (See insert) We encourage you to give generously with undivided efforts.

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**Office Closed This Week**

Due to a construction on the rectory, workers need to tear out a section of the office. Unfortunately it will be next to impossible to keep the office open. Mary Helen will be happy to attend to any requests of needs you may have through email or phone. Contact info is on the front of the bulletin.

**Parish Groups Meetings/ Events**



**Sun. Choir Practice**  
Wednesdays  
6:00 pm  
Church



**St. Mary School Mass**  
Wed., May 6  
12:00 pm  
Church



**Confirmation Class**  
Wed., May 6  
7:00 pm  
Parish Hall



**CWL Mother's Day Tea**  
Sat., May 9  
11 am - 1 pm  
Parish Hall



**Parish Council**  
Tues., May 12  
6:00 pm  
Parish Hall



**March for Life**  
Thurs., May 14  
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