

St. Mary of the Presentation Church Chesterville

St. Daniel the Martyr Church South Mountain



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Chesterville*

Established: 1851



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Established: 1849 Rebuilt: 2013

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (St. Daniel's)
Sunday 11:00 a.m. (St. Mary's)

Daily Liturgy

Please refer to the schedule included with
this bulletin

Pastoral Visits

Regular pastoral visits are available on
request. Please call the Parish office.

Confessions are available 30 minutes
before each regular daily and Weekend
mass and by appointment.

Baptism: Contact the office. Families
must be registered with the parish.

First Communion/Confirmation:

Contact the office. Meetings with parents
and candidates begin in September.

Funeral Service: Please contact the
Priest.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements with the pastor should be
made at least 6 months in advance. A
marriage preparation course is required.

Contact

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Website: stmaryofthepresentationparish.ca

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryofthepresentationparish>

Parish Administrator: Father Oliver Wekesa

Office Hours: Thursday 10:30am - 3:30pm
(Appointment preferred) Friday 10:30am - 3:30pm

Bookkeeper: Brenda Sliva (Leave message at the office. Your call will be returned.)
Secretary: Jacqueline Louise (Thursdays 9:30am-12:00 pm, Fridays 9:30am - 12:00pm)

Announced Masses

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A, March 22, 2026

Day	Date	Time	Place	Intention	Requested by
Sat.	Mar. 21	5:00pm	St. Daniel	For the repose of the souls of Robert, Rose, & Lucien Villeneuve	Christine & Ed DiZazzo
Sun	Mar. 22	11:00am	St. Mary	For the intentions of Giacomo Donato	Steven & Gloria Poletti
Wed.	Mar. 25	6:00pm	St. Daniel	For the repose of the souls of Leona & Gordon MacDonald	Christine & Ed DiZazzo
Thurs.	Mar. 26	9:00am	St. Mary	For the repose of the soul of Jean McDonald	Carolyn & Mark vanDelst
Fri.	Mar. 27	8:00am	St. Mary	Adoration	
		9:00am		For the intentions of Fr. Oliver Wekesa	Carolyn & Mark vanDelst
		9:45am		School Mass	
		11:00am	Garden Villa	For the repose of the soul of Michael Murphy	Bill & Marg Traynor
Sat.	Mar. 28	5:00pm	St. Daniel	For the repose of the soul of Patrick Andrew Maraj	Sherry & Randy Ali
Sun	Mar. 29	11:00am	St. Mary	For the people	

The Saint Mary Sanctuary Lamp

If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for **one week** the cost is \$10.00*

<p>Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A, March 15, 2026 St. Mary's Regular: \$929.00; E-transfers: \$235.00; Building Fund: \$72.00 Lenten Mission: \$5.00; Easter Flowers Collection: \$45.00</p> <p>St. Daniel's Regular: \$385.00; E-transfers: \$90.00; Easter Flowers Collection: \$40.00</p> <p>St. Mary's Cemetery \$75.00 St. Daniel's Cemetery : \$0.00 St. Mary's/St. Daniel's Mass Account: \$0.00</p>

E-transfer St. Mary's: stmaryofpresentationpayments@gmail.com
 St. Daniel's: stdanielparishpayments@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Stations of the Cross: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Stations of the Cross with a Poverty Soup. Stations will be at St. Mary's at 7:00 pm every Friday from Feb 20th - Mar 27th and at St. Daniel's at 5:30 pm every Wednesday from Feb 25th - Apr 1st. Mark your calendars now to join your fellow parishioners in prayer and fellowship as a Church community this Lenten season!

2. Lenten Confessions: St. Daniel's - Wednesday March 25th @ 5:00pm. St. Mary's - Thursday March 26th @ 5:00pm.

3. Easter Triduum Schedule 2026:

Holy Thursday - April 2nd	7:00pm	Mass - St. Mary's, Chesterville
Good Friday - April 3rd	10:00am	Stations of the Cross - St. Mary's, Chesterville
	3:00pm	Solemn Liturgy - St. Daniel's, South Mountain
Holy Saturday	8:00pm	Easter Vigil - St. Mary's, Chesterville
Easter Sunday	8:30am	Mass - St. Daniel's, South Mountain
	11:00am	Mass - St. Mary's, Chesterville

4. Bus Trip - 200th Anniversary Mass for the Archdiocese of Kingston: Join fellow parishioners on a coach bus trip to the Archdiocese's 200th Anniversary Holy Mass and reception in Kingston, on Saturday, April 18th. The cost is \$40 per person. The bus will pick up from St. Mary's, Chesterville, St. Daniel's, and St. Mary's, Morrisburg. See sign-up sheet at the back of the church for details.

5. Praying Hands Lenten Mission: On behalf of the Praying Hands' Lenten mission, donations for the FAITH Pantry in Chesterville will be received for the remainder of the Lenten season. There is a basket labelled "FAITH Pantry" in the foyer of St. Mary's Parish for non-perishable food donations. Thank you for your support.

6. Envelopes: The Parish Office asks that all parishioners who use the collection envelopes please write their name on their envelopes over the next few weeks to ensure the numbers are allocated to the correct individuals. Thank you for your assistance!

7. Upcoming First Communion meetings April 12, 2026. Retreat: Saturday, May 9th; First Reconciliation: May 31st; First Holy Communion Saturday, June 6th at 10am.

Upcoming Confirmation Meetings: **March 22** (Enrollment during 11am Mass), April 26, and May 23, 2026. Meetings are held after the 11:00am Mass. Families are asked to attend Mass and then attend the meeting.

REFLECTION

Ezekiel 37:12-14

I am going to meditate on "I will open your graves and have you rise from them." "I will place my spirit within you, and you will live." This is a promise made by Ezekiel to those who feel demoralized, displaced, and hopeless. Israel isn't just hurting; they think their story is over. Their assessment is "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost." And into this hopelessness, God speaks with a promise: "I will open your graves."

This passage refers to more than just physical death. It encompasses every kind of "grave" we face, including depression, broken relationships, and a loss of faith or purpose. Similarly, sin enslaves us and leaves us feeling hopeless. We've all felt the sensation that something inside us has died. Nevertheless, God promises, "I will open your graves." God always takes a leading role in our Resurrection or regeneration. The second promise is this: I will place my spirit into you, and you will live. According to the Bible, life is more than just being alive; it is God's life or grace within us. Furthermore, God's spirit transforms dry bones into living beings, fear into bravery, and despair into hope. Thus, the challenge for us today is: Where are the "graves" in my life right now? What have I lost faith in? Where has my hope gone? What does it feel like when you go beyond healing and renewal?

Rather than resigning ourselves to words of despair—such as "It's over," "Nothing can change," or "This is how it will always be"—let us instead hold fast to the Lord's promise to open our tombs. God assures us, "I will instill my Spirit within you, and you will live." May this promise inspire us to embrace hope and trust in the renewal that only God can bring.

"I plead with you — never, ever give up on hope; never doubt, never tire and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." - *St. John Paul II*
