04 December 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 2Z4

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The first reading prophesies that the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the promised Messiah, who shall come forth from the line of King David. The second reading from Romans reminds us that by living in love and unity with one another, we glorify God. In the Gospel, John the Baptist preaches in the desert, *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*. John the Baptist was called by God to prepare the way for Jesus. He did this by proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Similarly, each one of us is called by God to prepare the way for Jesus. We do this whenever we assist someone in need, visit someone who is sick or lend a listening ear.

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption community, believe that we have been called through Baptism to live the Good News of Jesus Christ under the patronage of Mary, our Mother. We accomplish this by proclaiming the Word, celebrating the Sacraments, & reaching out to others.

PASTOR **Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse , D. D.**
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

RECTOR
Msgr. Dave Tramontini

ASSISTANT
Rev. Rex Lumine

IN RESIDENCE

Msgr. Normand Clement Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools
Rev. A. Man-Son-Hing Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle & St. Elizabeth Temagami

PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons	*Diocesan Order of Women*
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi	Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago	Mrs. Norma Milligan
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin	Miss Ruth Godon
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk	Mrs. Frances-Clare Fraboni



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Our faith community dates back to 1886 when we were originally located on Main Street West and called St. Mary's of the Lake and the cornerstone of the existing Cathedral was laid in 1904. The history of our parish is recorded in the memories of thousands of people who built our community.

Parish Liturgies



Marriage: Please pick up a Marriage Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

Anointing the Sick: Please call the parish office for more information.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday from 3:00 until 3:45 PM.

Eucharist: Please see mass schedule published in this bulletin. Call the parish office to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the sick and shut-in who are unable to attend Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On the First Friday of each month from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

Baptism: Please pick up a Baptism Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

The Pro-Cathedral is **wheel chair accessible**. The entrance to the elevator is on Algonquin Avenue. Please enter the vestibule and ring the bell for an attendant. Service available at all weekend masses. Weekday masses service available 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM. A **Hearing Aid System** is available for use by the hearing impaired. Please ask an Usher or Sacristan to assist you upon entering the church.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

MONDAY	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**
TUESDAY to THURSDAY	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
FRIDAY	**OFFICE CLOSED**

WEEKLY READINGS: 05—11 DECEMBER

Monday	Isaiah 35. 1-10; Luke 5. 17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40. 1-11; Matthew 18. 12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40. 25-31; Matthew 11. 28-30
Thursday	Genesis 3. 9-15, 20; Ephesians 1. 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1. 26-38
Friday	Isaiah 48. 17-19; Matthew 11. 16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48. 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17. 10-13
Sunday	Isaiah 35. 1-6a, 10; James 5. 7-10; Matthew 11. 2-11

MEN'S CLUB GATHERING

Calling all Men! Plan on attending our next Men's Club Dinner Meeting on December 8. Meet and greet social time begins at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall followed by a delicious dinner. Come out and join a great bunch of guys who plan events and get-togethers to foster community and build our parish up. *Isn't it time?*

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LECTORS

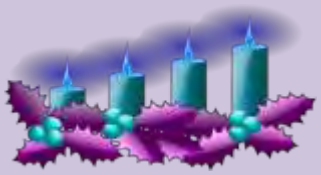
New Workbooks and Schedules are available for pickup in the Sacristy this weekend.

Advent Retreat ~ A Season of Gracious Gifts

Join us in a prayerful opportunity to slow down in the midst of this busy season and reflect on the gracious gifts of Advent. Come out and examine what is offered to us by our loving God and discover how we might respond as we explore three different Gracious Gifts of God:

The Gracious Gift of Never-Ending Presence
"Never-Ending Presence of God, comfort and challenge us!"
The Gracious Gift of Expectant Waiting
"We wait, ever-Present God, knowing You are always near!"
The Gracious Gift of Unquenchable Hope
"God of all Hopefulness, deepen in us the Gift of Hope!"

Tuesday, December 13
10:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall
With Light Luncheon
Please RSVP 495-3584



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Collection: 27 November 2016

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$6,880.35	$482.35

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A **Baptismal Preparation Meeting** will be held in the Lower Sacristy on **Tuesday, December 13** at 7:00 PM. Please call the parish office by Monday, December 12 to register! ***Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.***

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 05 December - Weekday in Advent
Elizabeth Hookimaw - Dale and Linda Fenton
Sherry Goodwin - Bernice Davis
Deceased Members of the Cotnam Family - Patricia Anderson

Tuesday, 06 December - Weekday in Advent
Intention of Maureen Killoran - The McArthur Family
Rose Moher - Jack and Monica Sullivan
William Cahoon - Margaret and Clifford Riopelle

Wednesday, 07 December - St. Ambrose, Bishop/Doctor
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Bill Lecour - Bonnie Parslow
Intention of Lori Gravelle - Joe and Louise Defonzo and Family
Intention of Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 08 December - The Immaculate Conception of Mary
In Honour of the Immaculate Conception - Josee Verrillo
Stan Moore - Cecile Robert
Ernie and Marie Follis - The Family

Friday, 09 December - Weekday in Advent
Loretta Cundari - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Claudette Barry - Cecile Robert
Rose Moher - Guiseppina Verrillo

4:00 PM Saturday, 10 December - Third Sunday in Advent
Liberato Campanaro - Carmela and Tony Campanaro
Murray Cangiano - Sybil and Family
Bernie Lecour - Joyce Pitt

Sunday, 11 December - Third Sunday in Advent
9:00 AM Rev. Mr. Donald Milligan - Norma Milligan and Family
Ida Mancini - Gabriele Berardi
Rose Moher - Ri and Joe MacAskill

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Msgr. Dave Tramontini

✝ Memorial Fund ✝

The following names have been received at the request of donors in memory of our deceased friends and relatives:

IGNATIUS & JOSEPHINE MURON

Hey Everyone!
Like us at facebook.com/procathedral
See our new page, watch for upcoming events and ask your friends to like us too!

Aiding Your Church ~ The Message of Stewardship

Stewardship is an attitude of the mind and of the heart. When a person makes a specific commitment of their time, their talent, and their treasure to the church, it is because they see our church as their spiritual home. By making stewardship an integral part of our mission we become a living testament to our faith.

2017 Envelopes are in the church for pickup. Have you given any thought to donating this year through pre-authorized donations, VISA or Mastercard? If you are already using these methods, have you reviewed your stewardship commitment since you began?

The Pro-Cathedral needs everyone to become stewards of the gifts they have been given by God ... whether it is clothes for the poor, food for the hungry, or simply arms outreached to someone who is lonely.



Catholic Women's League— Pornography Hurts Campaign

First launched in August 2013, the Pornography Hurts Campaign aims to raise awareness about the dangers of pornography among members, the public and members of parliament. Each year, since the campaign was launched, members have "blitzed" elected officials and government officers with postcards provided by the CWL. During the weekend of **January 7 and 8, 2017** members of the Pro-Cathedral will be provided with postcards at the back of the church to fill out and send to elected officials. Here is how you fill it out for the biggest impact:

- Ensure your name and return address is on the card in order for the minister (S) to respond to you;
- Ask a question or ask for feedback from the minister (i.e. will you take a stand by helping to ensure that just punishment is given to the perpetrators of this heinous crime to children and women)?
- Mail to Anthony Rota, MP Nipissing-Timiskaming and Jody Wilson-Raybould, MP Justice and Attorney General (Ottawa address provided on back and no postage required!)

Pornography fuels the global sex trade by driving demand into the mainstream of society. Studies show that pornography users often seek to act out what they have viewed in porn. Often their partners will not engage in such acts, so they seek it elsewhere – increasing the demand for trafficked women and children to be prostituted - from www.pornharms.com

Members are encouraged to read "Missing and Murdered the Trafficked" Indigenous women and girls are being exploited by gangs and other predators with little being done to stop it. The Globe investigates - By Tavia Grant Published February 10, 2016 at http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/the-trafficked-sexual-exploitation-is-costing-canadian-women-their-lives/article28700849/

Catholic Women's League News



Annual Christmas Dinner

All CWL members are invited to our Christmas Dinner which will be held the night of our December General Meeting, Wednesday, December 7th

Gathering at 5:00 PM followed by a Spiritual Program and a delicious turkey dinner by Dianne Esch

Tickets are $25 each and are available from President, Diane Carmichael at 471-5096

OR

THIS WEEKEND Maudena Farnsworth will be at our Saturday mass and from 10-11 AM on Sunday to sell dinner tickets and memberships.



Deadline to purchase tickets is December 4

Our gift collection this year will be for the non-denominational Christmas Day Dinner gift bags. Contact Diane Carmichael for a list of items we are looking for.

NOTE: When parking for our Christmas Dinner, please leave a couple of spaces open near the Lower Sacristy Door so that the caterer can get in and out with ease.

Look for the next issue of Ponderings in the January 29 bulletin!

The Gift of Availability

Availability for service is one of the most marvelous gifts that we can find in community. People who have this gift trust those in authority and community itself, and take on whatever is asked of them. It is marvelous for a community to have people with this child-like spirit, who are ready to take on anything that is asked of them. It brings a community to life.

Jean Vanier



Christmas Memorial Flowers & Decorations

A beautiful way to remember loved ones during this holy season is to donate memorial flowers and decorations in their memory. Your donation will help decorate the altar and sanctuary during the Christmas Season.

Pre-printed envelopes are available for your donation at the entrance to the church. Please fill out the requested information as neat as possible (printing would be best!). Include your donation and return the envelope to the office or in the weekly collection. A listing of remembrances will be printed in the Christmas Sunday Bulletin. ***Please have your names to the parish office by Tuesday, December 20.***

Remember your loved ones this Christmas and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for this beautiful season!

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve ~ Saturday, December 24

5:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM ~ 12:00 MIDNIGHT

Music Reflections

Prior to 8:00 PM & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25

11:00 AM Christmas Mass

Please join us in Celebration!

New Year's Schedule

Saturday, 31 December

Regular 4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, 01 January

Regular 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

REGIONAL NEWS

Mark Your Calendars: The North Bay Regional Parishes would like to welcome you to the first Discovering Christ program. This is a Seven Week program, that includes dinner, listening to dynamic teachings and joining in small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Starting January 24, 2017, every Tuesday evening until March 7, 6:45 PM at St. Peters Church. There is a Saturday retreat on February 25. All this for FREE Registration information to follow in each parish in the coming weeks. For more information contact Len Lanthier lslanthier@gmail.com 705 724-1368

The Catholic Women's League of Holy Name of Jesus Parish will hold their Second Annual Christmas Concert on December 4 beginning at 2:15 PM. Tickets are $10/Adults and $20/Family. Family ticket includes two adults plus your children. Tickets are available by calling 705-472-2882. Hope to see you there.

Special Respect for Life Mass with Celebrant, Bishop Marcel Damphousse on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Monday, December 12 at 12:05 PM Everyone is invited to attend this special mass in honour of Our Lady with priests from the entire region. Mass is followed by a reception in the parish hall.

St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Grade 8 Parent Information Night Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 PM. Tour the school, you're your future teachers, find out why SJSH is something to believe in!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held weekly at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Please come and visit Jesus even for a few minutes. He waits for us. Hours of Adoration: Monday and Thursday 12 noon to 5 pm; Tuesdays 12 noon to 9 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Lena Butler 497-3434.

Want to go on retreat from the comfort of your own home?



A Webinar "The Gospel of Matthew" will be held at 3:00 PM EST on Wednesday, December 7. This webinar will prepare you for the new liturgical year with insights about the Gospel of Matthew from scripture scholar Martin Lang. Martin Lang was director of the Master's Degree Program in Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry and professor of Religious Studies at Fairfield University. Professor Lang holds a doctorate from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and was a postdoctoral fellow at Yale Divinity School and at Union Theological Seminary-Jewish Theological Seminary.

Sign up by visiting: www.renewintl.org/matthew

You will be sent an email with a link. All you have to do is click on that link on December 7 at 3:00 PM and voila! You will be joined with others from around the world partaking in an Advent Webinar!

Note: If your plans change, you can cancel your involvement at anytime—there is a cancellation button on the email you will be sent so that you can decline the invitation at anytime.

The L'Arche Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church (wheelchair accessible). All are welcome. A Cookie Walk will be held in conjunction with this event. Anyone wishing to donate a batch or more of homemade dainty cookies is asked to call Nicky at 474-3018 for more details.

Christ Anglican Church 9th Annual Community Christmas Carol Sing-a-long Sunday, 11 December at 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome – even if you are just a listener! Bring your music instruments for a very informal night of fun and light refreshments.

St. Andrew's United Church Candlelight Music Service Sunday, December 18 at 7:30 PM. A quiet evening of contemplative music and readings of the Christmas journey. Please join us!

Free Literacy and Numeracy Adult Classes with Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Alternative & Continuing Education for adults aged 19 and older. Develop a personal learning plan and work at your own pace. Attend full or part-time. Enrol anytime – continuous intake, open all year!! Call 472-7771 or visit www.npsc.ca for more information.

Trinity United Church presents the Joy Band Sweet Sounds of Christmas December 11 at 2:00 PM with Carol sing-a-long at 1:30 PM. Refreshments. Free Will offering with proceeds to North Bay Serenity Hospice and Trinity's Infant Food Shelf.

Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region: Join us every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to be Evangelizers. For information contact Fran 476-4146 or Holy Name 495-1501

The Christmas Day Dinner Committee hosts a Free Dinner at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall on Christmas Day from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM so than no one is alone at Christmas. 350 gift bags are given so everyone takes one home! Would you like to take a bag (or bags) to fill? Items such as candy, mitts, socks, shower gel, shampoo, chocolates, activity book, toy, colouring book, deodorant, t-paper, box of tissues, etc. are needed. Please email steel.steel@fibreop.ca or call 476-7192 if you can help fill a bag or provide items.

L.I.P.I. 22nd Annual Santa Needs Help Campaign so that children our community can experience the joy of Santa this Christmas. If you wish to donate toys, adopt a family, require a pick-up of toys or want to volunteer – call 472-1337. Donations can be dropped off at LIPI office at 127 Main Street East.