27 November 2016

First Sunday of Advent

# PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

# Welcome to Your Father's House!



The season of Advent begins today with a call to perseverance and vigilance, as we prepare, not just to celebrate the historical event of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, but also to celebrate our central belief that Christ will come again in glory to judge all humanity. Our readings are chosen to help us reflect on this great truth and to be prepared for the coming of Christ. Our readings speak to us about eternal life and the fulfillment of the kingdom. Isaiah, the Old Testament prophet of consolation, describes a pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord where the faithful will be instructed in his ways. Paul calls us to wake up and to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Our Gospel echoes this, describing the need to be prepared for the unexpected coming of Christ in glory.

## *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* |
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| 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 |



### CONTACT US

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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

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| **MONDAY** | **8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON** |
| **TUESDAY to FRIDAY** | **8:30 AM to 4:30 PM** |

## WEEKLY READINGS: 28 NOV ~ 04 DEC

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| Monday | **Isaiah 4. 2-6; Matthew 8.5-11, 13** |
| Tuesday | **Isaiah 11. 1-10; Luke 10. 21-24** |
| Wednesday | **Romans 10. 9-18; Matthew 4. 18-22** |
| Thursday | **Isaiah 26. 1-6; Matthew 7. 21, 24-27** |
| Friday | **Isaiah 29. 17-24; Matthew 9. 27-31** |
| Saturday | **Isaiah 30. 19-21, 23-26; Mt. 9. 35-10.1, 5a, 6-8** |
| Sunday | **Isaiah 11. 1-10; Romans 15. 4-9; Matthew 3. 1-12** |

# 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



Brought to you by Ascending Life Canada

## Are your Monday Mornings Free?




We are looking for volunteers who (call us crazy!) actually enjoy doing laundry!

Do you like to sort, wash, dry and iron? Then don't miss this exciting opportunity ☺

All supplies provided. Approximately two hour commitment once monthly with backup if you can't be available for a scheduled day.

Call the parish office for more information.

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, 28 November - Weekday in Advent**
William Balfour - Mary-Ellen Balfour
Ron Luesby - Jeanne Luesby
In Honour of Saint Padre Pio - Maria and Tony Miscio and Family

**Tuesday, 29 November - Weekday in Advent**
For Special Intentions - E. Roy
Gerry Martineau - Jeannette and Randy Dominico
Vivian Rose Malouin - Keith and Terry Campbell

**Wednesday, 30 November - Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle**
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Bill Lecour - Ray Hamilton
Loretta Cundari - Nick, Alexandra and James Rivet and Andrea Silveri
Intention of Lois Wishak - The Wednesday Bridge Club

**Thursday, 01 December - Weekday in Advent**
Rose Moher - Guiseppina Verrillo
John Doyle - Mary Doyle and Family
Loreta Cundari - Bonnie Parslow

**First Friday, 02 December - Weekday in Advent**
Linda Leggett - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Ida Mancini - Lloyd and Katherine Voisin

**4:00 PM Saturday, 03 December - Second Sunday in Advent**
Ella Mae Markham - The Markham Family
For Special Intentions
Intention of Ted and Sharon Hargreaves - Staff and Parishioners of St. Pius X Church

**Sunday, 04 December - Second Sunday in Advent**
**9:00 AM** Raymond Crawford - Leona Kervin
Deceased Parents & Family of Joanne & Victor Sokolowski
Intention of Karen and Denis Beaulieu and Family Church

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

## Pope Francis' DECEMBER Prayer Intentions

**Universal**: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

**Evangelization**: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

**VOLUNTEERS ~ REMINDER!!!**

**Please return your Code of Conduct Forms as soon as possible to the parish office. The forms can be found in the Sacristy, on the book cases in the Cathedral, and on our website or see Karen at the parish office for a form.**

## 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.



There are several ways in which you may contribute financially to the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption.

**Weekly Contribution Envelopes**
You may already be using our parish envelope system. Our 2016 Contribution Envelopes will be available in the church for pickup soon. In the meantime, please use the brown "visitor" envelopes and write your name and address on them.

**Postdated Cheques**
You may wish to donate weekly by postdated cheque. Many of our parishioners who are lucky enough to be "snow birds" for the winter months leave postdated cheques for their weekly offerings. Also, for those who are often away in the summer months, this option provides a means to donate even though you may not be able to attend church regularly. Authorization forms are located in the pamphlet racks at the entrance to the Cathedral.

**VISA / MASTERCARD**
Convenient, safe, and reliable, VISA or Mastercard contributions can be made weekly, monthly, or at any time at your convenience. Pick up a form at the entrance to the Cathedral in the pamphlet racks to designate your donations. It's safe, easy, and absolutely free.

***ALSO*** - Talk to your tax professional or financial consultant about how you can donate by making the Pro-Cathedral a recipient of ***securities*** (bonds, mutual funds, etc.); ***life insurance***, ***gift annuities***, ***endowment funds***, ***bequests***, ***real estate***, and ***gifts of retirement plan accumulations***.

***If you have never donated, please consider supporting our parish financially*** — we truly need your support to continue the good works of the parish!

| Collection: 20 November 2016 | |
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| **Sunday Offering** | **Building Fund** |
| **$6,131.40** | **$746.50** |

## *Catholic Women's League 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*
*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.

## Ladies of the Pro-Cathedral!

Sincere "Thanks" for ensuring the success of this year's Bazaar & Tea on November 19! I truly believe that it was a success because each of you created an atmosphere of warmth and welcoming, working in harmony and cheerful participation in friendship and partnership.

The following are the winners from the CWL Raffle:



1st Prize: $500 - Elaine Kilroy

2nd Prize: $300 - Suzanne Mechefske

3rd Prize: $200 - Bev Robinson

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Congratulations to all our winners and thank you again to all our volunteers who assisted selling tickets as well as all those who supported us by purchasing tickets!

### PIN POEM

This pin is shining so bright
'Cause you reflect Jesus' light
You have worked with all your might
Long hours into the night.
This service pin which you wear
Makes others much more aware
Of God's Good News that you bear
To show all others that you care.
We give you this pin today
'Cause in your own special way
You've answered God's call to pray
With League sisters here and away.

By Glenda Klein

## WARNING……WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of **The Advent Virus:**

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry.
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.

An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.

## REGIONAL NEWS

**St. Peter the Apostle 23rd Annual Turkey Dinner** December 4 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. $15/adult, $5/5-10 years, Free/under 5. For tickets call Nella at 494-9424. Call soon – always at sell out!

**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 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 followed by a reception in the parish hall.

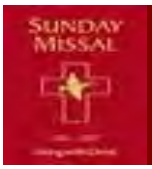
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**St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Grade 8 Parent Information Night** Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 PM. Tour the school, you're your future teachers, find out why SJSH is something to believe in!

**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.

**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

The Pro-Cathedral Rectory has an antique hutch that requires refinishing/refurbishing. If you are a handy person who might be interested in volunteering to refinish this piece, please contact the parish office. The piece is located in the rectory shop where it can also be worked on. All materials would be provided by us. If you would like to see the piece to evaluate whether this work is a possibility—call us.




**Sunday Missals for Sale**

**In Sacristy or at the Parish Office**

**$5.00 Each**

**Advent Retreat at Villa Loyola** "***A Stitch in time: The fabrics that quilt your life"*** *Friday, December 2 7:00 PM to Sunday, December 4 1:00 PM.* We will explore a few basic "stitches" that can sew our lives together again into one "seamless garment". Director Fr. Philip Chircop, S.J. Cost: $230 live-in $150.00 commute. Call 705-522-3502 ext, 0 Monday to Friday or by email at loyola@isys.ca to register.

**Free Literacy and Numeracy Adult Classes with Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Alternative & Continuing Education for adults aged 19** and older. Improve your reading, writing, math and computer skills; upgrade your skills for secondary school credit, employment, college, apprenticeship or for a greater sense of independence; 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 Joyful Bells Handbell Choir** December 4 with carol sing at 12:45 and concert at 1:00 PM. Free will offering – 50% of proceeds to North Bay Serenity Hospice. **Also present the Joy Band Sweet Sounds of Christmas** December 11 at 2:00 PM with Carol sing-a-long at 1:30 PM. Refreshments served. Free Will offering with proceeds to North Bay Serenity Hospice and Trinity's Infant Food Shelf.

**Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region:** If you feel called to pray 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

**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 new or used 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.

**Knights of Columbus Meetings**

**Fr. Michael Cundari Council, 12030 at Holy Name Church:** General Meeting fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
Contact: Joe Sinicrope at 497-0604

**Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Council 12106 now meet** second Tuesday of each month with regular and executive meetings held the same day at the Canadian Forces Base Church (Queen of Peace). Contact: Art Tiernay at 358-1368

**We also collect pop cans for charity work. Please drop off you cans at Holy Name Church beside the Garage.**

**Knights of Columbus Council #1007** Executive Meeting at 6:30 PM and General Meeting at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month September to June at St. Peter's Church in the Parish Hall. Refreshments served. New or transferring members can contact Mike Joly at 495-1792.