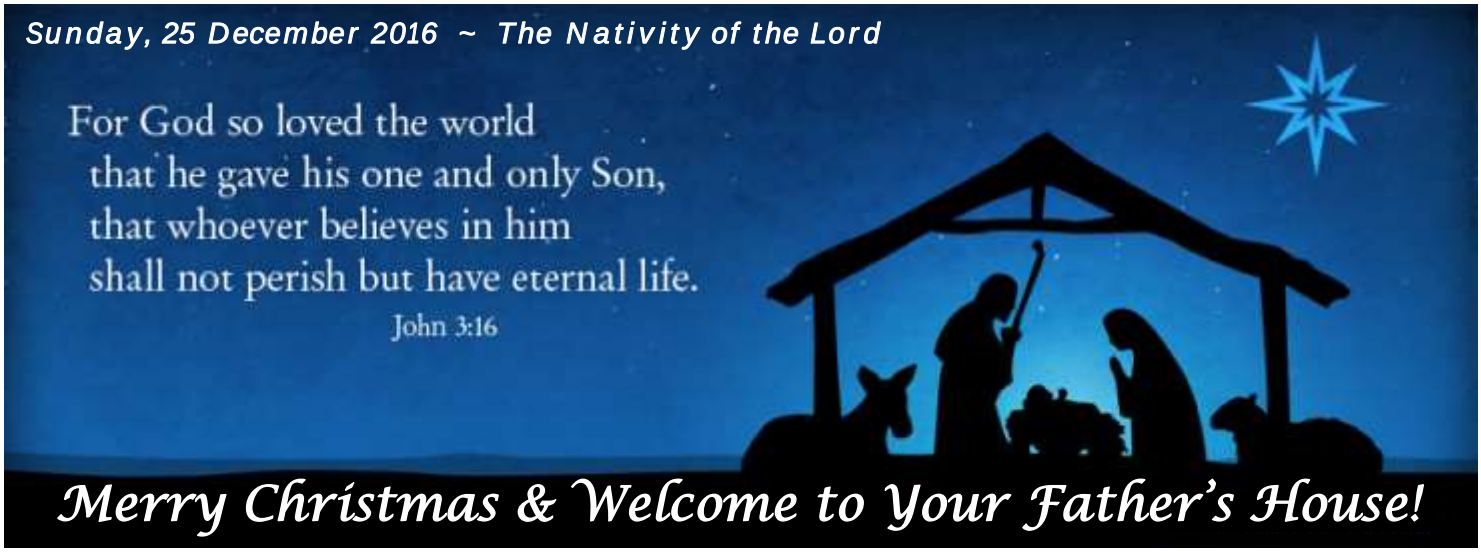


Our Parish Mission Statement

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

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PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons
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Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
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Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

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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 ~ FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED

WEEKLY READINGS: 26 DECEMBER ~ 01 JANUARY

Monday	**Acts 6. 8-10; 7. 54-59; Matthew 10. 17-22**
Tuesday	**1 John 1. 1-4; John 20. 2-8**
Wednesday	**1 John 1. 5—2.2; Matthew 2. 13-18**
Thursday	**1 John 2. 3-11; Luke 2. 22-35**
Friday	**Sirach 3. 2-6, 12-14; Matthew 2. 13-15, 19-23**
Saturday	**1 John 2. 18-21; John 1. 1-18**
Sunday	**Numbers 6. 22-27; Galatians 4. 4-7; Luke 2. 16-21**



Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to All.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

I would like to take this opportunity to offer you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas. May this Christmas be for you a day of divine inspiration that will grow within your heart throughout the New Year. The gift that God makes of his Son to the world is one we are called to receive and to contemplate in such a way that it transforms us from the inside.

Soon I will have completed my first year with you as Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie. Thank you for the gift that you are as you reveal the presence of God as individuals, as families and as parish communities.

Let us look forward to the future with hope well rooted in Jesus Christ. I wish you and your families joy and lasting peace.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed, Happy New Year!

Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention for CHRISTIAN UNITY

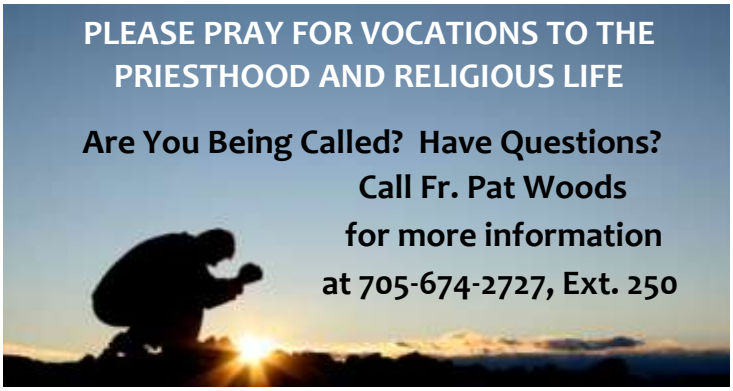
That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Merry Christmas & A Blessed New Year from the Catholic Women's League

Bishop Damphousse would like to thank all of our parishioners who supported the collection for the victims of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. Our Diocese, through generous contributions was able to raise **$50,237.50**. Congratulations!

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 PM. Please call the parish office by Monday, January 9 to register! *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*



New Year's Schedule

Saturday, 31 December
Regular 4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, 01 January
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Regular 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - the oldest feast of Mary celebrated in the Catholic Church. This is the day where we honour Mary in the Octave of **Christmas for saying "yes"to Gabriel at the Annunciation** to become the Mother of Jesus.
It is a Day of Obligation in Canada as are all Sundays

Isaiah speaks to us today of the beauty of the one who brings us glad tidings: Jesus coming to tell of God's love. Hebrews goes further, describing Jesus as the one who fully reveals the depths of God's love for humanity. Finally, the Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the very Word of God, the one from the beginning – God born into human history. God has always shown his love for us in numerous ways: through the beauty of creation and the love of our families and friends. Today, he shows that love in a very special way: in the birth of his beloved Son into our world – God's gift to all of us!



PRAYER LINE

Do you have prayer requests you would like others to pray for? These requests may be anonymous or in detail. If so, please call Sister Shirley McNamara at 474-3800, Ext. 295 or Lorraine Atchison at 474-0613 and they will gladly pass them on to others who are waiting to receive your requests. If you wish to join a prayer line to pray for intentions, call the above contacts as well.



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 26 December - Feast of St. Stephen, Martyr
Stephanie Cosgrove - Catherine and Family
Sister Kathleen Chisholm - Chuck and Joan Verge
In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for Favours Received - A Parishioner

Tuesday, 27 December - Feast of St. John the Apostle
Ignatius and Josephine Muron - The Family
Rose Moher - Paul and Mary Lou Smith
Intention of Dan & Susan Seguin - Jim & Anne Marie Seguin

Wednesday, 28 December-Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
William Balfour - Mary-Ellen Balfour
Gordon Stone - Lucille and Arthur Schiavo
Intention of Father Armand Lalande - Andree Cornish

Thursday, 29 December - Fifth Day of the Christmas Octave
Shirley Hedican - Mary-Lynn and Dale Hall
George Tiernay - Carole and Gary Potter
Frank Scappatura - The Demarco Family

Friday, 30 December - Feast of the Holy Family
Rose Moher - Sudbury Catholic District School Board
Allen Daignault - Jeannette and Randy Dominico
Kenneth Rainville - Terry Rainville

4:00 PM - Saturday, 31 December - Mary, Holy Mother of God
Lucille and Laurier Brisson - Andree Cornish
Catherine Sampson-Lalonde - Madeline and Clifford Sampson
George Renette - Jack and Maudena Farnsworth

Sunday, 01 January - Mary, Holy Mother of God
9:00 AM Intention of Brent Conley - Jim and Anne Marie Seguin
Donna Gignac - Terry Evans
George Tiernay - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board

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

Collection: 18 December 2016

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$6,884.70	$874.00



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?

REGIONAL NEWS

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

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.

Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs). **St. Joseph's Motherhouse** first Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM in Holy Family Chapel and Pro-Cathedral First Friday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

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

Mustard Seed Productions presents "Godspell" at Trinity United Church January 13 & 14 at 7:30 PM and January 15 at 1:30 PM. $10/Adults and $8/Students. Tickets available at Trinity United Church or at the door. For more information call 474-3310.

Going into or Have a Sick Family Member in Hospital? Mass is celebrated every Wednesday at 3:00 PM by a parish priest at the North Bay General Spiritual Centre (West Wing Entrance). And ... Eucharist is distributed Wednesday, Friday and Sunday by ministers of Holy Communion. Let pastoral care know your family member would like to be added to the list for visitation.

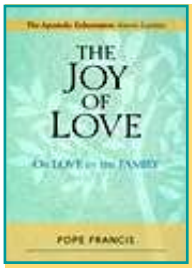
Free Literacy and Numeracy Adult Classes with Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Alternative & Continuing Education for adults aged 19 and older. Improve your reading, writing, math and computer skills; upgrade your skills for secondary school credit, employment, college, apprenticeship or for a greater 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.

THE EDGE Catholic Youth Group: Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Join us Mondays at 6:45 PM in the hall of St. Joseph's Church, Clark St., Powassan. THE EDGE uses live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, Scripture, crafts and other cool stuff to explore issues about our Faith, solid values, youth concerns and happy living!! No need to pre-register. Call Pauline 724-5964 for information or transportation.



VIGIL CANDLES

Blessed white candles are available ½ hour before and ½ hour after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy and ask our Sacristan for your vigil candle. It will be lit and at that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of $5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs.



Sister Mae Kierans will facilitate a book study on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family"
Maybe you come from a happy family, a healthy family. Or maybe yours is a flawed family, a struggling family, a broken family. Maybe you're scared to get married and have a family. No matter who you are, you are part of a family, and Pope Francis wrote this love letter to you. He addresses all the myriad realities of families today with compassion, hope and encouragement.

Gatherings Each Saturday 10:00 to 11:30 AM ~ Parish Hall

January 21 & 28 and February 4 & 11, 2017

Cost: $10/Person for Book

Already have a book? Join us & let us know you are coming!

Call Parish Office 472-3970 to Register

CLAY- (Catholic Love Attitude Yes!) A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, Powassan, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For information contact Laurie Dobbs at 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities collects clothing for free distribution to those in need. Clothing for men, women, children and infants, shoes, or accessories. Also towels, tea towels and sheet sets. Drop off to Catholic Charities entrance off Algonquin Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:30 AM or weekdays to the Pro-Cathedral Rectory (480 McIntyre Street West.). Items should be clean and in good repair. PLEASE — Seasonal (Fall/Winter) Clothing Only!

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.

Sisters of St. Joseph (Motherhouse) Presents Taize Prayer: Third Thursday of month (Sept.—June) 7:00—8:00 PM Holy Family Chapel. Taize prayer includes song, scripture, and silence. Silence is to meditate and pray for openness to God's presence in our lives - join us as we pray for peace in the world.

Volunteers needed for Family Enrichment Program for parents and their preschool children. Volunteers care for our infants, toddlers and preschoolers Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 9:15 am to 11:15 am. Located at St. Joseph School 570 First Avenue East. Call 472-2152 for more information.

Marriage Preparation Weekends: Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place. Material cost is $40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. **Spring 2017 Sessions:** 24-25 February, 21-22 April. Register early!

Birthright: Pregnant? Need Help? Call 1-800-550-4900 or visit: www.birthright.org Email: info@birthright.org "We're in this for life!" A free confidential service as an alternative to abortion.