10 DEC 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear a voice that cries out: *In the desert prepare the way of the Lord*. In the second reading, we are reminded that we will not know the day or the hour of Jesus' return, so we must be ready. Today's Gospel talks of John the Baptist proclaiming *a baptism of repentance*. Our readings today give us hope that Jesus is coming, but also offer a challenge to prepare the way before him. John the Baptist's words in today's Gospel point us to Jesus while challenging us to repent. In order to prepare the way and *make straight his paths,* we must be willing to sometimes go out on a limb and be that voice crying in the wilderness, proclaiming the mightiness of our Savior.

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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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 FRIDAY	**8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM**

WEEKLY READINGS: 11 ~ 17 DECEMBER

Monday	**Isaiah 35. 1-10; Luke 5. 17-26**
Tuesday	**Zechariah 2. 10-13; Luke 1. 39-47**
Wednesday	**Isaiah 40. 25-31; Matthew 11. 28-30**
Thursday	**Isaiah 41. 13-20; Matthew 11. 11-15**
Friday	**Isaiah 48. 17-19; Matthew 11. 16-19**
Saturday	**Sirach 48. 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17. 10-13**
Sunday	**Isaiah 61. 1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-25; John 1. 6-8, 19-28**

Respect for Life Mass



Our Respect for Life Mass celebrates the sanctity and dignity of each human life from conception to natural death. This mass is celebrated December 12 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and everyone is invited to this special mass followed by a reception.

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
~ 12:00 Noon Mass ~
Tuesday, 12 December



Bishop Marcel Damphousse Celebrates with Priests of the Region

Mass Followed by Reception

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Change my heart & help me to follow the way.

Wednesday, 13 December

Regional Penitential Service
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption ~ 7:00 PM
Followed by Individual Confessions



Friday, 15 December

All Day Individual Confessions
St. Peter the Apostle Church
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 11 December - Weekday in Advent

Deceased Members of the Cotnam Family - Patricia Anderson
Charlie Ethier - Larry and Theresa Ethier
Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Tuesday, 12 December - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR 12:05 NOON HOUR RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS

Wednesday, 13 December - Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin/Martyr

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Teresa and Frank Piekarski - Trudy, George, and Jillian & Family
Sam Giustra - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Intention of Liz Collins and Family - Donna and Bob Frechette

Thursday, 14 December - St. John of the Cross, Priest/Doctor

Susan Dwyer-Monaghan - Catholic Women's League
Intention of Stuart Thompson - Lorenza Thompson
Ed Foley - Joe and Louise Defonzo

Friday, 15 December - Weekday in Advent

Lorne Donnelly - Eileen Casey
Marty Martinello - Cora Martinello and Family
Yvette Rymes - Louise Cappadocia

4:00 PM Saturday, 16 December - Third Sunday of Advent

Lidia and Mike Rossi - The Family
Lorraine, Frank, Patrick and Michael Hanley - The Madden Family

Sunday, 17 December - Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Carol Bethune - Catherine and Basil Bethune
Boleslaw and Julia Czarnota - Jadwiga Gorecki & Family
Rev. Mr. Donald Milligan - Norma Milligan and Family

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

Good Shepherd Atrium
Advent a time of waiting, longing, preparing



Advent is an exciting time in the life of the Church and in the Atrium. Last week children began with the changing of colours. This is a special celebration the children help to prepare in recognition of the liturgical change from green to purple. Our Advent Wreath has been set up and each session we will gather around it and sing and listen to the wonderful Names of Jesus.

Wonderful Councillor, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Good Shepherd, True Vine, King of Kings

Marlene Lamarche, our level 1 - 2 catechist's lead parents and grandparents in making Advent Wreaths for home. Eileen the mother of Ryder said, 'I love doing stuff like this and I rarely get the chance, so I was so happy to get to do it. I even made one for my classroom!"

Epiphany is January 6, 2018, and we will be celebrating as an Atrium family by attending the 4:00 PM Mass on the Saturday followed by our Atrium Blessing and Potluck.

Epiphany Celebration and Atrium Blessing & Potluck ~ Open Invitation
Come Join us January 6 starting with 4:00 PM Mass.

Bring a dish & leftover Christmas Baking. To help us with set-up please call the office or email: corpuschristi.atrium@gmail.com

USE OF INCENSE AT CHRISTMAS



The following is a schedule of when incense will be used at our Christmas masses:

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM	**No Incense**
8:00 PM	**Incense**
MIDNIGHT	**Incense**

Christmas Day

11:00 AM	**No Incense**



NOTE: The incense we use is Trinity Brand, made with hypo-allergenic, non-choking, high quality resin.

Food Bank Sunday ~ Next Weekend

NOTE: SPECIAL DATE! Instead of the last Sunday in December—our Food Bank Sunday will be held on Sunday, December 17 — NEXT WEEEKEND!



Please be generous in helping to stock our shelves before Christmas to help our neighbours in need!



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 19.***

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

Pope Francis December Prayer Intentions

The Elderly: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

SOCIAL SUNDAY NEWS

Our next Social Sunday will be held on Sunday, December 17 after the 11:00 AM Mass. Come and visit with fellow parishioners to get into the Christmas Spirit!

If you can help out, give the parish office a call or maybe you can provide a special dish you are famous for or would like to share a cultural dish? Call the office and let us know for planning purposes.

In 2018, perhaps your parish ministry would like to host a Social Sunday? Let us know. What a great way to let others know about your ministry and maybe even get some new volunteers. Are you interested in any of the following? Call the parish office if you can help out in any way.

- ☺ Host a Social Sunday
- ☺ Help to serve
- ☺ Bake or provide snacks
- ☺ Help set up
- ☺ Offer hospitality
- ☺ Help to clean up

Thank you! See you on the 17th!!!

Michelle Chew, Social Sundays Coordinator



Widows Helping Widow's Group
(We Welcome all Women to Join Us!)

An informal gathering of Widows to gather for companionship, a laugh or two and to talk about those things on our minds that at different times have an impact on us as widows. Whether we are newly widowed or have been widowed for years, our grief can be isolating even when we have supportive friends and family. Sometimes we need to talk and be understood by others without the burden of explanation, to show our pain and not have to hide it for the sake of others who are grieving too.

Come and join us at our next get-together which will be held Saturday, January 13 at 11 AM in the Parish Hall Hall.

These are very informal gatherings, no plans, no agenda, no organization or commitment. Come out for coffee and tea and see how we can support each other. If you need a ride or more information, call Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675. Don't forget - we are wheelchair accessible too!

"What will you do with your life?

Diocese Vocations / Youth Ministry Director
Sault Ste. Marie Regional Vocations
Contact Fr. Pat Woods Office of Vocations/Youth Ministry
705-674-2727 ext. 250 / pwoods@diocesecentre.com

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COLLECTION: 03 DECEMBER 2017	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,935.57	**$1,592.00**
Stained Glass Window Renovation Donation $500.00	

What's Happening in our Community?

The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM at St. Peter's Parish.

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.

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 7 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Gisele Champagne at 497-1911.

Marriage Preparation Weekends February 9 & 10, April 20 & 21, and Fall October 26-27 (5 PM Friday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday): Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place. Material cost is $40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Register soon!

CLAY- (Catholic, Love, Attitude, Yes!): A Youth Program for JK to Grade 7, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Gregory's School Gym, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For more information please contact Laurie Dobbs at 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

Call CANA for Cards, Rosaries, Sacramental Gifts, Books & More! Email Kas or Alana at cana12cana@gmail.com or call 776-2192

L.I.P.I. Santa Needs Help Campaign looking for new or used toys or people to adopt a family for Christmas. If you can help call the office at 472-1337 or drop by at 127 Main Street East. Last year we were able to bring happiness to over 1,100 people.

The **L'Arche Christmas Pageant** will be held on Sunday, December 10 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 cookies is asked to call Nicky at 474-3018 for more details.

Ringing & Singing in Christmas presented by Trinity United Church Choir "I hear the Prophet Callin' – the Christmas Story from Prophecy to Fulfillment with full instrumental accompaniment. With Trinity's Junior Choir, Joyful Bells, Handbell Choir. Sunday, December 17 at 1:30 PM. Everyone welcome – free admission.

Christmas Day Dinner with all the trimmings will again be hosted at Pro-Cathedral. Non-denominational for anyone who does not want to be alone at Christmas! If you would like to volunteer call 825-4748. If you would like to donate towards Christmas Day gift bags given to those who attend, drop off donations at St. Vincent de Paul Church on Thursdays during day.

Trinity United Church presents A Canadian Christmas – Gathering Place Fundraiser. Wrap yourself in a patchwork of seasonal story and song on December 14 at 7:00 PM. Carol sing-a-long at 6:30 PM. Adults $15, Students $10, Children 12 & Under Free. Tickets a the door, the Church, Creative Learning or Gullivers. Call 474-3310 for more information.

BEST Advent EVER BEST ADVENT EVER will engage you in a deeper experience of the coming of Jesus at Christmas. It's not complicated – just sign up at:

dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

and you will be sent links to short, inspiring videos, a theme to focus on throughout the day, and be given ways to live out the theme in everyday life. Bonus: Prayers to prepare your heart for Jesus, videos from Matthew Kelly and inspiring quotes!

Blue Christmas Service at Calvin Presbyterian Church on December 17 at 7:00 PM. A service of remembrance and hope for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one in the past year. All are welcome.

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.

North Bay pregnancy Help & Resource Centre, 323 Algonquin Ave, North Bay, ON P1B 8J8. Open weekdays 10:00 AM–4:00 PM. Tel: 475-9270. Offering free pregnancy testing, optional counselling, a friendly non-judgmental ear, baby supplies, post-abortion grief counselling, and community service referrals.

Sisters of St. Joseph Present:

Christian Meditation: Each Tuesday at 1:30—2:30 pm in Holy Family Chapel. This contemplative prayer is a way to self-knowledge, self-acceptance & awareness of all that God can do in our lives when we allow it.
Taize Prayer: The third Thursday each month from 7:00—8:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. This prayer includes song, scripture, and silence, praying to be open to God's presence in our lives.
Sister Noreen Muldoon and Sister Shirley McNamara will be hosting an evening or afternoon once a month for single women who would like to share their faith. We will use the book "The Cup of Our Life" by Sister Joyce Rupp as a basis of prayer and refection. If you are interested contact Sister Shirley at 474-3800, Extension 295 or email: smcnamara@csjssm.ca

Knights of Columbus Meetings

Fr. Michael Cundari Council, 12030 at Holy Name Church:
General Meeting third 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 your 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.

A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths!

