17 DEC 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Today's readings are readings of hope for a future that is bright with promise. Isaiah announces a year of favor from the Lord in which all manner of suffering is soothed. Saint Paul reminds us to rejoice, to pray always and to give thanks in all circumstances. In John's Gospel, we hear that the Light has come into the world, and it cannot be extinguished. The world literally grows darker each day this time of the year. But as dark as the world grows, the darkness will not overcome the light. Jesus is the light of the world. He illumines our darkness with his love and truth. We are able to sit in the darkness with confidence that the Lord is with us.

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: 18 - 24 DECEMBER

Monday	**Jeremiah 23. 5-8; Matthew 1. 18-24**
Tuesday	**Judges 13. 2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1. 5-25**
Wednesday	**Isaiah 7. 10-14; 8.10d; Luke 1. 26-38**
Thursday	**Zephaniah 3. 14-18a; Luke 1. 39-45**
Friday	**1 Samuel 1. 24-28; Luke 1. 46-56**
Saturday	**Malachi 3. 1-4; 4. 5-6; Luke 1. 57-66**
Sunday	**2 Samuel 7. 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16. 25-27; Luke 1. 26-38**



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule



Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

Celebrated at 10:00 AM

(9:00 & 11:00 AM Masses are Cancelled)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

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

Music Reflections

Prior to 8:00 PM & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25

11:00 AM Christmas Mass

(12:05 PM Mass Cancelled)

Holy Family Weekend

Saturday, 30 December & Sunday, 31 December

Regular 4:00 PM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

Sunday, 31 December

Regular 9:00 & 11:00 AM Masses



New Year's Day ~ Solemnity of

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

11:00 AM Mass

(12:05 PM Mass Cancelled)

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.

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.

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 18 December - Weekday in Advent

Intention of Karen, Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu
Charlie Ethier - Larry and Theresa Ethier
Cecile Griffin - Jim and Ann Seguin

Tuesday, 19 December - Weekday in Advent

Jeanne Hodgins - Philip Paquette
Bob Houghton - Vivian Molnar and Family
Yvette "Kitsy" Rymes - Lloyd and Katherine Voisin

Wednesday, 20 December - Weekday in Advent

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Antonietta and Danny Covatta - The Verrillo Family
Members of the Levesque & Martin Families - Richard Levesque
Marilyn Desjardins - Gene Desjardins

Thursday, 21 December - Weekday in Advent

Bill Lecour - The Family
Deceased Relatives of Jack and Monica Sullivan
Intention of Nicholas and Ali Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, 22 December - Weekday in Advent

Iris Vendetti - Nadine and Paul Condon
Maria Spina - Maria Gosselin and Family
Glenna McAuley - Jean and June McAuley

4:00 PM Saturday, 23 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Liberato Campanaro - Carmela and Tony Campanaro
For Special Intentions - Carol Rowe
For Peace in the World - Nicola and Michelina Campanaro

Sunday, 24 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

★ **NOTE SPECIAL MASS TIME**

10:00 AM Intention of Paul and Mary Lou Smith - A Friend
In Thanksgiving to God - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

PLEASE SEE CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE ON THIS PAGE TO LEFT



Christmas Memorial Flowers & Decorations

Please have your names to the parish office by Tuesday, December 19.

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.

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

Register NOW
for Confirmation
Contact the Parish Office

Confirmation Preparation has already begun but it is not too late to register! Please do so as soon as possible!!!

Visit procathedral.ca
for more information
Under SACRAMENTS click on
CONFIRMATION then
CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Discovering Christ

Join us for this exciting new 8-session series where we gather to share a delicious breakfast, listen to a dynamic teaching, and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding ultimate purpose in life.

Saturday Mornings
January 20–March 10, 9:00-11:30 AM
Parish Hall, Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
McIntyre Street Entrance (Double Grey Doors)

Breakfast and program offered at no cost.
Seating limited. Childcare provided as needed.

To register online go to christlifenorthbay.org or complete the following and drop it in the collection basket

(Registration Form)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ **(Home)**

_____ **(Cell)**

_____ **(Other)**

If childcare needed, list children's ages here:

_____, _____, _____, _____



Come and be Refreshed!

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. **2018 Envelopes are in the Church in December 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?

If you currently do not make donations in any form, please consider supporting the Cathedral financially - we need your support. Thank you!

Merry Christmas from The Catholic Women's League!

On behalf of Maudena Farnsworth, President of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL, to all CWL members, funeral luncheon workers and the parish, thank you for your support during 2017 and have a Merry Christmas and Blessings for the New Year. During this holiday season please keep North Bay's homeless in your prayers. The North Bay Warming Centre is accepting donations at their new location at 480 Fisher St., Suite 100. Contact Karrie Lepoudre at 705-495-0508 or at warmingcentrenbay@gmail.com or by visiting www.facebook.com/NorthBayWarmingCentre/ to find out how you can help.

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

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



COLLECTION: 10 DECEMBER 2017	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,219.05	$833.15
NOVEMBER PRE-AUTHORIZED	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,673.00	$879.00

What's Happening in our Community?

Christmas Day Dinner with all the trimmings will again be hosted at Pro-Cathedral from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Non-denominational for anyone who does not want to be alone at Christmas—everyone welcome! 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.

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 Soup and Card Party January 23 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. $6 entry fee includes lunch. For table reservation call John at 845-1020 or Roy at 477-4084.

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.

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.

2018 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!

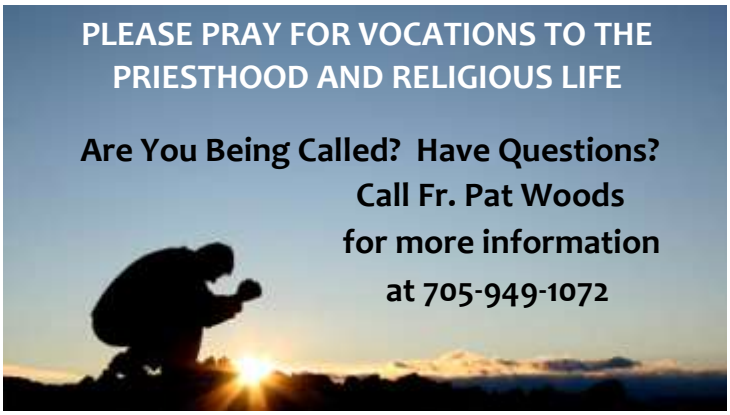
CLAY- (Catholic, Love, Attitude, Yes!): A Youth Program for JK to Grade 7, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Gregory's School Gym, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For more information please contact Laurie Dobbs at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

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.

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 — Due to Space Limitation Seasonal Clothing Only!



YEO (Youth Evangelizing Others) is a Catholic Youth Group designed for grade 8-12 students with a mission to bring other teens to know Jesus through testimonies, talks, skits, and games. Friday nights at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Gym from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. For more information, contact Sam at 496-0456.

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.

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.

Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow. We await your coming. Come, O Lord!

