24 DEC 2017	Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
	480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, ON - P1B 2Z4
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	*Welcome to Your Father's House!*



In today's first reading, David wants to build a temple for the Lord, but hears from the Lord that he will build a family dynasty for him that will last forever. The passage from the Letter to the Romans is a hymn of praise giving glory to God. The Gospel tells of the angel Gabriel's message to Mary that she would conceive and bear the son of God, Jesus. Sometimes, as children, we think that a special day, such as Christmas or a birthday, will never arrive, but it always does, eventually. The people of the Old Testament were waiting for centuries for the coming of the Messiah to free them. Jesus did come, but it took a long time before he was accepted.

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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Msgr. Dave Tramontini

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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
25 - 31 DECEMBER 2017

Monday	**Isaiah 52. 7-10; Hebrews 1. 1-6; John 1. 1-18**
Tuesday	**Acts 6. 8-10; 7. 54-59; Matthew 10. 17-22**
Wednesday	**1 John 1. 1-4; John 20. 2-8**
Thursday	**1 John 1. 5-2.2; Matthew 2. 13-18**
Friday	**1 John 2. 3-11; Luke 2. 22-35**
Saturday	**1 John 2. 12-17; Luke 2. 36-40**
Sunday	**Sirach 3. 2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3. 12-21 Luke 2. 22, 25-27, 34-35, 39-40**



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

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.



NEW PARISHIONER?

Please register so we can get to know you better!

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 HELD at 12:05 PM — MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 25 December - The Nativity of the Lord

11:00 AM **Christmas Day Mass is offered in remembrance of all those whose names are published on our Christmas Memorial Flower List**

Tuesday, 26 December - Feast of St. Stephen, Martyr
Charles Ethier - Larry and Theresa Ethier
Teresa Kelly - Donna Kelly and Family

Wednesday, 27 December - Feast of St. John, Apostle/Evangelist

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Denis Amo - Katherine Amo and Family
Sam Duistra - Carmine Ricciutti
Simon Boulanger - The Family

Thursday, 28 December - Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Bill Balfour - Mary Ellen Balfour
Cecile Griffin - Dan, Susan, and Danielle Seguin

Friday, 29 December - Fifth Day of the Octave of the Nativity
Shirley Hedican - Mary-Lynn and Dale Hall
Jess Peddle - Staff, Holy Cross School
Intention of Bernice Davis - Armand and Barbara Foubert

4:00 PM Saturday, 30 December - Feast of the Holy Family
Intention of Sandy and James Eastwood - Robert and Judy
Ed Foley - Dale and Linda Fenton
Yoland Lamothe - Bunty Swanson

Sunday, 31 December - Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 AM Stan and Irene Szalas - Jadwiga Gorecki and Family
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu
Rachelle Rainville - Judy Montgomery & Robert Manary
Intention of the Donors and those Remembered in the Memorial Fund

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

In Denmark in 2016, 133 out of 137 babies found before birth to have Down Syndrome were aborted. That is 97% of all diagnosed cases.

This Christmas, let us pray that the birth of the Baby Jesus may strengthen our resolve to welcome, nurture, and protect every child born and unborn.

North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre
323 Algonquin Ave, North Bay, ON P1B 8J8.
Open weekdays 10:00 AM–4:00 PM. Telephone: 475-9270
We're here to help!



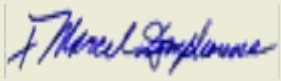
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of great darkness, on them light has shined. You have increased their joy; they rejoice before you..." (Is 9,2)

On this Christmas of 2017, may the light of Love rise upon our divided and wounded world; may the presence of Emmanuel, God with us, fill all solitude; may the gladness and joy of the Lord touch all hearts; may the coming of Jesus give meaning to all life.

May we, by our own acts of love and presence, foster a spirit of fraternity and unity that will contribute to building a better world, in the image of God's Kingdom.

And may every day of 2018 prolong into our lives the faith, love and hope that Christmas rekindles in our hearts.

To you and your loved ones:
Christmas Love! Christmas Peace! Christmas Joy!



+Marcel Damphousse
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

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

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ **(Home)**

_____ **(Cell)**

_____ **(Other)**

If childcare needed, list children's ages here:

_____, _____, _____, _____

A Prayer for Peace During the Holiday Season



Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life—burdens that steal the joy right out of our Christmas stockings. Crazy weather disasters strike at unsuspecting areas, ravaging peaceful homes and interrupting the lives of unsuspecting residents. Tragedy arrives as innocent victims suffer, and an inner voice whispers, "Be afraid!" We need your peace, Jesus.

Lord, we still carol the wonderful message, huddled beneath winter caps on snow-covered porches, or from churches, led by enthusiastic musicians or choir members. Yet we confess that our hearts are too often filled with wonder of a different kind: wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come. Will it ever? Is the message still true?

In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Christmas, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Forgive us for forgetting—that Your love never changes, never fades, and that You never abandon the purpose for which You came: to save us from our sinful condition, and to give us life eternal, the joy of relationship with a holy God. Your birth—and Your death—sealed Your promise to us forever.

For those whose hearts are battered by sorrow or broken relationships, for those whose lives know only conflict and confusion, for those whose bodies are tired and tested beyond their ability to endure this year—precious Savior, draw them close to You. Let them know You are still the same Jesus who was born of a virgin, not in a hospital but an animal barn, laid in a manger of hay. You are still the One sent by a heavenly Father who offered not condemnation for our sins, but love and forgiveness—and daily, divine fellowship.

We not only need Your peace and joy; Lord, we crave it. You've promised rest for the weary, victory for the battle-scarred, peace for the anxious, and acceptance for the broken hearted—not just at Christmas, but every day of every year.

Release the joy in us that's been crushed by pride, wrong priorities, or world events. Tear down the strongholds that have held us captive far too long. Extinguish the flames of apprehension that rob us of a calm, quiet spirit. Show us again the beauty of that holy night so many centuries ago.

Your name is still called "Wonderful," "Counselor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," and "The Prince of Peace." As Your children, we cry out for a fresh filling, and a new awareness of Who You are. We choose by faith to make the "good news of great joy" a reality in our own lives, so others can see us as lighted trees of life, pointing to You this Christmas. We know one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that You are Lord. And we also know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You.

You are still our Joy. You are still our Peace.

You are no longer a babe in the manger. You are Lord of lords and King of kings. And we still celebrate You as Lord—this Christmas and always.

~ Rebecca Barlow Jordan

COLLECTION: 17 DECEMBER 2017	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,965.65	**$764.00**



Our Christmas Social Sunday last weekend was a huge success! A special thank you to our newly formed Social Committee for their incredible assistance.
Many people came out to enjoy our luncheon including our whole choir and they had a great time and some great food!! Not a table was empty!
Thank you to everyone who helped out especially to Art Henry for his awesome Christmas musical entertainment!
Everyone enjoyed their meal, there was a lot of socializing amongst parishioners and we received a lot of positive feedback. Thank you!
See you in the New Year for our next Social Sunday! And remember, if your ministry or group would like to host a Social Sunday call the parish office for more information.

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. Everyone Welcome. Non-denominational for anyone who does not want to be alone at Christmas!

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.

Made for More! Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 2018. All high school aged youth are invited to participate on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Join high school students from across Northern Ontario for a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and powerful witness featuring popular Catholic Speaker Ken Yasinski. Register online www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018 or pick up a registration form at your church or by visiting your high school Chaplain in the New Year. Registration is only $20 for this exciting event presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, the Huron Superior Catholic District School Board and the Knights of Columbus Council 932.

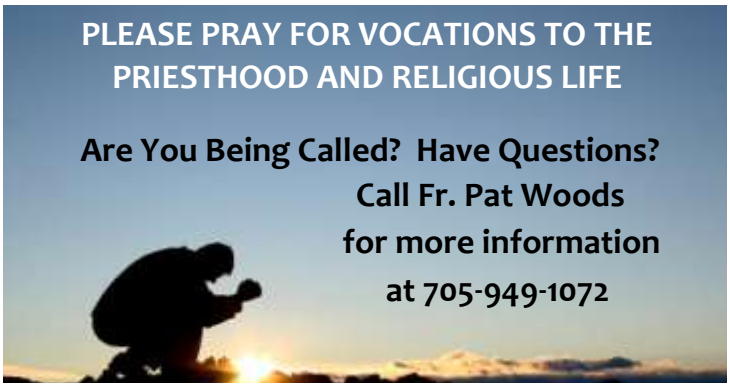
The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM at St. Peter's Parish.

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

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.