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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, Sirach echoes God's mandate to honor our father and mother, for in doing so we honor God. In the second reading, Saint Paul instructs the Colossians to live in the spirit of Christ, loving one another and seeking peace. In the Gospel, Joseph and Mary present Jesus at the Temple for the ritual Jewish purification. There they encounter the prophet Simeon and prophetess, Anna, who offer thanks to God for this long-awaited Savior and foretell of his coming reign of power. Most people first experience faith within their family, where it is planted and nurtured. Mary and Joseph nurtured Jesus in the ways of faith, and helped him to grow in wisdom through their love and commitment to him and to each other, and through their obedience to Scripture and Tradition. It is through our trust in God and our love for one another that we bring Christ to life in our own families and communities.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS: 01-07 JANUARY

Monday	Numbers 6. 22-27; Gal. 4. 4-7; Luke 2. 16-21
Tuesday	**1 John 2. 22-28; John 1. 19-28**
Wednesday	**1 John 2. 29; 3. 1-6; John 1. 29-34**
Thursday	1 John 3. 7-10; John 1. 34-42
Friday	**1 John 3. 11-21; John 1. 45-51**
Saturday	1 John 5. 5-13; Mark 1. 4-5, 7-11
Sunday	Isaiah 60. 1-6; Ephesians 3. 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2. 1-12



OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

MONDAY	**OFFICE CLOSED**
TUESDAY to FRIDAY	**8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM**

New Year's Day ~ Monday, 01 January

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

11:00 AM Mass



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.

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.

For a ride or more information, call Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675. Don't forget - we are wheelchair accessible.

Sunday, Christmas and New Year's collection reports will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

PRAYER LINE

The prayer line is a group of parishioners who pray for the needs of others. Concerns great and small are presented to the Lord on your behalf. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the group 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.

Pope Francis January Prayer Intentions

For Religious Minorities in Asia: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 01 January - The Solemnity of Mary—Holy Mother of God
11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Msgr. Dave Tramontini

Tuesday, 02 January- St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen
Charles Ethier - Larry and Theresa Ethier
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, 03 January - Weekday in the Christmas Season
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Intention of Living & Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League
Lorne Donnelly - Eileen Casey

Thursday, 04 January - Weekday in the Christmas Season
Shirley Hedican - Mary-Lynn and Dale Hall
Int. of Gerry and Joyce Lafontaine - Armand and Barbara Foubert

Friday, 05 January - Weekday in the Christmas Season
Liberato Campanaro - Carmela Campanaro and Family
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle

4:00 PM Saturday, 06 January - Epiphany of the Lord
Bill Lecour - The Family
Deceased Relatives of Jack and Monica Sullivan
Monica Savretto - Eleanore Lunney and Family

Sunday, 07 January - Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 AM Rev. Mr. Donald Milligan - Norma Milligan and Family
Lorne Holden - Jack and Monica Sullivan
Anne Valiquette - Karen Beaulieu

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

New Year

I am the new year.
I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
I am your next chance at the art of living.
I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.
All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.
All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.
All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly,
waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."



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:

_____, _____, _____, _____



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!

Catholic Women's League Membership

CWL members are reminded to take advantage of the Early Bird draw. Those that pay their annual $25 membership before January 31st have their names entered into a draw for the return of the cost of the membership. The draw will be held at the first General Meeting of the New Year on February 7. Contact Maudena Farnsworth, Membership Chairperson at 495-2532 for more information.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada wishes to express its heartfelt gratitude to its donors for their quick and generous response to the crisis affecting the Rohingya people of Myanmar.



Development and Peace donors gave $546,820 during the matching period for the Canadian government's Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, which ran from August 25th to November 28th, 2017. In addition, Development and Peace received $750,000 from Global Affairs Canada to increase its response to the needs of the Rohingya people. Together, Development and Peace will be able to contribute over $1 million towards humanitarian aid efforts for the most vulnerable.

"Development and Peace's donors showed profound empathy towards the Rohingya refugees who fled to Bangladesh to escape violence in Myanmar. The majority of the refugees are women and children," says Serge Langlois, Executive Director of Development and Peace.

"The government contribution will go towards a Caritas Bangladesh project that has a total budget of almost $6 million (cdn)," explains Stéphane Vinhas, Humanitarian Aid Programs Officer at Development and Peace. "This project, which will last until the end of August 2018, includes the construction of solid shelters while taking into consideration gender aspects, the construction of latrines and access to clean water, as well as initiatives to help protect children and women, notably the creation of educational and recreational spaces for children and psychosocial support for victims of violence," adds Vinhas.

Development and Peace will use the monies it raised to complement this project with mid- to long-term actions that will allow the safe, dignified and voluntary return of Rohingya refugees who are in Bangladesh, support to the Rohingya population so they can live in improved economic and social conditions and efforts towards strengthening the country's democracy so that all its people can live in peace and prosperity.



What's Happening in our Community?

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.

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!

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.

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.



"What will you do with your life? What are your plans? Have you ever thought of committing your existence totally to Christ? Do you think that there can be anything greater than to bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus?" Pope John Paul II

Diocese Vocations / Youth Ministry Director
Sault Ste. Marie Regional Vocations
Contact Fr. Pat Woods 705·949·1072

Interested In Learning More About The Catholic Church? ***Call our parish office if you would like to speak with someone regarding the RCIA process.***

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.

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 all year!! Call 472-7771 or visit www.npsc.ca for information.

North Bay Food Bank - Can you help? Call 495-3290 Monday & Friday between 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

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 Council #1007 Meetings

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.

