21 JANUARY 2017

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples to learn from him. He calls four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John and promises that he will make them "fishers of men." Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

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

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Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
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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: 22 –28 JANUARY	
Monday	2 Samuel 5.1-7, 10; Mark 3. 22-30
Tuesday	**2 Samuel 6. 12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3. 31-35**
Wednesday	**2 Samuel 7. 1-17; Mark 4. 1-20**
Thursday	Acts 22. 3-16; Mark 16. 15-18
Friday	**2 Timothy 1. 1-8; Luke 10. 1-9**
Saturday	2 Samuel 12. 1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4. 35-41
Sunday	Deuteronomy 18. 15-20; 1 Corinthians 7. 32-35; Mark 1. 21-28

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK	
MONDAY	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**
TUESDAY to FRIDAY	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts will be mailed out in February. If you were using the following envelope numbers in 2017—we don't know who you are and you will not receive an income tax receipt. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible to identify yourself. Thank you!

41 178 233 253 386 401 415 454

ALSO! 2018 Envelope Users

We are already receiving 2018 envelopes with no name or address on them. Please call the office!

Envelopes: 122, 165, 198, 216, 253, 319, 330

It is very important that everyone write their name and address on their envelopes for the first 4-6 weeks of this New Year.

NOW HEAR THIS!



After the weekend masses on 27 & 28 January, Deacon Al Falconi will stay after mass to help educate and help anyone who wants to know more about how to use our Hearing Aid System.

If you struggle to hear our homilies, announcements, music, etc. why not use our system? You can even bring your own ear buds or loop and plug them into our system! It's as easy as plug and go and our ushers are available at each mass to provide you with assistance.

Stay for a few minutes after mass on the weekend of 27/28 January and see how the hearing system can enhance your enjoyment of the celebration of mass.

Sunday Collection - 14 JANUARY	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,420.45	**$842.00**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 22 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Charlie Ethier - Larry and Theresa Ethier
In Thanksgiving to Mary, My Mother My Confidence - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Tuesday, 23 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
Intention of Dana and Mike - Judy and Robert

Wednesday, 24 January - St. Francis De Sales, Bishop/Doctor
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Deceased Relatives of Jack and Monica Sullivan
Victor Sokolowski - Maudena and Jack Farnsworth

Thursday, 25 January - Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
Lillian Sullivan - Ann Sullivan
John Doyle - Mary Doyle and Family

Friday, 26 Jan. - Memorial of St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops
Cliff Dunn - Jack and Monica Sullivan
Nick Plutino - Teresa Cotter

4:00 PM Saturday, 27 January - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celina White - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
Ian, Teresa, and David Houston - Heather and Family

Sunday, 28 January - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Bill Balfour - Mary Ellen Balfour
Cliff Dunn - Wilf and June Marleau
Intentions of the Donors and those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

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

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.

Dear God, lead the way and I will follow. Amen

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18 to 25 January 2018

Celebrated Sunday, 21 January ~ 2:00 PM
St. Brice's Anglican Church ~ Reception to Follow



Every year, between January 18-25, is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and everyone is invited to participate in an annual ecumenical celebration.

The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes from the Caribbean region: "Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power" (Exodus 15:6).



"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
705-949-1072 / pwoods@diocesecentre.com

Catholic Women's League Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea

The Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall was transformed into an Ol' Country Christmas as hundreds came out on Saturday, November 18, 2017, in support of the CWL of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption's annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea. Over $6,000 was raised in support of numerous charities including: Right to Life, Breakfast Program, Meals on Wheels, Gathering Place, Catholic Charities, Development and Peace and the Bursary Program.



Crowds of people come out to support the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea.

"In the immortal words of the great comedian, Bob Hope, I too believe that 'My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern is very simple: loving others.' It is through the love of others that I am blessed to be surrounded by a team of experienced, dedicated and hard working women whose efforts produced another successful Christmas Bazaar," stated Annette Dutrisac, Pro-Cathedral CWL Bazaar and Tea convener. "The support of the church community never fails to bring hope to those who need it the most in North Bay."



On Monday, January 15, Shirlene Condie-McVeigh (left), President Elect of the CWL presented a cheque to Dennis Chippa, Executive Director of the Gathering Place, in the amount of $1,180 at the Parish Hall.

The national CWL theme of "Inspired by the Spirit Women respond to God's call' comes to fruition in each of the CWL volunteers and supporters through this Bazaar and Tea. It enables the CWL to continue the vital work of giving back to our local and global communities.

Article and photos by: Leah Pierce, Communications Chairperson

Catholic Women's League Membership



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 Shirlene Condie-McVeigh at 476-2748 for more information on how to get your 2017 Membership. For those who use parish envelopes—please note that you have a CWL Membership Envelope included in your box of envelopes which can be completed and dropped into the collection basket.





Food Bank Sunday ~ Next Weekend



Our next Food Bank Collection will be held NEXT WEEKEND!

Please be generous in helping to stock our shelves for our neighbours in need!

Widows Helping Widow's Group

(We Welcome all Women to Join Us!)

Over 14 women came out at our last gathering! Those who are newly widowed and those who have been widowed for many years are both finding our gatherings very supportive. We are getting to know each other better and are looking to plan some outings soon. Any woman who is widowed and would like to come out to our gatherings is welcome.



This is 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. ***It is ok to just join us and listen too!*** We meet everyone at their comfort level. 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.

Join us on Saturday, February 17 at 11:00 AM in the Lower Sacristy. For a ride or more information, call Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.
Don't forget - we are wheelchair accessible.



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. Ken is one of Canada's most sought after Catholic speakers, with 14 years of full time experience, proclaiming the fullness of the Catholic faith. His passion for the faith, fidelity to the Church, and his ability to communicate with clarity, inspires Catholics to an extraordinary life in Christ. At the core of every message, he challenges people to realize their full potential in life. His message at the Conference will revolve around how God calls us to more in our life. 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.

Go to our homepage at procathedral.ca under LATEST NEWS for more information and a link to the registration

What's Happening in our Community?

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 Soup and Card Party January 22 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.

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.

New Evangelization Summit Kick-off Event 2018 Come and join us Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30-8:30 PM at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 591 Brennan Rd, Sudbury, ON. Welcome, Taizé Chant and Procession, Opening Hymn and Prayer. Guest Speaker: Prayer "The Ultimate Relationship" as preparation for Evangelization; video, small group discussion & more! All are welcome to attend!

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.

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.

The Sons of Jacob Synagogue extends an invitation to come out Tuesday January 23 at 7:30 PM to find out about their restoration project to restore the external face of their building. Gather with their members, their architects and friends and neighbours who wish to support them, to go over the planned renovations. Your presence is most welcome. Coffee and tea will be provided and a Yahrzeit (collective prayers for our departed loved ones) will follow the meeting.

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.

The bitter cold weather is upon us and the **North Bay Warming Centre needs your help** at their new location at 480 Fisher St., Suite 100. Contact Karrie at warmingcentrenbay@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/NorthBayWarmingCentre/

Silent Lenten Retreat "The Name of God is Mercy" at Villa Loyola Friday, March 2 7 PM to Sunday, March 4 1:00 PM Director: Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J., cost $230/live-in or $130/ commute. Call 705-522-3502 ext, 0 Monday to Friday or email at loyola@isys.ca. Where is God in our rather dark and scary world? How should we respond to the fearful and threatening pressures we face? How can religion heal the world, or is religion the problem? These questions have been in the hearts of many. Many people feel estranged or distant from God, especially when God is so often invoked or portrayed in violent or judgmental ways. During this retreat we will pray with these passages for enlightenment, hope, and transformation on our spiritual journey

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: Taze Prayer is held the 3rd Thursday each month, from 7:00—8:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. The intention of this prayer is for the "Gift of Reconciliation", wherever brokenness exists. This includes song, scripture, and silence. All welcome.

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.

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