02 December 2018

First Sunday of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In a time of great upheaval and chaos for Israel, Jeremiah reassures the people of better days to come, when a descendent of David will rule them with integrity and honesty. Looking forward to the return of Christ in glory, Saint Paul reminds us that we must strive for true holiness now. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that no matter what befalls us in this life, we are to have confidence in him, the Son of Man. The season of Advent begins with a call to perseverance and vigilance as we prepare to celebrate not just the historical event of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, but our central belief that Christ will come again in glory to judge all humanity. Our readings are chosen to help us reflect on this great truth and be prepared for the coming of Christ.

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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PERMANENT MINISTERS

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Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
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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**

Readings for the Week

Monday	**Isaiah 2. 1-5; Matthew 8. 5-11, 13**
Tuesday	Isaiah 11. 1-10; Luke 10. 21-24
Wednes-	Isaiah 25. 6-10; Matthew 15. 29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26. 1-6; Matthew 7. 21, 24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29. 17-24; Matthew 9. 27-31
Saturday	Genesis 3. 9-15; Ephesians 1. 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1. 26-38
Sunday	**Baruch 5. 1-9; Philippians 1. 3-6, 8-11; Luke 3. 1-6**

Catholic Bible Study
24 Week DVD Study - The Bible Timeline – the Story of Salvation by Jeff Cavins



Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall
Thursdays starting **January 10, 2019**
Day Group 1: 2 – 4:30 pm **Night Group 2**: 7 – 9:30 pm

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Register: Contact facilitator Mary Louise (Loulou) Delarosbel to register and information 705-825-2455 (cell) or ml.delarosbel@hotmail.com

Order: You will be required to order the Bible Timeline Study Kit through CANA at 776-2192 or at https://www.sunrisemarian.com **BEFORE DECEMBER 15 PLEASE**. Type in the search field: The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation Study Set, PB. Costs are in USD: $44.11 USD (taxes, shipping) plus the exchange rate will total to about $60 Canadian . . . that breaks down to $2.50 a session! **Everyone welcome!**

Don't forget to check it out!

Want to prepare more actively, reflect more deeply, and above all regain a sense of hope this Advent Season? **Check out the *Come to Christ video series posted on our website at procathedral.ca under NEWS.***
The twenty, two-minute videos by Catholic Lay Evangelist Patrick Sullivan are meant to prepare your hearts for Christmas through engaging, beautiful and inspiring clips.



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 18.***

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

COLLECTION - 25 NOVEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,242.56	**$1,171.00**

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 03 December - St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Robert Belisle - Nicholas Candeloro
Deceased Members of the Walter and Morin Families - Ray and Marlene Walter

Tuesday, 04 December - Weekday in Advent
Marianna Belic - Colleen Klein

Wednesday, 05 December - Weekday in Advent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League
Intention of Anne and Frank Sherry - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 06 December - Weekday in Advent
Robert Belisle - Colette Belisle

First Friday, 07 December - St. Ambrose, Bishop/Doctor
In Honour of the Immaculate Conception - The Verrilo Family
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Theresa Ricci - The Family

4:00 PM Saturday, 08 December - Second Sunday of Advent
Lou Goyette - Laurette Goyette and Family
Bill Sullivan - Colleen Klein

Sunday, 09 December - Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Rev. Mr. Donald Milligan - Norma Milligan and Family
Intention of Nicholas, Alex and James Rivet - Joe and Louise Defonzo

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

Reminder: Masses scheduled on a Saturday or Sunday are not verbally announced masses.

Pope Francis said that by accepting Jesus as king, Christians can receive meaning and enlightenment "to our existence marked by doubt, fear and everyday trials." However, he added, this can only be experienced "on the condition that we do not follow the logic of the world and its 'kings'. We all want peace, we all want freedom and we want fullness," the pope said. "And how do we obtain it? Let the love of God, the kingdom of God, the love of Jesus take root in your heart and you will have peace, freedom and fullness."

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. **2019 Envelopes are in the Church for pickup.** Have you given any thought to donating this year through pre-authorized donations from your bank account, 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!

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
~ 12:05 Noon Mass ~
Wednesday
12 December



Bishop Marcel Damphousse Celebrates with Priests of the Region

Mass Followed by Reception

Celebration of First Reconciliation

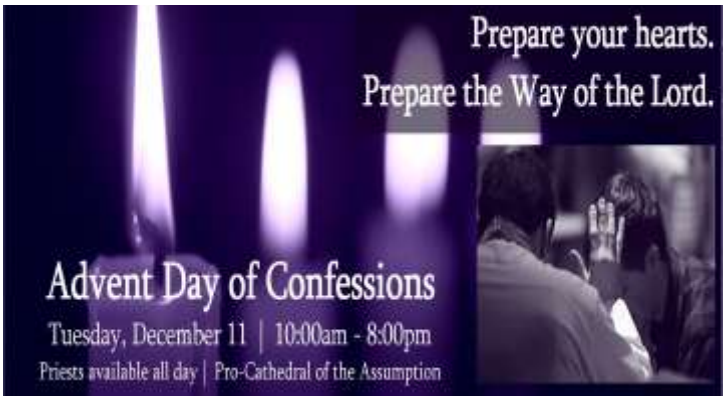


Congratulations to the following children in our parish who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on November 21. Thank you to their parents and guardians for bringing their children to this special sacrament so they may understand and appreciate God's grace in their lives.

Benjamin Belanger
Maxim Bertrand
Danielle Désilets
Olivia Gough
Kreeson Hookimaw
Chace Koostachin
Silver Koostachin
Markus Loxton
Joël Mathieu
Gianna McCully
Andreena Pizzoferrato
Avery Sills
Sophie St. Martin
Holly Thomas
Liliana Tignanelli
Izaak Vlahek
Cameron Walsh
Rhys Walton



A huge thank you to our Sacramental Preparation Team for all their dedication to preparing our children for this Sacrament. We are blessed to have these special people working with our children. Thank you Kathy Storie, Anne-Marie Westenenk, Cathy Cartwright and Erin Tayler!



Christmas Dinner will be held Wednesday, December 5



The social and silent auction will start at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. Christmas Dinner tickets are $25 and can be purchased until December 3 from Shirlene Condie-McVeigh 493-0718 and Lisa Henry 493-4164. Dinner will be catered by Cecil's. For more information contact Shirlene.

This year, we are accepting donations of socks to support the CWL Warmth and Comfort Initiative: "Sock it to the CWL" - see below!

CWL Warmth and Comfort Initiative
SOCK IT TO THE CWL!



The CWL theme extending into 2019 remains focused on homelessness. A program called "*Warmth and Comfort*" has been initiated, where CWL Councils across Ontario have been asked to collect **new socks** for men, women and children. The goal of this initiative from now until January 2019, is to collect 2,019 pairs of **socks**!



The socks collected will be donated locally to places such as homeless shelters, drop in centres, clothing banks, crisis centres, hospital palliative care units, emergency departments and senior homes. Socks may be dropped off in the designated basket at the back of the church. Winter weather has arrived early so please donate now!

SOUND SYSTEM FOR SALE



A SHURE P.A. with 2 cordless microphones. For more information, please call Shirlene Condie-McVeigh 493-0718

Circles of Dialogue and Reconciliation: Responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action



Led by facilitator, Sister Priscilla Solomon, CSJ.

December 6 ~ Parish Hall ~ 7 to 9 PM

How Might We Move Forward Together?

Everyone welcome. Please let us know you are coming by calling **the Mother house at 474-3800 to register.** Free will offering toward expenses accepted

Sr. Priscilla Solomon is an Ojibway woman and a Sister of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie. She is the coordinator of the Faith and Justice ministry in her congregation with special attention to ecological justice, human trafficking and poverty issues.

SOCIAL SUNDAY

December 16 – After the 11:00 AM Mass

Come out and chat with friends or discuss the homily.
Or … just come out to our gathering and enjoy some great food!

REGIONAL EVENTS

St. Peter's Church 25th Annual Turkey Dinner December 2 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. $15/adult, $5/5-10 years, Free/ under 5 years. For tickets call Delma at 472-5821. Everyone Welcome!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Join us as we celebrate Mass for this great solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 AM at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church in Callander**. All are welcome. Please note that incense will be used during this celebration.

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.

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.

Spirituality for Seniors. "The spiritual task of aging is embracing the blessings of this time and overcoming the burdens of it." Joan Chittister As we age it becomes more difficult to access spiritual enrichment opportunities, especially in winter and after dark. Would you be interested in being part of a small prayer group of 5 -7 other seniors? These would take place once a month in the afternoon, and be held in an apartment building or someone's home. Would you consider hosting such a prayer group in your home or apartment? For further information, contact Sister Phyllis O'Connor, csj at 474-3800- ext 487 or poconnor@csjssm.ca

Marriage Preparation Weekend February 8 & 9, May 31 & June 1, October 25-26 (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 payable at time of registration. Limited to 18 couples - register soon!

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 have Religious Christmas cards for sale. For more info. please call Roy Malette 477-4084.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Alphonsus in Callander: Every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs).
St. Peter the Apostle: First Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Everyone is invited.
Holy Name of Jesus: Tuesday to Friday 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Gisele Champagne at 497-1911.
Pro-Cathedral: First Friday of the month 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon followed by 12:05 PM mass.
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.

North Bay Choral Society Christmas Concert "Seeking Wonder" will take place at St. Andrews Church on December 2 at 2:00 PM. $14/Ticket–available at door or through a Choral Member.

L.I.P.I. Santa Needs Help Campaign – ensuring that all children in our community experience the joy of Santa this holiday season. Donate new or gently used toys at the office 127 Main Street East or al the office at 472-1337 for info. Why not adopt a family?

The **Christmas Day Dinner Committee will be hosting a Dinner at the Pro-Cathedral on Christmas Day** (11 AM to 1:30 PM). Volunteers needed. Register by calling Jennifer Blake 825-4748 or by email: nbchristmasdinner@gmail.com . You are required to attend a brief training/information session on December 23 at 7 pm at the Pro-Cathedral. Would you be willing to take a gift bag to help? 300 Christmas gift bags are made. You can also make a donation of any of the suggested items. Any donation appreciated. Please Call Michelle at 705-303-5594 if you would like more information. Items can be dropped off at St. Vincent-de-Paul Church on Thursdays. Suggestions: T-paper, tissue, shower gel, shampoo, socks, deodorant, hats, mittens, lip balm, nail polish, hot chocolate, tuna and crackers, cereal/granola bar, pens, activity book, note pads, chocolate, crayons, search-a-word, Sudoku, etc.

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I'll be home for Christmas – a heartwarming evening of wartime story and song at Trinity United Church December 11 with 6:30 PM sing-a-long and seasonal songs and stories at 7:00 PM. $15/Adults, $10/Students, Free/Kids under 12. Tickets available at Creative Learning and at the door. Proceeds to Gathering Place.

North Bay Community J.O.Y. Band "A Most Wonderful Christmas" Sunday, December 16 at 1:30 PM at Trinity United Church. Carol sing-a-long at 1:0 PM. Free will offering to support the North Bay Warming Centre. Refreshments to follow concert.

Sisters of St. Joseph – Motherhouse Present:
Christian Meditation: The last session for 2018 will be on Tuesday, December 11 from 1:30-2:30pm at the Motherhouse. Our first session of Christian Meditation for 2019 will be on Tuesday, January 15th and will continue on a weekly basis. Contemplative prayer is the opening of oneself to the love of the Spirit of God

Taize Prayer: Third Thursday each month 7:00--8:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. Taize prayer includes song, scripture, and silence. The silence is to meditate and pray for openness to God's presence in our lives, and Peace in the world.

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Fr. Michael Cundari Council, 12030 at Holy Name Church: