16 December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Zephaniah presents a vision of a great festival where God's love and forgiveness will be celebrated and his mercy shared with all. Saint Paul reminds the Philippians to be happy and prayerful as they await the return of Christ. John the Baptist proclaims the good news of the kingdom in the Gospel, and challenges his listeners to act with justice and generosity. On this Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice as we look forward to the return of Christ. His coming in glory fills us with confidence and prayer – all fear is removed and our hearts sing for joy.

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

RECTOR
Msgr. Dave Tramontini

ASSISTANT
Rev. Rex Lumine

PASTORAL INTERN
Mr. Chad Franklin, Seminarian

PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

Diocesan Order of Women
Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Mrs. Norma Milligan
Miss Ruth Godon

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.



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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	**Genesis 49. 2, 8-10; Matthew 1. 1-17**
Tuesday	Jeremiah 23. 5-8; Matthew 1. 18-24
Wednesday	Judges 13. 2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1. 5-25
Thursday	Isaiah 7. 10-14; 8. 10d; Luke 1. 26-38
Friday	Zephaniah 3. 14-18a; Luke 1. 39-45
Saturday	1 Samuel 1. 24-28; Luke 1. 46-56
Sunday	**Micah 5. 2-5a; Hebrews 10. 5-10; Luke 1. 39-45**

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule



Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses
Saturday, 22 December: 4 PM
Sunday, 23 December: 9 & 11 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
Monday, 24 December
5:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM ~ 12:00 MIDNIGHT

Incense will be used at 8 PM & Midnight Masses

Music Reflections
Prior to 8:00 PM & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Tuesday, 25 December
11:00 AM Christmas Mass
(12:05 PM Mass Cancelled)

26 December to 28 December
Regular 12:05 PM Mass

Holy Family Weekend
Saturday, 29 December & Sunday, 30 December
Regular 4:00 PM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

Monday, 31 December—**New Year's Eve**
Regular 12:05 PM Mass



New Year's Day
Tuesday, 01 January
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
11:00 AM Mass
(12:05 PM Mass Cancelled)

Did you know that New Year's Day
is a Holy Day of Obligation?

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 17 December - Weekday in Advent Season
Bill Sullivan - Angie McGuinty
Intention of Ray and Marlene Walter - Fr. Gobbi Cenacle Group

Tuesday, 18 December - Weekday in Advent Season
Bob Belisle - Dino and Jean Dottori
Kevin Mousseau - Gene and Marg Mullan

Wednesday, 19 December - Weekday in Advent Season
Jeanne Hodgins - Philip Paquette
Intention of Lorraine Atchison - Connie Zimbalatte

Thursday, 20 December - Weekday in Advent Season
Antonietta and Danny Covatta - The Verrillo Family
Eleanore Gauthier - Bob and Lynne Dufort and Family

Friday, 21 December - Weekday in Advent Season
Mike and Lidia Rossi - The Family
Intention of Debbie Montgomery - Judy and Robert

4:00 PM Saturday, 22 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Simon Boulanger - The Family
Maria Spina - Maria Gosselin and Family
Iris Vendetti - Nadine and Paul Condon

Sunday, 23 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM For Peace in the Family and in the World - Michelina and Nicola Candeloro
Glenna McAuley - Jean and June McAuley
Bridget Raymond - Mary and Des Kelly

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

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

Thank you for the wonderful response we had for our All Day Confessions last Tuesday. Due to the overwhelming attendance there were times that we were backed up and some people had to leave. In Lent and Advent next year the North Bay Deanery will be scheduling more priests to hear Confessions during the busy times, especially in morning.



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.***

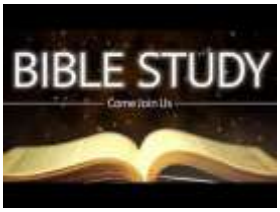
Remember your loved ones this Christmas and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for this beautiful season!

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!

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. 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!**

Jesus gives us joy even in martyrdom, Pope Francis says

Catholic News Service—December 11, 2018

VATICAN – God sends his consolation to those in need of reassurance, even when they are facing death, Pope Francis said.

Just like the early Christian martyrs, who sang as they marched to their deaths in the Colosseum, today's martyrs still give witness to that same joy in the midst of suffering, the Pope said in his homily Dec. 11 during morning Mass at Domus Sanctae Marthae.

"I think of the good Coptic workers on the beach of Libya, slaughtered. They died saying, 'Jesus, Jesus!' There is a consolation within, a joy even in the moment of martyrdom," he said.

In his homily, the Pope reflected on the day's first reading from the prophet Isaiah, in which God sends his messenger to "give comfort to my people" and "speak tenderly to Jerusalem."

This tenderness, the Pope explained, is "a language that the prophets of doom do not know."

"It is a word erased from all the vices that drive us away from the Lord: clerical vices, the vices of a few Christians who do not move, who are lukewarm. They are afraid of tenderness," he said.

However, tenderness is precisely what God uses to console his people, like a shepherd who carries a lamb or a mother comforting her child, the Pope said.

Pope Francis called on Christians to prepare for Christmas by praying for God's consolation, especially in times of suffering, "because it is a gift from God."

God, he said, "is at the door. He knocks so that we may open our hearts and let ourselves be consoled and be at peace. And he does so gently: he knocks with caresses."

SOUND SYSTEM FOR SALE

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

BEST OFER ACCEPTED - CALL NOW

CWL Warmth & Comfort Initiative
SOCK IT TO THE CWL!

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, warming centres, 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 entrance to the Cathedral. Winter weather has arrived early so please donate now!



MEET THE NEW CWL EXECUTIVE

SERVICE

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President: Shirlene Condie-McVeigh
President Elect and Organization: ***Vacant***
Membership: Brenda Passmore
First Vice-President and Spiritual Development Chairperson: Ruth Godon
Treasurer: Vicki Doucette
Recording Secretary: Mary-Lynn Truchon
Corresponding Secretary: Louise Defonzo
Past President: Maudena Farnsworth
(current President assuming this role automatically)

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Communications Committee Chairperson: ***Vacant***
Christian Family Life Committee Chairperson: Andree Cornish
Education and Health Committee Chairperson: Leah Pierce
Community Life Committee Chairperson: Elizabeth Delrosabel
Resolutions and Legislation Committee Chairperson: Wilda Beaupre
Parish Activities Committee Chairperson: ***Vacant***

At this time, we were unable to fill all positions and we have three vacancies. We ask that you please discern and see if you are being called to serve God and our League in any of these positions.

If you are unable to serve on the executive, your support would be so welcome just by attending our General Meetings each month. As Msgr. Dave says ***"Ministry of Presence is a "Powerful Gift."***

The New Executive will be installed on January 27, 2019 at the 11:00 AM Mass and will be responsible for the February 6 General Meeting.
If you get a chance, thank these wonderful ladies for answering God's call to serve the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

COLLECTION - 09 DECEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,454.35	$980.20

NOVEMBER PRE-AUTHORIZED	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,794.00	$1,144.00

NOVEMBER VISA/MASTERCARD	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$2,864.00	$516.00

REGIONAL EVENTS

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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



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?

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 Soup and Card Party January 28 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. $8 entry fee includes lunch. For table reservation call John at 845-1020 or Roy at 477-4084.

FREE Christmas Dinner: Do not stay alone and hungry for Christmas, come and share a traditional Christmas dinner in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Tuesday December 25th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pro-Cathedral's parish hall. Entertainment and gifts for everyone. Hosted by The Christmas Day Dinner Committee. Want to donate an item to our gift bags? Contact Michelle at 705-303-5594 if you would like more information. Items can be dropped off at St. Vincent-de-Paul Church on Thursdays.

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.

Service of Healing & Prayer, Christ Church Anglican on Greenwood Avenue 3rd Sunday of the Month 7 PM. Next service 20 January. Everyone welcome. Music, traditional and contemporary, scripture and teaching on theme of healing, opportunity for individual prayer.

North Bay Community Blood Donor Clinics will now be held every second Wednesday in order to serve clients better! Held 1-2:30 PM and 4-7:30 PM. Please book your appointment at www.blood.ca or call 1-888-236-6283 **Next Clinic dates January 9 & 23 at The Elks Lodge off Trout Lake Road.**

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.

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!

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Please help keep our records up-to-date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place in the collection.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ P/C: _____ Cell Phone: _____

☐ I am new to the parish and I wish to register

☐ I am unsure if registered, please check

☐ I have recently moved, please update



I wish to donate using: Contribution Envelopes ☐

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Pre-Authorized Bank Donations ☐