23 December 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, Micah prophesies that tiny Bethlehem will be the birthplace of the Messiah, a great ruler for all time. Paul reflects on Jesus' offering of himself and his obedience to God's will, through which we are consecrated. The Gospel depicts Mary's visit to Elizabeth, who recognizes Mary's role as Mother of God. In a few days, we will celebrate the great gift that God has given to humanity two thousand years ago: the gift of Jesus. Jesus comes as Savior of the world and as the majestic King – but also as a Shepherd who cares deeply and personally for each one of us on our journey. He is truly God's gift to us.

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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Rev. Rex Lumine

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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	**OFFICE CLOSED**

Readings for the Week

Monday	**2 Samuel 7. 1-5, 8-12, 16**
Tuesday	**Isaiah 52. 7-10; Hebrews 1. 1-6; John 1. 1-18**
Wednesday	Acts 6. 8-10; Matthew 10. 17-22
Thursday	1 John 1. 1-4; John 20. 2-8
Friday	1 John 1. 5-2.2; Matthew 2. 3-18
Saturday	1 John 2. 3-11; Luke 2. 22-35
Sunday	**Sirach 3. 2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3. 12-1; Luke 2. 41-52**

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?

Why RCIA?

Our lives are a journey to God until the day when we all join together in our eternal home and worship the Lord face-to-face. You are among friends. As we build community through our RCIA sessions, it becomes clear that we all have times of doubt, fear, and frustration. During RCIA, we come together to look at our lives in light of the Gospel so that we can embrace a fuller discipleship of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

There are many reasons people decide that they are interested in becoming a Catholic. It makes no difference if you have been raised in another denomination, have no church affiliation or experience or even if you were never baptized. You may have started out Catholic but never completed your initiation with the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA is the process by which we welcome and prepare adults to enter the Catholic faith.

The RCIA process is sensitive to your needs before you make any commitment to the Catholic Church. The extent and the requirements of the process are adapted to your specific needs.

Is The Time Right For You?

Why not make the time to come and see how God works in your life. The only regret you may have is that you didn't do it earlier! Call the Parish Office at 472-3970 to see how we can welcome you into the Church.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 24 December - Nativity of the Lord
Mass at 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM & 12:00 MIDNIGHT

Tuesday, 25 December - Nativity of the Lord
Mass at 11:00 AM
Our Christmas masses are celebrated in remembrance of all those whose names were received for our Christmas Memorial Listing

Wednesday, 26 December - Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr
In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Arthur & Lucille Schiavo
Rex D'Souza Lobo - The Lobo Family
Basil and Viviane Boisvert - Joe and Louise Defonzo

Thursday, 27 December - St. John, Apostle/Evangelist
Emile Boudreau - Loretta Boudreau
Denis Amo - Katherine and Family
Intention of Jesse Boudreau - Aurele and Sue Boudreau and Family

Friday, 28 December - Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Bill Balfour - Mary-Ellen Balfour
Bill Sullivan - Dino and Jean Dottori
Raymond Pedersen - Sven and Marlene Pedersen

4:00 PM Saturday, 29 December - Feast of the Holy Family
Shirley Hedican - Mary-Lynn and Dale Hall
In Thanksgiving - The Lobo Family
Roberta Fitzsimmons - Helen and Vince Zappala

Sunday, 30 December - Feast of the Holy Family
9:00 AM Int. of Gino and Karen Bitonti - Don and Lorraine Shago
Intentions of the Donors and those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

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

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

BEARS WHO CARE!

Thank you to the students of St. Joseph-Scollard Hall who, through their Bears Who Care Program, collected and donated hats, mitts, socks, afghans, and warm clothing to our Catholic Charities Clothing Room!!

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!



Last weekend's Social Sunday was a BIG success! Approximately 120 people enjoyed a wonderful time with live music, some sing-a-long time and great food! There was excitement in the air and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thank you so much to the volunteers who helped with preparation and clean-up. The Social could not have run without your assistance! A special thank you to Ann Sherry who donated dessert and a BIG thank you to Brian Risk who provided the music and put everyone in the festive spirit with his Christmas music.



Thank you to everyone who attended - may you be blessed this Christmas!

Michelle Chew
Social Sunday Coordinator

How many things exist in our lives that we dreamed of doing, should have done, and never did – letters that should have been written, dreams that should have been realized, gratitude that was not expressed, affection never shown, words that should have been spoken, etc.? Postponements and delays weigh heavily upon us, wear us down, and discourage us. They gnaw away at us. How aptly St. Ambrose described Mary's haste: The Spirit completely possessed the Virgin Daughter of Nazareth and compelled her to act.



The story of the Visitation teaches us an important lesson: when Christ is growing inside of us, we will be led to people, places, and situations that we never dreamed of. We will bear words of consolation and hope that are not our own. In the very act of consoling others, we will be consoled. We will be at peace, recollected, because we know that however insignificant our life and issues seem to be, from them Christ is forming himself.

The women of today's Gospel show us that it is possible to move beyond our own little personal agendas and engage in authentic ministry and service in the Church. Ministry and service are not simply doing things for others. Authentic Christian ministers and servants allow themselves to serve and be served, taught, cared for, consoled, and loved. Such moments liberate us and enable us to sing *Magnificat* along the journey, and celebrate the great things that God does for us and his people.

Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB



A huge thank you to the students, parents and staff at Mother St. Bride for their wonderful donation of food to the Catholic Charities Food Bank. We appreciate the assistance we receive from our schools and parishioners so that we can help those in need. Thank you for the wonderful donations so that we were able to put together some free Christmas draws for our clients. We are encouraged by the community support we receive and thank you for your generous Christmas Spirit!

Teresa Berghamer & Catholic Charities Volunteers

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!



The New Executive will be installed on January 27 at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Executive Meeting: Monday, 28 January at 7:00 PM in the Lower Sacristy.

General Meeting: Wednesday, 05 February at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall - Join us!!!

Just as a simple manger brought abounding joy, love and peace to everyone of earth, on behalf of all members of the Pro-Cathedral CWL we pray that you will take a moment this blessed Christmas season to bring what that manger held into your own hearts and share the gifts of Jesus' birth with family, friends and with the marginalized in our community.

Have you purchased your Living with Christ SUNDAY MISSAL
Limited copies available in the Sacristy for $5

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!

COLLECTION - 16 DECEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$8,190.40	**$1,000.00**

DECEMBER VISA/MASTERCARD	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,034.00	**$516.00**

REGIONAL EVENTS

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. There will be entertainment and gifts for everyone. Event hosted by: The Christmas Day Dinner Committee.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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!

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 held every second Wednesday! 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.**

Sisters of St. Joseph – Motherhouse Present:

Christian Meditation: The last session for 2018 will be on Tuesday, December 11th 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.

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
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 Hall. Contact Mike Joly at 495-1792.

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: _____

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☐ I am unsure if registered, please check
☐ I have recently moved, please update



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