09 December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The first reading calls Israel to abandon mourning and misery and replace it with the glorious splendor of God. Paul's Letter to the Philippians is filled with hope and joy, embracing Christ's message and mission. Hope continues in the Gospel as John prepares the way of the Lord, baptizing in his name and proclaiming that salvation is near. Prepare the way of the Lord! Today marks the Second Sunday of Advent, and we are filled with hope, joy and anticipation. The Lord enters the world to save us. Our paths will be made straight. Our burdens will be eased. Our darkness will be lightened. Salvation is at hand.

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.

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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.

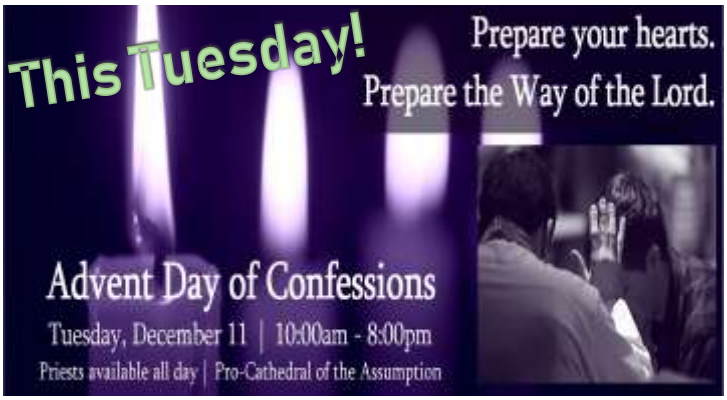
The Pro-Cathedral is **wheel chair accessible**. The entrance to the elevator is on Algonquin Avenue. Please enter the vestibule and ring the bell for an attendant. Service available at all weekend masses. Weekday masses service available 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM. A **Hearing Aid System** is available for 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 35. 1-10; Luke 5. 17-26**
Tuesday	Isaiah 40. 1-11; Matthew 18. 12-14
Wednesday	Zechariah 2. 10-13; Luke 1. 39-47
Thursday	Isaiah 41. 13-20; Matthew 11. 11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48. 17-19; Matthew 11. 16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48. 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17. 10-13
Sunday	**Zephaniah 3. 14-18a; Philippians 4. 4-7; Luke 3. 10-18**



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



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 - 02 DECEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,248.20	**$1,771.00**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 10 December - Weekday in Advent
Murray Cangiano - Sybil Cangiano and Family
Brother Raymond Deschenes - Greg and Jennie Humbert
Intention of Bev Brown - Judy and Robert

Tuesday, 11 December - Weekday in Advent
Bill Sullivan - Bonnie Parslow
Paul Reuter - Mary and Des Kelly
Rosemary Labine - Diane McEachen and Family

Wednesday, 12 December - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR 12:00 NOON RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS
EVERYONE WELCOME - SEE ADVERTISEMENT THIS PAGE

Thursday, 13 December - Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin/Martyr
Eugenio and Maria Gerbasi - The Family
Teresa and Frank Piekarski - Trudy, George and Jillian
Marilyn Campbell - The Waltenbury Family

Friday, 14 December - St. John of the Cross, Priest/Doctor
Bob Belisle - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
Kenneth Rainville - Terry Rainville
Deceased Relatives of Lorraine and J.P. Guillemette

4:00 PM Saturday, 15 December - Third Sunday of Advent
A.J. "Lou" MacInnis - Kelly MacInnis and Family
Bob Belisle - Michelle and Graham Gorrie
Addie and Laura Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Sunday, 16 December - Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Dorothy Evers - Ventura Castiglione
Emile Boudreau - Loretta Boudreau
Robbie Roy - E. Roy

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

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

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!

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!**

Church Cleaning Volunteers



Do you have time to help us out on Friday mornings? Cleaning supplies and coffee supplied! We just need you to help out with some dusting, wiping down woodwork, removing debris from the pews, etc. Call the parish office if you can help out!

Almost 300 Million Christians Persecuted around the World

Christians continue to be the most persecuted religious group, according to a report by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN).

Almost 300 million Christians, or one out of seven Christians in the world, live in a country where they face violence, arrest and human rights violations. Some 61 percent of the world's population live in countries where religious freedom is not respected, meaning that six out of every 10 people around the world cannot express their faith with total freedom, Vatican News reported.

These were some of the figures unveiled in the Religious Freedom Report 2018 by ACN, the international pontifical Catholic charity and foundation that helps persecuted Christians worldwide.

The report, which contains data from June 2016 to June 2018, shows grave violations of religious freedom in 38 countries. In 17 of them there is serious discrimination on grounds of religious faith, while in 21 there is outright persecution of religious minorities, in some cases to the point of death.

The ACN study shows that in 22 countries the reasons for attacks on religious freedom are rooted in radical Islamism, while in other countries the dominant causes are the authoritarianism of states or governments which pursue policies of "aggressive nationalism." Among these countries are China, India, North Korea, Myanmar, Vietnam and Kyrgyzstan.

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!



Congratulations to our very own Lisa Henry, 2nd Vice President, Education and Health—Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council, who has been chosen from applicants across Canada to be one of four members on a newly formed National Strategic Plan Implementation Team responsible for carrying out the strategic plan over the next five years.



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"The Ten Commandments invite us first to enter into a faithful and loving relationship with God our Father, to reject every false idol that enslaves us, and to find our authentic rest in the freedom of Christ and the Holy Spirit. They then teach us how to live redeemed lives, marked by fidelity, integrity and honesty towards our neighbour. The commandments show us the face of Christ and open the door to the new life of grace; by accepting God's offer of saving love, we find our true selves and the source of a joy that will never end." Pope Francis

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.

Sunday, 16 December - Let's get Together!



After the 11 a.m. Mass
Light Luncheon & Laughter
Everyone Welcome

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 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

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.

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 or make a donation of any of the suggested items. Any donation is 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, gift cards, search-a-word, Sudoku, etc.
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.

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!

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?

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 11th from 1:30-2:30pm at the Motherhouse. Our first session of Christian Meditation for 2019 will be on Tuesday, January 15 and 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.

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
We also collect pop cans for charity work. Please drop off your cans at Holy Name Church beside the Garage.
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.

Call CANA for Cards, Rosaries, Sacramental Gifts, Books & More! Email Kas or Alana at cana12cana@gmail.com or call 776-2192

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