27 January 2019

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The first reading recounts the ceremonial instructions for receiving God's law. Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to remember they are a part of the one Body of Christ, regardless of their individual gifts and differences. In the Gospel, before proclaiming that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scriptures, Luke begins by underlining the importance of passing teachings to new believers. We spend a lot of time waiting. Waiting for people; waiting for events; waiting for time to pass; waiting for the cable guy to show up. One thing we do not have to wait for is for God to fulfill his promise. That promise – of forgiveness and union – came in the person of Jesus Christ. And from the time of those who physically surrounded him to today, the message has been simple: repent and believe. And that seems a lot more fruitful than waiting around.

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
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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	Hebrews 9. 15, 24-28; Mark 3. 22-30
Tuesday	Hebrews 10. 1-10; Mark 3. 31-35
Wednesday	Hebrews 10. 11-18; Mark 4. 1-20
Thursday	Hebrews 10. 19-25; Mark 4. 21-25
Friday	Hebrews 10. 32-39; Mark 4. 26-34
Saturday	Malachi 3. 1-4; Luke 22-40
Sunday	Jeremiah 1. 4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12. 31-13. 13; Luke 4. 21-30

Attention Parents



We will be preparing children for their First Eucharist beginning in May. ***If your child has already celebrated their First Confession*** and you wish to register them for First Eucharist, please complete a registration form found in the Cathedral and drop it in to the collection basket or at the parish office to get them registered.

If your child did not celebrate First Confession at the Pro-Cathedral—please attach a copy of their First Confession certificate to the registration form for First Eucharist.

We will be preparing children for First Reconciliation in the Fall of 2019—watch for news on this sacrament in late summer. Thank you!

Catholic Women's League

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

The General Membership Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. There will be a brief presentation of the New Strategic Plan. All new members are welcome!



Membership Early Bird Draw

Ladies! It's time to renew or become a new member with the CWL. Pay your $25 membership dues before February 3rd for a chance to win! The prize is your membership free for the year! Contact Brenda Passmore, Membership Chairperson, at 705-474-0447 for details. The draw will be held at the first General meeting of the New Year on February 6. 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.

New Executive to be Installed

This Sunday, January 27, the new Executive will be installed at the 11:00 AM mass. As the newly elected president, I ask that the parish please pray for our new executive as they carry out the work on behalf of our Council and join me in thanking these wonderful ladies for answering God's call to serve the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Shirlene Condie-McVeigh



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 28 January - Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas
Bill Balfour - Mary Ellen Balfour and Family
Olga Rota - Lucille Piché

Tuesday, 29 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Lou Gosselin - Maria Gosselin and Family
Elsie McMinn - Margaret and Clifford Riopelle

Wednesday, 30 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Geno Cundari - Mary-Lynn and Family
Maudena Farnsworth - Bertha Yzereef
Gisele and George Tiernay - The Family

Thursday, 31 January - Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest
Intention of Kristy Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Intention of Jesse Boudreau - Aurele and Sue Boudreau and Family

First Friday, 01 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Joan Demarco - Anthony Demarco and Family
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle

4:00 PM Saturday, 02 February - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sam Verrillo - The Family
Bob Hanley - Dan and Judy Alexander

Sunday, 03 February - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Claire Duplisea - Jim and Elyse Yerlitz
Maudena Farnsworth - Elaine Kilroy

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

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

Widows Helping Widows

(We Welcome all Women to Join Us!)



We meet this Sunday, January 27 at 1:30 PM in the Lower Sacristy. If you would like more information or a ride—call Karen at 495-6675.

These are very informal gatherings, no plans, no agenda, no organization or commitment. Come out for conversation and see how we can support each other.

COLLECTION - 20 JANUARY	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,580.80	**$1,020.00**

Be sure to put your name & address on your 2019 envelopes!
We already have several unknowns.
Thank you!

Missing Fr. Rex? No worries—he is still with us but is covering mass at St. Peter's for six weeks while Fr. Francis is on holidays.

discovering **Christ**

Discovering Christ begins Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 PM – at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. A seven-week experience where anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized, is invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ helps people enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children.

A typical session consists of seven weekly sessions and a retreat day. The weekly sessions include four components: a meal, prayer time, a video teaching, and small group discussion.

This is a free program and everyone is welcome to attend! Consider this your personal invitation to make 2019 a year to renew your faith! For more information and to register visit our Christ Life website at www.ChristLifeNorthBay.org



Feast of St. Blaise
Blessing of the Throats

St. Blaise devoted the early years of his life to the study of philosophy and afterwards became a physician. In the practice of his profession he saw so much of the miseries of life and the hollowness of worldly pleasures, that he resolved to spend the rest of his days in the service of God, becoming a physician of souls.

Appointed Bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia, St. Blaise at once began to instruct his people as much by his example as by his words, and the great virtues and sanctity of this servant of God were attested by many miracles. From all parts the people came flocking to him for the cure of bodily and spiritual life. A distracted mother, whose only child was dying of a throat disease, threw herself at the feet of St. Blaise and implored his intercessional. Touched at her grief, the Saint offered up his prayers, and the child was cured; since that time his aid has often been effectually solicited in cases of similar disease.

Each year, we continue to observe the Feast of St. Blaise with the Blessings of Throats.

Next weekend, after all of our masses on Saturday and Sunday, throats will be blessed as we ask for the blessing of St. Blaise, asking God's protection against affections of the throat.

Please remain in the Cathedral after mass if you would like to participate.

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Don't Forget!
Knights of Columbus FREE Breakfast
This Weekend (27 January)
after 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses
Come & Support our Knights!



Are you coping with a divorce, separation, or the end of a long-term relationship? We would like to help.

A new gathering for those affected by the end of a relationship will be facilitated by Chad Franklin and held at the Pro-Cathedral.

You are not alone! Join others for conversation and discussion. Just a few of the topics will be:

- Church teachings regarding Catholics who are separated or divorced.
- Help for someone going through a divorce.
- Where does the pain of divorce come from?
- Your life has changed.

Other topics will come from our conversations by the participants.

Please consider joining this group if you need someone to talk with. Call or email the parish office if you are interested in getting together. All calls will be held in the strictest confidence.



The **Pontifical Swiss Guard** is one of the smallest armies in the world, and one of the oldest still in operation. Its main responsibility is to protect the Pope and the Apostolic Palace. Although they have mostly held a ceremonial role in recent years, their training now includes unarmed combat and firearms.

Not surprisingly, to become a Swiss Guard you must be Swiss, Male, Catholic, in good health, have completed a two-year Swiss Army training and be between the ages of 19 and 30 years old. They are also, typically, unmarried.

The uniform the Swiss Guards wear today was introduced by Jules Repond, Commander of the Pontifical Swiss Guard in the early 20th century. The official colours of the uniform are red, blue, orange and yellow. The colours derive from the coat of arms of 2 noble families of Italy: the della Rovere and the Medici. Repond kept the Renaissance style of the uniform, finding inspiration in paintings by 16th century representations of the Guards. Uniforms vary according to rank, but each is tailor-made to the guardsman. The uniform has 154 pieces and it weighs about 8 pounds. 32 hours are put into making it. The Swiss mercenaries played an important role in European politics in the Renaissance period. They were known as some of the best soldiers and were sought out by many European countries to help them in battle.

An alliance between the Holy See and Switzerland began during the Italian Wars in the 15th century. Swiss mercenaries were essentially used to fight the Pope's battles, to defend what was then known as the Papal States from invasion. The founding date of the Pontifical Swiss Guard is set to 1506, when a group of 150 soldiers entered the Vatican for the first time. Eventually, Pope Julius II gave them the title of "Defenders of the Church's freedom".

Today, a Swiss Guard's responsibilities include: visitors' control, guard duty, and personal protection to the Pope and College of Cardinals. But on their spare time, some find leisure in various activities. They have their own soccer team and band.

Did you miss registering for the Bible Study?

It's not too late to join the DVD led Bible Study,
The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation.
For your convenience you choose 2:00 PM OR 7:00 PM
Thursdays at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall.
Everyone welcome. Contact Loulou to register at
ml.delarosbel@hotmail.com or 705-825-2455
EVERYONE WELCOME!

REGIONAL EVENTS

Development and Peace Share Lent Presentation: Tara Hurford from the National Development and Peace Office will make a Share Lent 2019 Presentation on January 30 at St. Peter's Church at 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome. For information call Shirley at 474-5379.

Called to Truth-telling & Reconciling: New Sessions & Guest Speakers-Circles of Dialogue and Reconciliation Four-session series led by facilitator, Sister Priscilla Solomon, CSJ ***includes different speakers each evening:*** Thursdays February 7, "In My Own Words: Truth, Reconciliation & Hope"; March 7 "The Journey to Reconciliation"; April 11 "The Power of Story and Steps in Reconciliation", May 9 "NPSCDSB Indigenous Education and the Calls to Action". Held in the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. To register call parish office at 472-3970, Ext. 0 or email office@procathedral.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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Dear Msgr. Dave and Pro-Cathedral Parish Family,

The Christmas Day Dinner Committee—with your generous assistance—certainly fulfilled its mission to: *Create a warm and comfortable atmosphere for those who wish to share a Christmas meal.* Over 400 people were served a beautiful diner with all the trimmings on December 25.
The Committee would like to thank you sincerely for your generous donation - without the assistance of our community a dinner of this magnitude just couldn't happen. Thank you in particular for the continuous donation of a location for our dinner. This donation is received with genuine appreciation and we thank you for your kindness.

Christmas Day Dinner Committee

Employment Opportunity: Parish Secretary

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church is inviting applications for the position of Parish Secretary. Duties include, but are not limited to, secretarial and receptionist services for parish ministries, committees/groups/programs as required, maintain accurate confidential records of parishioners, order supplies, some daily, weekly, monthly and annual accounting duties such as banking, preparation of annual Financial Reports, T4 slips and T4 summaries, record weekly envelope contributions and issue income tax receipts at year end, etc. Interested applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by March 15 to Pastor through the Parish Office. Interviews will take place in April with full-time employment to begin May 6. Salary commensurate with experience. The successful applicant will be required to provide references and comply with the requirements of the Diocesan Screening Initiative.

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.



DIDYOU KNOW that you can bring your own headphones to plug into the FM system? Although the headphones we have are sanitized after each use, you may be more comfortable bringing your own headphones to use in our FM hearing system. Just bring your headphones, plug them into the receiver that you get from an usher when you enter the church and VOILA! You have sound. Any questions, give Karen a call at the parish office.

