06 January 2019

Epiphany of the Lord

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah calls the people to rise up because the light (God) has come and they will praise the Lord with overflowing hearts. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, we hear that the mystery which was not revealed to other generations has been made known and that all are co-heirs and co-partners in the work and promises of Christ. Today's Gospel is the account of the Magi who journey far as they seek out the long-awaited Christ, encountering King Herod in Jerusalem along the way, and then finding the child Jesus in Bethlehem. Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord: the manifestation to the Gentiles (in the persons of the Magi) of the life of God himself. God, who in the person of Jesus, shared in our humanity in order to allow us to share in his divinity forever. Like the Magi, each person's journey to Christ has its own direction and trail; and for each who pays Christ homage and offers the treasures one holds, the reward is the same: a path away from the dangers of sin and death and toward life.

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	**1 John 3. 22-4.6; Matthew 4. 12-17, 23-25**
Tuesday	**1 John 4. 7-10; Mark 6. 34-44**
Wednesday	1 John 4. 11-18; Mark 6. 45-52
Thursday	1 John 4. 19—5.4; Luke 4. 14-22a
Friday	1 John 5. 5—13; Luke 5. 12-16
Saturday	1 John 5. 14-21; John 3. 22-30
Sunday	**Isaiah 42. 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10. 34-38; Luke 3. 15-16, 21-22**



INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 beginning at 7:00 PM. Those who wish to register for this meeting to have their child baptized are asked to call the parish office by Monday, January 14.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.

Liturgy Committee Meeting

12:30 PM - 17 January 2019
Lower Sacristy

COLLECTION - 23 DECEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,674.30	$640.00

Christmas Collection Report
25 December 2018

Christmas Offering	Flowers & Decorations
$15,999.25	$2,490.00

COLLECTION - 30 DECEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$9,318.40	$1,157.00

New Year's Day Collection Report
01 January 2019

$2,503.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Our program for children aged 4-12 years of age gathers at our 9:00 AM mass each week. Our focus is to incorporate a variety of experiences that appeal to a young child's natural sense of wonder about God.

We welcome your children to experience the Celebration of God's Word with us!!

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 07 January - Memorial of St. André Bessette
Intention of Sheila Stepaniak - Cenacle of Fr. Gobbi Group
Bob Brown - Sharon Brown and Family

Tuesday, 08 January - Weekday in the Epiphany
Victor Sokolowski - Joanne Sokolowski and Family

Wednesday, 09 January - Weekday in the Epiphany
Maudena Farnsworth - Executive, CWL Diocesan Council

Thursday, 10 January - Weekday in the Epiphany
Intention of the Marmino and Duffy Families - Theresa Duffy
Pepino and Adeley Paduano - Josie Verrillo

Friday, 11 January - Weekday in the Epiphany
Maudena Farnsworth - Mary-Lynn and Ron Truchon

4:00 PM Saturday, 12 January - Baptism of the Lord
Stanley Lamabe - Bonnie and Josephine Langevin

Sunday, 13 January - Baptism of the Lord
9:00 AM Roger Landriault Jr. - Joanne Sullivan

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

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



Christmas Memorial Decorations

With the memorial donations received, we were able to decorate the church for the Christmas Season. The Christmas masses were offered in remembrance of all those whose names were received. *The following names were received after December 25th.*

Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.

E. F. Marty Martinello Tommaso Ianiro
Parents of Stewart and Denise Hogan
Anna Faziola Cosmo Faziolo Maria Faziola
Domenica Faziola
Members of the Foubert, Lindsay, and Russeu Families
Relatives of Jack and Annette Ferris
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Makowiczuk
Raimund Moesenbichler Blasius Seethalir
Members of the Keenan and Richardson Family

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Pastoral Appointments

As of January 12, 2019
Fr. Ignatius Vedamuthu will be parochial administrator at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Sturgeon Falls, and of Holy Spirit Mission Garden Village.

Fr. Annadurai Subramani (Lourdu) will be parochial administrator at the following parishes: St. James the Greater Parish, Blind River; Blessed Kateri Mission, Blind River, St. Ambrose Parish, Thessalon.

As of January 13, 2019
Deacon Patrice Raymond will be serving as deacon at Our Lady of Hope, Sudbury.



We are creating a new group at the Pro-Cathedral of Assumption in North Bay to connect those who are going through the battle of coping with divorce, separation, or the end of a long-term relationship.

We all know what it is like to have our lives turned upside down. This group will allow our common ground to help each other and remind us that WE ARE NOT ALONE. This is not a psychotherapy group, but a social network that allows us to have conversations in a safe place with others who share some of the same emotions.

The end of a marriage is hard!! You may have realized that your current life is different then you have imagined. Your spouse may have just "dropped the bomb" that they do not want to be married anymore or maybe you are coming out of an unhealthy relationship. Everyone will have a different story but we are all linked by the common need to figure out how to get through the grief process. The emotions can be overwhelming, even family, friends, neighbours, or coworkers may not be able to relate or know how to support you even if they want to.

Please consider joining this group if you need someone to talk with. This group will be facilitated by Chad Franklin. Contact Karen at (705) 472-3970 or email office@procathedral.ca if you are interested in this group. All calls are confidential.

discovering **Christ**

Discovering Christ begins Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 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

Catholic Women's League

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!!!

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.

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, VISA or Mastercard? If you are already using these methods, have you reviewed your stewardship commitment since you began?

The Pro-Cathedral needs everyone to become stewards of the gifts they have been given by God ... whether it is clothes for the poor, food for the hungry, or simply arms outreached to someone who is lonely.

There are several ways in which you may contribute financially to the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption.

Weekly Contribution Envelopes

Envelopes can be provided to you for your weekly contributions. They are currently available at the back of the church by asking an usher or by calling the parish office. Remember to write your name and address on the first five or six that you use.

Postdated Cheques

You may wish to donate weekly by postdated cheque. Many of our parishioners who are lucky enough to be "snow birds" for the winter months leave postdated cheques for their weekly offerings. Also, for those who are often away in the summer months, this option provides a means to donate even though you may not be able to attend church regularly. Authorization forms are located in the pamphlet racks at the entrance to the Cathedral.

If you have never donated, please consider supporting our parish financially — we need your support.

VISA / MASTERCARD

Convenient, safe, and reliable, VISA or Mastercard contributions can be made weekly, monthly, or at any time at your convenience. Pick up a form at the entrance to the Cathedral in the pamphlet racks to designate your donations. It's safe, easy, and absolutely free.

ALSO - Talk to your tax professional or financial consultant about how you can donate by making the Pro-Cathedral a recipient of ***securities*** (bonds, mutual funds, etc.); ***life insurance***, ***gift annuities***, ***endowment funds***, ***bequests***, ***real estate***, and ***gifts of retirement plan accumulations***.

REGIONAL EVENTS

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.

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!

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.**

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.

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

Free Literacy and Numeracy Adult Classes with Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Alternative & Continuing Education for adults aged 19 and older. Improve your reading, writing, math and computer skills; upgrade your skills for secondary school credit, employment, college, apprenticeship or for a greater sense of independence; develop a personal learning plan and work at your own pace. Attend full or part-time. Enrol anytime – continuous intake all year!! Call 472-7771 or visit www.npsc.ca for information.

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. 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.

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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