01 December 2019

First 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, Isaiah prophesies that *the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established* and raised, and that instruction shall come out from Zion. Then God will judge between nations. Saint Paul warns the Romans that salvation is imminent, and that they should cast off sin and darkness and choose to live in the light of Jesus Christ. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the people of Noah's time who were living carelessly when the flood came, and warns that as it was then, so it is for them. They must be watchful and ready, for God will come at an hour they do not expect. In this season of Advent, we remember our place in salvation history. We remember that we, who again and again break the covenant established with God, are offered salvation through that same God who came as a baby to live, suffer, die and rise so that we may live forever with him.

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

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 Sacraments



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 Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**OFFICE CLOSED**

WEEKLY READINGS: 02—08 DECEMBER

Monday	Isaiah 4. 2-6; Matthew 8. 5-11, 13
Tuesday	**Isaiah 11. 1-10; Luke 10. 21-24**
Wednesday	**Isaiah 25. 6-10a; Matthew 15. 29-37**
Thursday	Isaiah 26. 1-6; Matthew 7. 21, 24-27
Friday	**Isaiah 29. 17-24; Matthew 9. 27-31**
Saturday	**Isaiah 30. 19-21, 23-26; Mt. 9. 35-10.1, 5a, 6-8**
Sunday	Isaiah 11. 1-10; Romans 15. 4-9; Matthew 3. 1-12

DATE	TIME	WHAT'S UP?
December 4	5:00 PM	CWL Christmas Dinner
December 7	11:00 AM	First Reconciliation Celebration
December 10	10 AM—8 PM	Advent Individual Confessions in Cathedral
December 12	12:05 PM	Respect for Life Mass Reception to Follow
December 15	12 NOON	Social Sunday
December 25	11 AM—1 PM	Christmas Day Dinner





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 16.***

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

For all you early planners, here is our

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, 24 December
5:00 PM, 8:00 PM and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day, 25 December
11:00 AM



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 02 December - Weekday in Season of Advent
Josephine Langevin - Alice and Jerome LaPierre
Joan McCauley - Ron and Rita McCauley
Donna Murphy - Richard Levesque

Tuesday, 03 December - Memorial of St. Francis Xavier
Tony DeMarco - Dino and Jean Dottori
Alexandra LaFontaine - Elizabeth Delarosbel

Wednesday, 04 December - Weekday in Season of Advent
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Jacqueline Bourdeau - Lorraine Atchison
Int. of Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 05 December - Weekday in Season of Advent
Michael Sauve - Richard Levesque
Rose Marie Larsh - Dolores and Terry O'Connor
Brad Mainville - Karen Beaulieu

First Friday, 06 December - Weekday in Season of Advent
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Mark Kirby - Bob and Donna Frechette
Intention of Bev Brown - Judy and Robert

4:00 PM Saturday, 07 December - Second Sunday in Advent
Phyllis Nemec - Clifford and Marg Riopelle
Gord McColeman - Dan and Judy Alexander
In Thanksgiving - John and Carol Rowe

Sunday, 08 December - Second Sunday in Advent
9:00 AM Maria and Rocco Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
Joan McCauley - Jennifer Palangio

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

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.

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.

This is a good time to review your stewardship options. You can donate through weekly envelopes (2020 envelopes are in the church); VISA or Mastercard or postdated cheques.

Have you reviewed your stewardship commitment since you began? If you are not currently donating—we need your support.

Talk to your financial advisor about 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***.

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.

Catholic Women's League

CWL Christmas Dinner - December 4
Ticket Deadline—Monday, December 2
Social 5:00 PM Prayer Service 5:30 PM
Dinner Service 6:00 PM

Dinner Tickets $25 — Purchase from Shirlene Condie-McVeigh 493-0718 or Annette Dutrisac 495-3584
Dinner catered by Jennifer Leblond.



Ho! Ho! Ho! Our ladies can expect a visit from Santa as well as another special surprise!



Please bring donations of non–perishable food for our **Catholic Charities' food** cupboard as well an item for the residents of 416 Lakeshore Drive. Hats, candy, socks, gloves, toiletries, gum, chocolate, mitts, etc.



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 ~
Thursday
12 December



Msgr. Jean-Paul Jolicoeur, Vicar General of the Diocese will celebrate with Priests of the Region

Good Shepherd Corner ~ First Sunday of Advent



INCARNATION: There are three ways in which we discuss the Incarnation with children in the Level I Atrium: (1) Biblical Geography, (2) Prophecies, and (3) Infancy Narratives.

BIBLICAL GEOGRAPHY: The purpose of geography is to place Jesus in time and in space, to help the children realize that he is a real person. Biblical Geography is usually presented prior to Advent, as a preparation for the Season of Advent. Biblical geography is an introduction to the Incarnation. God desired to share totally in the human condition, except for sin needed a place in which to be born and to live his earthly life. The Raised Surface Map is a favorite work of catechists and children.

Happy Advent from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Families and Catechists

`(Erin, Suzanne, Phillip & Susan)

Widows Helping Widow's Group



"Widows helping widows is primarily a social support group and we gather for: coffee at Twiggs every Wednesday at 10 am, good movie & dinner, once/ month for lunch, catered Christmas dinner, annual healing Mass, as well as other social events as they arise throughout the year. We would love to have you join our group of widows. Please think about it. You can call Karen Beaulieu for more information at 495-6675. Looking forward to meeting you!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR TO HELP MAKE ADVENT MEANINGFUL

Each day add an item to a box. On the last Sunday of December—our Food Bank Sunday—bring your donations to the Cathedral to be donated to the Catholic Charities Food Bank. Located in the parish rectory, our food bank distributes items on Tuesday mornings.

December 1 Box of Cereal
December 2 Peanut Butter
December 3 School Snack
December 4 Box of Potatoes
December 5 Can of Soup
December 6 Canned Fruit
December 7 Canned Tomatoes
December 8 Tea Bags
December 9 Cake Mix
December 10 Jar of Applesauce
December 11 Canned Potatoes
December 12 Granola Bars
December 13 Canned Beans
December 14 Box of Crackers
December 15 Package of Rice
December 16 Box of Toothpaste
December 17 Package of Pasta
December 18 Spaghetti Sauce
December 19 Macaroni & Cheese
December 20 Can of Corn
December 21 Canned Tuna
December 22 Jar of Jam
December 23 Drinking Box
December 24 Can Vegetable

Feel free to make substitutions. Dried milk, coffee, mustard, relish, ketchup, bar of soap, toilet paper, etc.



Confirmation

We are currently reviewing our Confirmation program to make it a better experience for our students and parents alike. We have listened to suggestions from former candidates for Confirmation, parents and sponsors, and our leaders of our Confirmation program. Together with the leaders of the program, the priests in North Bay, and with the help of our young people's suggestions, our Confirmation program will be re-vamped. Because this process takes time - *the Sacrament of Confirmation will not be celebrated until the Fall of 2020.*

In the Fall of 2020, we will offer the Sacrament of Confirmation for those in Grades 7, 8 & 9 - to make sure that our young people do not miss this opportunity to receive this great Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. Questions, comments, or suggestions? Please contact the parish office.

SOCIAL SUNDAY

December 15 – After the 11:00 AM Mass

Come out and chat with friends or discuss the homily.
Or … just come out to our gathering and enjoy some great food!

COLLECTION - 24 NOVEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,149.55	**$1,058.30**

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Training Session for those interested in becoming a catechesis working with the 3-6 year old child will be held March 2020. For more information and to register visit www.cgsac.ca>training or contact Erin Tayler at 840-8509

CLAY: A fun filled Catholic Youth Program for ages JK to Grade 6. Clay meets Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Gregory's School in Powassan. Enter via the back door (Gym Entrance). No charge. Come and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled environment. For information please contact Jessica Sheppard at (705) 496-6219 or jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

EDGE: NEW Catholic Youth Program: ALL students in Grade 6, 7 & 8 from any school or church are welcome to join our EDGE Youth Nights on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Each includes music, games, prayer, teaching and social time. Evenings are led by Catholic high school students, Fr. Daniele Muscolino and a team of volunteer adults. EDGE provides a safe, fun place for youth to find solid friendships and learn more about our Catholic faith. For more information visit www.holynamestalphonsus.com/edge or call 705-495-1501.

ASCENT: A Journey of Discipleship for Catholic Young Adults 18-35 A new Catholic educational and spiritual program. Deepen your faith, grow in your relationship with Jesus, and learn about what it means to be truly Catholic. Become a true disciple of Jesus and have your questions about the Catholic faith answered. Join us Sunday afternoons from 12:45- 2:30 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church. For more info visit www.holynamestalphonsus.com/ascent

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CONTACT CANA FOR YOUR RELIGIOUS ARTICLES
Books & More! Email Kas or Alana at Email:
cana12cana@gmail.com Tel: 705-776-2192

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, and community service referrals.

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



Marriage Preparation Weekend: 6:30 PM Friday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday. Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place. Material cost of $75 is payable at registration. Limited to 18 couples register soon! **2020 Dates: February 21-22, June 5-6, October 23-24.**

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.

The **Christmas Day Dinner** Committee hosts a Dinner at the Pro-Cathedral on Christmas Day (11 am to 1:00 pm). Volunteers are invited to serve, work in the kitchen, entertain the crowd and clean the tables and hall. We also need a few people to help preparing the vegetables on the 22, 23, 24 of December. **All volunteers must register** with Jennifer Blake 477-5962 or by email: nbchristmasdinner@gmail.com You are required to attend a brief training session on December 23 at 7:00 PM at the Pro-Cathedral.

Knights of Columbus Meetings
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 Parish Hall. Refreshments served. New or transferring members can contact Mike Joly at 495-1792.

Sisters of St. Joseph Present
Christian Meditation Beatitude "Blessed are the pure in heart" Tuesdays from 1:30-2:30 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. Join with others to experience contemplative prayer by entering into silence to open yourself to the love and presence of God.
Taize Prayer: Third Thursday of the month from 7:00-8:00 PM. A Taizé hour of worship involves song, periods of silence, a scripture reading and meditation, intercessory prayer and/or icons.

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.