29 December 2019

Feast of the Holy Family

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Sirach writes about family relationships and duties, especially that of honoring one's parents all the days of their lives. Paul instructs the Colossians on how to love one another and live for Christ. In the Gospel, Joseph follows the instructions of the angels who led him safely into, and out of, Egypt. Today we celebrate and recognize the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph – as the model of all Christian families. Saint Joseph set a good example for all of us as his family faced the crisis of Herod's plot to kill Jesus: He listened to God's voice and cared for his family according to the word of God.

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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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

Monda to Friday	**OFFICE CLOSED**

WEEKLY READINGS: 30 DECEMBER - 05 JANUARY

Monday	1 John 2. 12-17; Luke 2. 36-40
Tuesday	**1 John 2. 18-21; John 1. 1-18**
Wednesday	**Numbers 6. 22-27; Gal. 4. 4-7; Lk. 2. 16-21**
Thursday	1 John 2. 22-28; John 1. 19-28
Friday	**1 John 2. 29; 3. 1-6; John 1. 29-34**
Saturday	**1 John 3. 7-10; John 1. 35-42**
Sunday	Isaiah 60. 1-6; Ephesians 3. 2-3a; Matthew 2. 1-12

New Year's Day ~ Monday, 01 January

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

11:00 AM Mass



January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - the oldest feast of Mary celebrated in the Catholic Church. This is the day where we honour Mary in the Octave of Christmas for **saying "yes"to Gabriel at the Annunciation to become** the Mother of Jesus. It is a Day of Obligation in Canada as are all Sundays.



During the Octave (eight days) of Christmas we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The significance of the Feast unfolds when we come to understand the deeper truths it reveals. It teaches us about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph- and about each one of us and our own families.

Through our Baptism, we are invited to live our lives in Christ by living them in the Church - which is the Risen Body of Christ. The Church is the place where we learn, as the Apostle Paul reminded the Colossian Christians, to "put on love, that is, the bond of perfection". (Col. 3:14) The Gospel of the Liturgy is taken from the presentation of Jesus in the temple account in St. Luke and the beautiful canticle of Zechariah. (Luke 2:22-40) However, upon leaving the temple to return to Nazareth, we read these words: "When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

The Holy Family is an icon of the domestic Church, which is called to pray together. The family is the first school of prayer where, from their infancy, children learn to perceive God thanks to the teaching and example of their parents.

The Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, became one of us. He was born into a human family. That was neither accidental nor incidental. He teaches us how to live in His presence. In our life within the Christian family Jesus Christ is truly present. However, we need the eyes to see Him at work, the ears to hear His instruction and the hearts to make a place for Him to dwell.

Every moment of his time among us; from his conception, throughout His saving life, death and resurrection, Jesus was saving, redeeming, and re-creating the world. Making all things new. The Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary is not only our model, it is the beginning of the new family of the Church.

We are invited today to imitate the Holy Family. To learn to love, pray and grow in holiness. To forgive one another. To put on love, that is, the bond of perfection as shown to us by the first Christian Family.

Loving God, let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust you. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.
For this we pray, Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 30 December - Weekday in the Octave of Christmas
Shirley Hedican - Mary-Lynn and Dale Hall
Madeleine and Bill Eisen - Roy and Bunty Swanson
John de Viveiros - The Waterloo Catholic Dist. School Board Exec. Council

Tuesday, 31 December - Weekday in the Octave of Christmas
Donna Murphy - Ray and Marlene Walter
Intention of Gerry Levesque - Richard Levesque

Wednesday, 01 January - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Msgr. Dave Tramontini

Thursday, 02 January - St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory
Maria Ammerata - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Margaret Watters - Elaine Kilroy
Intention of Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

First Friday, 03 January - Weekday in the Octave of Christmas
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Laurine Lalande - Rollie Lalande and Family

4:00 PM Saturday, 04 January - Epiphany of the Lord
Nick Plutino - Dora Plutino and Family
Frank Battigaglia - Roy and Bunty Swanson
John de Viveiros - Marthe Smith and Family

Sunday, 05 January - Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 AM Gerry Blake - Shirley Valenti
Members of the Landry Family - Laurette Goyette

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

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.

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Aiding Your Church ~ The Message of Stewardship

Thank you to those who have decided to use pre-authorized giving methods for 2020. This donation method is appreciated as it helps us budget.

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

Another year is coming to an end! Wow, 2020 is on the horizon!

God has Blessed our council with good things, especially with such a successful Bazaar! For those who may not be aware, this function helps us meet our mandate of all community and parish donations we commit to! Thank you everyone for your contributions.



We have a very busy year ahead! We, the CWL, will be 💯 years old! Imagine, in June 1920 the first gathering of the Catholic Women's League of Canada was held, forming the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Parish CWL Council! Not only do we at the parish level celebrate, but the National and Diocesan also celebrates turning 💯!

Let me take time to wish everyone a very safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Shirlene Condie-McVeigh

SAVE THE DATE ~ Friday, January 31
6:30 PM in the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall
Tickets $25.00

Tickets available from Louise Defonzo 494-7474 and Shirlene Condie-McVeigh 493-0718

Everyone is invited to our first
"Everything is Better with Chocolate" Event!



You won't want to miss this!
Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate!!!
(& beverages) plus other surprises!

Valentine's Day will be just around the corner. Why not treat your sweetheart to a fantastic evening out!
This event is for couples and singles alike!
Don't be shy, gather your friends and come join us!

Behold a young woman shall conceive
and bear a son, and shall call his name



Immanuel

Good Shepherd Regional Atrium
Annual Epiphany Celebration and Blessing 2020

Date: Saturday, 11 January 2020
Time: 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Location: Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall Entrance

All are Welcome!

Bring your left-over Christmas foods & canned goods for the Parish Food Bank.

✝ MEMORIAL FUND ✝

The following name has been received at the request of donors in memory of our deceased friends and relatives:

MARIA AMMERATA



INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 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 6.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.



At our 9:00 AM Sunday Mass
Families Welcome - Join us!

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.

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!

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

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 July 5 to July 10 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

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

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.

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.

North Bay Symphony looking for people who would like to billet musicians from time-to-time. Two free tickets to concert when you are a billet. For more information, contact Kay Heuer at 474-8794 or at kaymheuer@gmail.com

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.

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

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 will not meet again until January 14, 2020

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: **Please Note there will be no adoration from December 24 to January 3.**
Pro-Cathedral: First Friday of the month 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon followed by 12:05 PM mass.
St. Joseph's Motherhouse second 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.

Development and Peace Stamp Collection



The stamps affixed on the right corner of your envelopes can be very useful. Members of Development and Peace, who are philatelists, sell them to stamp collectors. The proceeds will help fund development projects. If you wish to support this initiative, simply cut off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging perforations, and drop them into the collection basket in baggies or envelopes.

Thank you so much for continuing to collect and drop off the stamps. We appreciate your support!



