08 December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Isaiah tells of the justice and peace that shall reign in the kingdom of God. Saint Paul prays that God will give the community the ability to be in harmony and united with Christ. In the Gospel, John the Baptist exhorts his listeners to turn away from their sins and be baptized, for the one who is coming after him is even mightier. God is calling out to us – through his prophets and Apostles, through his holy Word, through his Son whom he sent to dwell among us – that he has come to save us. His kingdom is one of justice and peace. Will we listen to these holy voices crying out to us in the desert of worldly divisions and distractions?

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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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 Friday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

WEEKLY READINGS: 09—15 DECEMBER

Monday	Genesis 3. 9-15, 20; Ephesians 1. 3-6, 11-12
Tuesday	**Isaiah 40. 1-11; Matthew 18. 12-14**
Wednesday	**Isaiah 40. 25-31; Matthew 11. 28-30**
Thursday	Zechariah 2. 10-13; Luke 1. 39-47
Friday	**Isaiah 48. 17-19; Matthew 11. 16-19**
Saturday	**Sirach 48. 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17. 10-13**
Sunday	Isaiah 35. 1-6a, 10; James 5. 7-10; Matthew 11. 2-11

DATE	TIME	WHAT'S UP?
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



Advent Reconciliation: The church sets aside this pre-Christmas season as a time of spiritual preparation for Christ's coming. It is a time of quiet anticipation. If Christ is going to come again into our hearts, there must be repentance. Without repentance, our hearts will be so full of worldly things that there will be 'no room in the inn' for Christ to be celebrated.





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!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 09 December - The Immaculate Conception of Mary
Claudette Barry - Cecile Robert
Donna Murphy - Divine Will Prayer Group
In Honour of the Immaculate Conception - Giuseppina Verrillo & Family

Tuesday, 10 December - Weekday in Season of Advent
Murray Cangiano - Sybil and Family
Joan McCauley - Debbie Deering
Intention of Paul Smith - His Friends

Wednesday, 11 December - Weekday in Season of Advent

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Gaetane Trudel - The Family
Josephine Langevin - Clifford and Marg Riopelle
In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Thursday, 12 December - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us at 12:05 for the Respect for Life Mass, Celebrating the Sanctity of Human Life from Conception to Natural Death

Friday, 13 December - Memorial of St. Lucy, Martyr/Virgin
Teresa and Frank Piekarski - Trudy, George and Jillian
Maureen Lyle - Dino and Jean Dottori
Marilyn Campbell - The Waltenbury Family

4:00 PM Saturday, 14 December - Third Sunday in Advent
Eugenio & Maria Gerbasi - Michael Rossi & Mary Lou Peddle & Families
Yvonne Hebert - Norma Milligan
Rose Marie Larsh - Connie Zimbalatte

Sunday, 15 December - Third Sunday in Advent
9:00 AM John Wishak - Lois Wishak and Family
Alexandra Lafontaine - Armand and Barbara Foubert
Bill Merritt - Mark Poudrier

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

SAVE THE DATE!
January 30, 2020
Everything is Better with Chocolate!





A fun evening for everyone. This is likely our last fund raiser for our Council's 100th Anniversary celebration.
More details to follow. Mark your calendars now—you don't want to miss out on this delicious event!

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

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!

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.

Evangelizers are like angels, bringing good news to the world, pope says

VATICAN CITY — A thirst for God and for his true and undying love is rooted in the heart of every human being, Pope Francis said. ***So, in order to evangelize, all it takes is someone who can help revive that longing and be a messenger – an angel – of hope, bringing the good news of Christ***, he said Nov. 30.

The pope spoke to bishops, religious and laypeople taking part in an international meeting at the Vatican Nov. 28-30. Sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, the meeting discussed the pope's apostolic exhortation, "Evangelii Gaudium" ("The Joy of the Gospel").

People long for God and his love, and so they need angels "in flesh and blood who draw near to dry tears, to say in Jesus' name, 'Do not be afraid,'" the pope said.

"Evangelizers are like angels, like guardian angels, messengers of good who do not deliver ready-made answers but share life's questions" and know "the God of love" is needed to live, he said.

"In fact, people who evangelize can never forget to always be on the move, seeking together with others," the pope said. "They cannot leave anyone behind, they cannot be allowed to keep at a distance those who are limping, they cannot shut themselves up within their little group of comfortable relationships."

The pope told his audience they should not be held back by "the fear of making mistakes or the fear of following new paths."

In order to hold fast to "the Gospel's enthusiasm," the pope told them, call on the Holy Spirit, who is the spirit of joy who keeps the missionary flame alive and who "invites us to attract the world only with love and discover that we can possess life only by giving it."

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$5,718.30	**$1,112.00**

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 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

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.

The J.O.Y. Bands present "A Wonderful Christmas" at Trinity United Church, on Sunday, December 15 beginning at 1:00 PM with the Sing-a-long and the Bands at 1:30 PM. Goodies and refreshments follow in the church hall Admission: goodwill offering to The Warming Centre

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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!

