12 January 2020
The Baptism of the Lord

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!

Isaiah shares the Lord's promise of a servant of the Lord who will come forth and bring justice to the nations. In the second reading, Peter tells those gathered that God shows no partiality. All who fear him and act uprightly are acceptable to him. In the Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John, and the Spirit of God descends upon him. The Spirit of God descends upon Jesus at his baptism, and marks the beginning of his public ministry. At our baptism, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are sanctified and made children of God. By the grace of this sacrament, we are awakened to the power of the Spirit in our own lives.



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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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—THURSDAY	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
FRIDAY	**OFFICE OPEN AT 11 AM**

READINGS: 13 - 19 JANUARY

Monday	1 Samuel 1. 1-8; Mark 1. 14-20
Tuesday	**1 Samuel 1. 9-20; Mark 1. 21-28**
Wednesday	**1 Samuel 3. 1-10, 19-20; Mark 1. 29-39**
Thursday	1 Samuel 4. 1c-11; Mark 1. 40-45
Friday	**1 Samuel 8. 4-7, 10-22; Mark 2. 1-12**
Saturday	**1 Samuel 9. 1-4, 17-19, 10.1a; Mark 2. 13-17**
Sunday	Isaiah 49. 3.5-6; 1 Corinthians 1. 1-3; John 1. 29-34

DATE	TIME	WHAT'S UP?
January 21	7:00 PM	Baptism Preparation
January 16, 23	1:00 & 6:30 PM	Faith & Coffee Drop-In
January 15	6:30 PM	Parish Council Meeting
January 16	12:30 PM	Liturgy Committee Meeting
January 22	5:30 PM	Men's Club Dinner
January 29	5:30 PM	Social Committee Meeting
January 30	1:00 & 6:30 PM	Bible Study of the Psalms
January 31	6:30 PM	CHOCOLATE! (See CWL)

MARK THESE EVENTS ON YOUR 2020 SOCIAL CALENDAR!

Dinner & Movie Family Night: Saturday, March 7 at 5 pm
Dinner & Dance: Saturday, May 2 at 5 pm
Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 13 at 12:00 Noon
Halloween Costume & Trivia Night:
Saturday, October 24 - 5 pm



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 16th.***

Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.



Charles and Gerene Whitaker
Cecile Whitaker-Griffin
Members of the Hogan Family
Members of the Le Sieur Family
Alexandra Lafontaine
Dan Lafontaine
Members of the Lindsay Family
Members of the Foubert Family
Kitsy and Larry Rymes
Marg and John Bennison
Richard Aultman
Tomasino Ianiro
Cosmo and Anna Maria Fazzioli
Domenica Fazzioli
Maria Tartaglia Donato Tartaglia
Liberata Petrone
Jean-Claude Hebert
Members of the Campbell Family
Paul Karpecki
Members of the Malouin Family



For Your Information

Fr. Rex has not left us—he is covering celebrations at St. Peter the Apostle for the month of January while Fr. Francis visits in Nigeria.

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 13 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Ara Linda Houle - Katie Laporte
Allan and Katheryn Boudreau - Albert and Carol Boudreau

Tuesday, 14 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Simon Boulanger - The Family
Oscar Paquette - Philip Paquette

Wednesday, 15 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Margaret Watters - Art Thomas
Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Thursday, 16 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
John Deviveiros - Sue Tedesco
Patrick & Rita Masciangelo - Joe and Louise Defonzo and Family

Friday, 17 January - Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot
Joseph Kelly - Ray and Marlene Walter
Intention of Jason Montgomery - Robert and Judy

4:00 PM Saturday, 18 January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Maria Ammerata - Peggy Duffy
Intention of Rita and Leo Morrissette - Aaron and Diana Morrissette

Sunday, 19 January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Margaret Watters - Joanne and Joe Laplante
For Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.

Catholic Women's League

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!
Friday, January 31—6:30 PM
Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall
Tickets $25.00



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

This event is for couples and singles alike!
Don't be shy, gather your friends and come join us!

CWL MEMBERSHIPS

Membership envelopes are provided in your box of 2020 envelopes or you can use the CWL envelopes provided on the bookcase behind the last pew (right side as you enter Cathedral). Once you have paid your $25 membership fee, please look for your membership card in the CWL box in this same location in two weeks. Thank you for taking the time to pick up your card — last year we had to mail out 50 membership cards which is costly. If you have any questions — call Brenda Passmore, Membership Chair at 474-0447

COLLECTION - 22 DECEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$8,105.80	$1,555.30

Christmas Collection Report 25 December 2019	
Christmas Offering	**Flowers & Decorations**
$15,484.20	$2,480.00

COLLECTION - 29 DECEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,018.50	$2,449.00

New Year's Day Collection Report 01 January 2020
$1,762.00

Thank you for your amazing generosity!

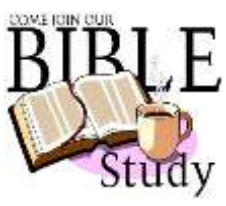
COLLECTION - 05 JANUARY	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,365.00	$782.00

Faith and Coffee Drop-In
DVD with Bishop Robert Barron

Days 1:00-2:30 PM and again in the evening 6:30-8:00 pm. You can attend which time is convenient for you. Held in the Parish Hall.

January 16: Conversion of Bartimaeus, The Rich Man
January 23: Conversion of Matthew, Jonah

Starting January 30 Bible Study
DVD Study of Psalms – Jeff Cavins



Days 1:00—3:00 PM and again Evenings from 6:30—8:30 PM. This study is free and all are welcome to come and watch the DVD.
For those who want to participate fully in the study, workbooks are available for a cost.
Please register by calling Loulou Delarosbel 705-825-2455 as we need to know how many books to buy.

A huge thank you to St. Joseph-Scollard hall students and staff for their VERY generous donation of many bags of clothing, including winter coats for our Catholic Charities Clothing Depot.

✝ MEMORIAL FUND ✝

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

MARGARET WATTERS



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



INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 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 20.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.

Thank You from Our Youth who Attended RISE UP Dec 29th to Jan 1st



From left to right: Cathy Shaw, Travis Snider, Keenan Lacelle, Alan Coffin, Elisa Barlow, and Zach Bedard.

We all attended a series of talks that varied from how to date as a young Catholic adult, how to cultivate our prayer life, and how to balance our lives with Jesus at the centre. The praise and worship was phenomenal, and it was very powerful to see many of the young adults attending the conference give God their "yes" for the first time as well as witnessing 1,300 people all go to confession at the same time! We were all challenged to discern what "the next right thing" was (yes - there were Frozen II references), as well as consider what our ministry on campus should look like. ***Thank you to everyone who supported us in attending Rise Up Toronto 2019!***

Men's Club Dinner Meeting



The next **Dinner Meeting** will be held **Wednesday, January 22.**

Gathering at 5:30 PM, we will enjoy a wonderful dinner and discuss how we can be a positive influence on helping to build up our parish community.

If you are a gentleman over the age of 18 years, come out and help us plan some 2020 endeavours ~ we can do good things together!

The Men's Club was formed to foster fraternity and attend to the needs of the Cathedral community.

REGIONAL EVENTS

New Daily Adoration: St. Joseph's Church Powassan, has begun Perpetual Adoration 7 days a week, from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM except during Mass times. Adorers who can commit to a one-hour time slot are needed. Contact Laurie in the office 724-2118, Christine 724-1723 or Pauline 724-5964 to be scheduled. The coordinator will find a replacement for when you are not available.

Marriage Preparation Weekend: 2020 Dates: February 21-22, June 5-6, October 23-24. 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!

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

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

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.

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.

Come and See

Is God calling you to be a Secular Franciscan? Are you searching for a way to renew your baptismal commitment, to deepen your relationship with the Lord, and to give witness to the Kingdom of God? Come and See at Holy Name of Jesus on Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 PM. God won't stop calling until you answer. Call Lynn at 472-2882 for more information.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Since Jesus' Baptism took place when he was an adult, it may seem odd to celebrate his baptism so soon after we have celebrated his birth. The fact is, though, that other than the various infancy narratives and the story of the finding of Jesus in the temple, there are no stories of Jesus' years before his Baptism and the beginning of his public ministry. When you stop and think about it, however, there is a certain "rightness" to this. While it would be interesting to know about Jesus' life before he began his public ministry, his mission and his ministry are far more important to us because they brought about our salvation.

Our Gospel this weekend is Matthew's account of Jesus' Baptism. Matthew is the only evangelist to include the verse that tells us that when Jesus came to John for Baptism, *"John tried to prevent him, saying, I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me."* Most scripture scholars agree that John didn't want to baptize Jesus because he did not see Jesus as a sinner in need of Baptism. And while we believe that Jesus was without sin, we also believe that his baptism marked the beginning of his public ministry. (As Christians, it is our belief that Baptism takes away original sin. We also believe, though, that Baptism begins our life in Christ, and as importantly that it empowers us to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus.) We are told that after Jesus was baptized, a voice came from the heavens saying, *'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'"* We believe that the Spirit is also given to us at our Baptism, and that we are all beloved children of God. (Fr. Bauer, The Basilica of Saint Mary)

- What has your baptism meant to your life?
- Are you a Godparent? What role have you played in the spiritual life of the of the child you sponsored?
- In this coming year, how might we learn to live our baptismal promises anew?

Next week we enter into Ordinary Time — but more about that later ...