

30 November
2014

First Sunday
of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Isaiah relates a pattern of sin, suffering, supplication and salvation – the people wander away and God forgives them. He says, Yet, Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter. Jesus cautions the disciples to keep alert, because they don't know the future. He illustrates his point with a story of a man making household preparations before a trip. We watch the seasonal changes in nature and prepare for them. During Advent we look more deeply at our lives and prepare our hearts for Christ. What lies in darkness and waiting? What is calling us into the light? Are we willing to let the divine potter fashion what is best for our lives? May we prepare ourselves to be all that God created us to be.

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, and reaching out to others.

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 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.

PASTOR Most Rev. Jean-Louis Plouffe, D.D.
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

RECTOR Msgr. Dave Tramontini ASSISTANT Rev. Rex Lumine

IN RESIDENCE

Msgr. Normand Clement Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools
Rev. A. Man-Son-Hing Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle & St. Elizabeth Temagami

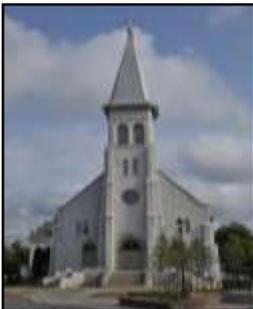
PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons *Diocesan Order of Women*
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Milligan Mrs. Norma Milligan
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago Miss Ruth Godon
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin Mrs. Frances-Clare Fraboni
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

01 ~ 07 DECEMBER

Monday	Isaiah 2. 1-5; 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; Matthew 9. 35—10.1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Isaiah 40. 1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3. 8-14; Mark 1. 1-8



CONTACT US

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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.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON
Tuesday to Friday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

† Memorial Fund †



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

SISTER MARY BEATTIE

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 01 December - Weekday in Advent

Geniza Ortega - Jack and Monica Sullivan

Gerry Boucher - Claire and Jack Welsh

For Souls in Purgatory - A Friend

Richard Neuhofer - Joe and Louise Defonzo

**Longing
Watching
Waiting!**

Tuesday, 02 December - Weekday in Advent

Mario Verardi - Mario and Clara Canarino

Frans Asher - Rudy, Jeannette and Randy Dominico

John Butti - Rita and Bud Frair

Gay Germano - Karen Lafontaine

Wednesday, 03 December - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

[Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help](#)

Antonietta Vannelli - Domenica Ianiro

Bill and Lindy Ermel - Maria and Jerry Ermel

Intention of the Burgess and Dufresne Families

Intention of Living & Deceased Members - **Catholic Women's League**

Thursday, 04 December - Weekday in Advent

Intention of Karen Beaulieu - Denis Beaulieu and Family

Michael Miscio - Giovanni and Maria Miscio

Robert Gaudet - **Jim O'Connor**

Intention of Jacqueline Duquette - Maudena and Jack Farnsworth

First Friday, 05 December - Weekday in Advent

Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle Hlusek

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen and Denis Beaulieu

Léontine St. Aubin - Richard and Sue Beauchamp and Family

Intention of Doris Martin - Jeannette Dominico

4:00 PM 06 December - Second Sunday of Advent

Geniza Ortega - A Parishioner

Maria Conceicao Deviveiros - John and Maria Deviveiros

Sr. Theresa Casey - **Catholic Women's League**

Intention of Frances-Claire Fraboni - Kyle, Shelby and Chelsea

Sunday, 07 December - Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Intention of the Dufresne and Burgess Family

Antonietta Vannelli - Bertha Yzereef

Lawrence Goodwin - Staff, Mother St. Bride School

Rick O'Toole - Lorraine and J.P. Guillemette

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



Blessed white candles are available ½ hour before and ½ hour after all masses on the weekend and weekdays.

VIGIL CANDLES

You may enter the Sacristy and ask our Sacristan for your vigil candle.

It will be lit and at that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of \$5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs. The act of lighting your vigil candle is a meaningful prayer offering—a silent way to show our love of God and our desire to express our love for others.



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 Friday, December 19.*

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

2014 Envelopes will be in the church soon 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?



DIOCESAN HISTORY BOOK

Beautifully illustrated, hard cover book that would make a meaningful gift to yourself and the special people in your lives.

Beautiful keepsake as a gift for Christmas, Weddings, Sacrament or a special Anniversary!

Books can be purchased for \$35/Copy by cheque and cash and are available at the parish office. Get your book soon!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

General Meeting Wednesday December 3 will be our Annual Christmas Dinner. Diane Esch will be catering a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings!! It all starts at 5:00 PM with a social, followed by prayer service, dinner and entertainment.

Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Last chance to get your ticket will be December 1. Contact Maudena Farnsworth at 495-2532.

Please bring an unwrapped gift for our friends at the Mental Health Unit.



Bazaar News
We would like to apologize to the Heritage and Hidden Treasures table. We neglected to thank them for their hard work at the Bazaar. Wilda Beaupre and her volunteers did an outstanding job. Thank you!

ATTENTION CWL SNOWBIRDS!

If you are planning on heading to the "sunny south", have you added payment of your 2015 dues to your checklist of things to do before leaving? The CWL membership year begins January 1st, and dues can now be paid. Membership envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church and can be returned through Sunday collection. The 2015 membership cost is \$25.00. Please make cheques payable to: CWL Pro-Cathedral Council. Another early bird draw for reimbursement of costs is planned.



Gospel Reflection

In this reading, Jesus warns us of the need to be awake and watchful for his coming at the end of time and each day of our lives. He compares himself to the master of the house who travels far away. The master places his servants in charge of the estate, each with his or her own work. They are put on alert: "May the master not come suddenly and find you sleeping." Be on guard. Stay awake! Advent should be a time of watchfulness for us. We must never be asleep to the daily challenge of Jesus in our lives. *How can we be an Advent people, awake to meet those challenges and attentive to all the ways Jesus comes into our lives. Pray this prayer:*



"Come, Lord, Jesus."

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Change my heart & help me to follow the way.



Thursday, December 4

Regional Penitential Service
Holy Name of Jesus ~ 7:00 PM
Followed by Individual Confessions

Friday, December 5

All Day Individual Confessions
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday Collection: 16 November 2014

Sunday Offering

\$6,675.71

Building Fund

\$1,775.00



THIS WEEKEND & NEXT WEEKEND!

After 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass

If your child would like to be part of our Christmas Story that is presented at the 11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass - please plan on staying after 9:00 AM or the 11:00 AM mass this weekend and next weekend for a planning gathering where we will begin to choose parts. Practices will be held on future weekends at 10:15 AM in the Cathedral. We will be meeting in the Lower Sacristy. We require Mary, Joseph, Narrators, Angels, Shepherds, Cows, Donkeys, etc.

Parts available for Everyone!

ADVENT WREATH ~ "Customarily the Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles. According to tradition, three of the candles are violet and the fourth is rose. However, four violet or white candles may also be used. The rose candle is lit the third Sunday of Advent, for this color anticipates and symbolizes the Christmas joy announced in the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice" (Latin, Gaudete). The Advent Wreath represents the long time when people lived in spiritual darkness, waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the Light of the world. Each year in Advent people wait once again in darkness for the coming of the Lord, His historical coming in the mystery of Bethlehem, His final coming at the end of time, and His special coming in every moment of grace.



St. Joseph's Motherhouse Presents

Weekly Advent Series - Prepare for Christmas:

December 2, 9, 16

Spiritual input, reflection, and silent prayer

Location & Time: 1:00—3:00 pm McColgan Room

Facilitator: Sr. Pauline Guindon, csj

Offering: By Donation

Contact: Sr. Phyllis O'Connor, 705-474-3800 ext. 213 for Information



REGIONAL NEWS

The Marriage Preparation Team is in need of help. This is an opportunity for married couples that desire to serve our community and to commit small amounts of time and all their valuable talents to get involved in the spiritual development of engaged couples in our faith community. Couples would facilitate group discussions on specific topics. Many volunteers find that getting involved with Marriage Preparation offers an opportunity to renew the love and principles that brought them together on their own wedding day. For the busy married couples, young or old, marriage preparation is a relatively small commitment as it is run on a Friday night and all day Saturday three times a year and each couple facilitates a short (1-2 hour) section of the weekend. If you are able to help out or want more information, please contact Lynn at 472-2882.

St. Peter the Apostle 21st Annual Turkey Dinner December 7 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. \$14/adult, \$5/5-10 years, Free/under 5. For tickets call Anne at 705-474-0960. Call soon – always a sell out!

Respect for Life Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 12:00:00 Noon on Friday, December 12 at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption. Celebrant, Bishop Jean-Louis Plouffe. Mass followed by reception in the Parish Hall. For more information, please call Diane at 840-2053. Everyone Welcome!

The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM at St. Peter's Parish followed by Mass.

Special 72-minute DVD Presentation on Pope Francis – The Francis Effect will be shown at Our Lady of Hope Church in Sudbury on December 14 at 2:00 PM. Everyone welcome to attend, no cost. Sponsored by Christ the King Prayer Community.

Help defend life and family by purchasing a Christmas fruit cake from North Bay Right to Life / Pro-Vie. These cakes make delicious, useful gifts. Deluxe 2 lb. cake in decorative tin: \$25.00 –1.5 lb. bar cake: \$15.00. On sale weekdays at 323 Algonquin Ave office from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Call the office at 474-3666 to reserve an order for pickup.

L'Arche North Bay's Annual Christmas Pageant is being held at Holy Name of Jesus Church Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 PM. There will also be a Cookie Walk and a Silent Auction! Donations of home-baked cookies would be appreciated. Please call Nicky at 474-3018 if you can help.

North Bay Regional Eucharistic Adoration: Holy Name Church, Mon-Wed-Fri (Noon – 6 PM), Tuesday (Noon - 9 PM), Thursday (Noon - 5 PM). Come and visit Jesus in this Sacrament of love. To make a commitment call Lena Butler, 497-3434

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs). **St. Vincent de Paul** every Thursday 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, **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.

CLAY- (Catholic Live Attitude Yes!) A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For more information please contact Laurie Dobbs at 705-724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

Springtime of the Spirit Regional Prayer Group at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Recitation of the rosary, praise and worship, meditative prayer, sharing and fellowship.

THE EDGE Youth Group for Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's 6:45-8:30 pm on Monday evenings in the downstairs hall of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Powassan. For all youth, regardless of what church you attend. Explore issues of our faith through live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, scripture, crafts etc. Double bonus: snacks and prizes! No need to pre-register. Call Pauline at 724-5964 or Jeannine at 724-3424 for information. Let us know if you need transportation

Marriage Preparation Program Weekends: 2015 March 6-7, May 1-2, October 23-24. Couples should register early by calling 472-5821. Series limited to 18 couples – register early! Material cost \$40/couple payable at time of registration.

L.I.P.I. 20th Annual Santa Needs Help Campaign accepts new or gently used toys at 127 Main Street East. If you wish to donate your time or require a pick up of items, call 472-1337.

North Bay Roman Catholic Charities, is supported only through the generosity of donations and volunteer workers. Clients from the entire North Bay region are served. The Food Bank is open every Tuesday morning and the Clothing Depot is open every second Wednesday. **This December at Christmas, we would like to make available to all families a canned ham.** If you could support this Christmas endeavour – please drop off a ham to the Pro-Cathedral rectory during office hours..

7th Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-long Sunday, 14 December 7:00 PM at Christ Anglican Church 312 Greenwood Avenue, [off Algonquin]. Everyone is invited and welcome! 495-4659

Interested in Learning More About the Catholic Church?

The process by which adults come into the Church is known as "the RCIA", which is short for "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults."



Who is the process for?

1. The unbaptized. The primary focus of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is on those who are not already Christian and have not been catechized.
2. Baptized but uncatechized. Those who have been baptized either as Roman Catholics or as members of another Christian community but did not receive further catechetical formation or instruction. These typically have also not celebrated Confirmation nor Eucharist.
3. Those seeking full Catholic Communion. These are baptized, practicing Christians from other denominations who seek entry into the Catholic Church.