

11 December
2016

Third 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, the prophet proclaims the joyful news that God saves his people and gives them great reason for rejoicing. Saint Paul, in the second reading, exhorts the faithful to prepare for the coming of the Lord with patience and a firm heart. In the Gospel, John the Baptist asks if Jesus is really the Messiah, or should they seek another? As we await for the coming of the Lord, we prepare our hearts and homes to receive him. As Saint Paul instructs, we prepare with patience and a firm heart. We will know he has come into our hearts and homes when we model true discipleship and work to bring the Good News to those around us.

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

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

Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenek

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Mrs. Shirley Falconi
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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.

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 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

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| MONDAY | 8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON |
| TUESDAY to THURSDAY | 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM |
| FRIDAY | OFFICE CLOSED |

WEEKLY READINGS: 12—18 DECEMBER

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| Monday | Zechariah 2. 10-13; Luke 1. 39-47 |
| Tuesday | Zephaniah 3. 1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21. 28-32 |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 45. 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7. 19-23 |
| Thursday | Isaiah 54. 1-10; Luke 7. 24-30 |
| Friday | Isaiah 56. 1-3a, 6-8; John 5. 16-17, 33-36 |
| Saturday | Genesis 49. 2, 8-10; Matthew 1. 1-17 |
| Sunday | Isaiah 7. 10-14; Romans 1. 1-7; Matthew 1. 18-24 |

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 **THIS MONDAY, 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
~ 12:00 Noon Mass ~
Monday, 12 December

Bishop Marcel Dampousse Celebrates with Priests of the Region
Mass Followed by Reception



Advent Retreat ~ A Season of Gracious Gifts

Join us in a prayerful opportunity to slow down in the midst of this busy season and reflect on the gracious gifts of Advent. Come out and examine what is offered to us by our loving God and discover how we might respond as we explore three different Gracious Gifts of God:

The Gracious Gift of Never-Ending Presence

"Never-Ending Presence of God, comfort and challenge us!"

The Gracious Gift of Expectant Waiting

"We wait, ever-Present God, knowing You are always near!"

The Gracious Gift of Unquenchable Hope

"God of all Hopefulness, deepen in us the Gift of Hope!"

Tuesday, December 13

10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall

With Light Luncheon

Please RSVP 495-3584



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ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Change my heart & help me to follow the way.

Wednesday, 14 December

Regional Penitential Service

St. Peter the Apostle Church ~ 7:00 PM

Followed by Individual Confessions



Friday, 16 December

All Day Individual Confessions

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10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Weekday Masses
are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 12 December - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Everyone Invited to our Special Respect for Life Mass
celebrated by Bishop Marcel Dampousse

[See Details Here](#)

Tuesday, 13 December - St. Lucy, Virgin/Martyr

Teresa and Frank Piekarsi - Trudy Lang-Flumerfelt
Intention of Stuart Thompson - Lorenza Thompson
For Special Intentions - E. Roy

Wednesday, 14 December - St. John of the Cross, Priest/Dr.
[Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help](#)

Mary Rose Talbot - Keith and Terry Campbell
Intention of Walter Mendoza - Faye Grottoli
Intention of Paul and Mary Lou Smith and Family - A Friend

Thursday, 15 December - Weekday in Advent

George Markham - The Markham Family
Rose Moher - Bonnie Parslow
Marnie Kilty - Margaret and Clifford Riopelle

Friday, 16 December - Weekday in Advent

Antonietta and Danny Covetta - The Verrillo Family
Louis Taillefer - Jack and Monica Sullivan
Livio and Lucy Cappadocia - Louise and Family

4:00 PM Saturday, 17 December - Fourth Sunday in Advent

Mitch Gagne - Joyce Pitt
Rose Moher - Mary Doyle and Family
Gwenda Hallsworth - Eleanore Lunney and Family

Sunday, 18 December - Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Deceased Relatives of Cora and Marty Martinello
Yvette Donig - Pauline Borden
Intentions of the Donors and those Remembered
in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

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

† Memorial Fund †

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

JACK LARIVIERE & GEORGE RENETTE

Collection: 04 December 2016

Sunday Offering

\$6,262.70

Building Fund

\$3,064.45

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. By making stewardship an integral part of our mission we become a living testament to our faith.

2017 Envelopes are in the church 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?

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— Pornography Hurts Campaign

First launched in August 2013, the Pornography Hurts Campaign aims to raise awareness about the dangers of pornography among members, the public and members of parliament. Each year, since the campaign was launched, members have “blitzed” elected officials and government officers with postcards provided by the CWL. During the weekend of **January 7 and 8, 2017** members of the Pro-Cathedral will be provided with postcards at the back of the church to fill out and send to elected officials. Here is how you fill it out for the biggest impact:

- Ensure your name and return address is on the card in order for the minister (S) to respond to you;
- Ask a question or ask for feedback from the minister (i.e. will you take a stand by helping to ensure that just punishment is given to the perpetrators of this heinous crime to children and women)?
- Mail to Anthony Rota, MP Nipissing-Timiskaming and Jody Wilson-Raybould, MP Justice and Attorney General (Ottawa address provided on back and no postage required!)

Pornography fuels the global sex trade by driving demand into the mainstream of society. Studies show that pornography users often seek to act out what they have viewed in porn. Often their partners will not engage in such acts, so they seek it elsewhere – increasing the demand for trafficked women and children to be prostituted - from www.pornharms.com

Members are encouraged to read “Missing and Murdered the Trafficked” Indigenous women and girls are being exploited by gangs and other predators with little being done to stop it. The Globe investigates - By Tavia Grant Published February 10, 2016 at <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/the-trafficked-sexual-exploitation-is-costing-canadian-women-their-lives/article28700849/>



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 20.**

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

Catholic Women's League

Centenary Celebration and Logo Contest!

These are exciting times in our League history! Every year the Centenary Committee will be hosting events leading up to our 100th Anniversary to commemorate this auspicious occasion. Kick starting our celebration is a logo contest that was introduced at this year's national convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Every member is encouraged to submit their creative ideas for a logo that will be used on all 100th Anniversary promotional items as the official logo. **Entries will be accepted until the deadline of December 31, 2016.** Judging Period January 2 to January 15.

The contest is open to all members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. You can email your submission to betty.colaneri@gmail.com or mail a copy to Betty Colaneri, 757 Queenston Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0. **Submissions must be** your original creation made solely by you. Reproducing, modifying, enhancing or altering a third party's pre-existing work does not qualify as your original creation. Your submission may not have been previously used or published. **By submitting an entry, you acknowledge** that your entry will become the property of the Centenary Committee to be used in any form for the purpose of advertising, promotional products and fundraising and that your name will be publicized on The CWL of Canada website, social media and League Magazine. **Judging Criteria for Selecting Finalists:** The Centenary Committee will judge all eligible entries received during the Entry Period on the basis of originality, creativity and style. **The final decision is at the sole discretion of the Centenary Committee.** The grand prize winner will receive recognition on the website, social media, League Magazine and a 100th Anniversary Package.



INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM. **Please call the parish office by Monday, December 12 to register!** *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*

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Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve ~ Saturday, December 24

5:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM ~ 12:00 MIDNIGHT

Music Reflections

Prior to 8:00 PM & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25

11:00 AM Christmas Mass

Please join us in Celebration!

New Year's Schedule



Saturday, 31 December

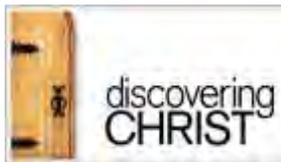
Regular 4:00 PM Mass



Sunday, 01 January

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Regular 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses



Mark Your Calendars! The North Bay Regional Parishes would like to welcome you to the first Discovering Christ program. This is a Seven Week program, that includes dinner, listening to dynamic

teachings and joining in small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Starting January 24, 2017, every Tuesday evening until March 7, 6:45 PM at St. Peters Church. There is a Saturday retreat on February 25. All this for FREE Registration information to follow in each parish in the coming weeks. For more information contact Len Lanthier lslanthier@gmail.com 705 -724-1368

Message from Ann Koivu, Diocesan Corresponding Secretary - "*The religious Christmas postage stamp is now available for your Christmas mailings from Canada Post. The issue date for this year's Madonna and Child stamp was November 1, 2016. Canada Post says, "This elegant Renaissance image of Mary and the infant Jesus, entitled Virgin and Child, was created by an artist whose name eludes curators. He is known only as the Master of the Castello Nativity for one of his most famous works, a painting depicting the birth of Jesus that came from Castello, Italy. This rare work was part of a large donation by Michal and Renata Hornstein to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts."* For more information visit www.canadapost.ca



On behalf of the members of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL Council we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Watch for the Catholic Women's League Ponderings Newsletter in January!

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Are You Being Called? Have Questions?

Call Fr. Pat Woods

for more information

at 705-674-2727, Ext. 250



REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

REGIONAL NOTICES ARE POSTED

IN THE GLASS DISPLAY CABINET

IN THE CATHEDRAL

The Tradition of the Christmas Candle: Long before the celebration of Christmas, candles were used to signify Christ as the light of the world. In medieval times there was a legend that said on Christmas Eve the Christ Child wandered throughout the world looking for a place where He would be welcomed.

Those who loved Him, hoping He would find their homes, placed lighted candles in the windows to invite Him in.

No one, of course, knew for sure how He might appear. Perhaps He would come dressed in the rags of a beggar, or He might come as a poor and lonely child. Might He come as a disabled person who was put out to roam the streets of the city or the lonely footpaths of the countryside?

So it became customary for devout Christians to welcome into their homes all who knocked on their doors on Christmas Eve. To turn away might have meant the rejection of the Christ Child who had come in an unfamiliar garb.

In modern times, electric lights have replaced the candles of old. To many, they are simply a decoration, part of "what we do".

Perhaps this Advent, as people who know that Christ is the Light of the World, the lighted windows we see can serve as a reminder to say a prayer for those who don't yet know Him.

