

12 February
2017

6th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The first reading exhorts us to freely choose to keep God's commandments, for they help keep our feet planted on the path to life. The second reading reminds us of the importance of seeking true wisdom from God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that he has come to fulfill the law – not to abolish it. He came to show us how to live and love. Throughout human history, one of the norms that guided people was that their word was their bond. Although more people today feel free to not honor a commitment when it no longer suits them, we are called to live differently. For Jesus

teaches clearly that our "yes" is to mean yes and our "no" is to mean no.

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

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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 Westenenk

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Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Mrs. Norma Milligan
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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

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

WEEKLY READINGS: 13 ~ 19 FEBRUARY

Monday	Sirach 1. 1-10; Mark 9. 14-29
Tuesday	Sirach 2. 1-11; Mark 9. 30-37
Wednesday	1 Peter 5. 1-4; Matthew 16. 13-19
Thursday	Sirach 5. 1-8; Mark 9. 41-50
Friday	Sirach 6. 5-17; Mark 10. 1-12
Saturday	Sirach 17. 1-4, 6-8, 10-15; Mark 10. 13-16
Sunday	Isiah 48. 14-15; 1 Corinthians 4. 1-5; Mt. 6. 24-34



MEN'S CLUB GATHERING

Calling all Men! Plan on attending our next Men's Club Dinner Meeting on February 16. Meet and greet social time begins at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall followed by a delicious dinner. Come out and join a great bunch of guys who plan events and get-togethers to foster community and build our parish up. *Isn't it time?*



Maria Philip Vyagapa Nadar, father of Rev. Jackson Arul Maria Philip died on February 6, 2017. A funeral celebration was held February 8 in India. Please remember Father Jackson and his family in your prayers.

**Watch your thoughts, they become your words.
Watch your words, they become your actions.
Watch your actions, they become your habits.
Watch your habits, they become your character.
Watch your character, it becomes your destiny**

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please Register so we can get to know you better.

FIRST EUCHARIST REGISTRATION



Our first preparation meeting for First Eucharist will be held on Sunday, February 26 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

To attend this meeting your child should have received his/her Sacrament of First Reconciliation. If your child has not received this sacrament, we will be offering preparation for this sacrament this Fall.

The preparation for First Eucharist gathering is an informative meeting led by the Sacramental Preparation Team of our parish and will be very helpful in preparing your child to receive the Eucharist. Together we will have an opportunity to discuss the Sacramental preparation of your child, making it an enjoyable experience for everyone! We will also explain what services can be offered by the Christian community to help you.

THIS MEETING IS A MUST FOR PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to this meeting even if they were baptized at the Pro-Cathedral.

PLEASE NOTE

After this meeting is held we will no longer be able to accept new registrations for this session.

Weekday Masses
are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 13 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Deceased Members of the Cotnam Family - Patricia Anderson
Lena Aultman - John and Alanna Travers

Tuesday, 14 February - St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius

Rose Moher - Roy and Bunty Swanson
Stephanie and Terry Cosgrove - Catherine and Family

Wednesday, 15 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

George Markham - The Markham Family
Teresa and Frank Piekarski - Trudy, George and Jillian

Thursday, 16 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Grace Boudreau - Aurel and Sue Boudreau and Family
Virginia Tedesco - Maria Gosselin and Family

Friday, 17 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Marty Martinello - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Intention of Walter Mendoza - Faye Grottoli

4:00 PM Saturday, 18 February - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monica Edwards - Hanley, Alexander and Bethune Families
Intention of Richard Levesque - Divine Will Prayer Group
Deceased Members of the Levesque & Martin Families -
Richard Levesque

Sunday, 19 February - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Rev. Mr. Donald Milligan - Norma Milligan and Family
Arthur Georgeneau - Gerald Georgeneau
Teresa Kelly - Evelyn Hunt

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

Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention

COMFORT FOR THE AFFLICTED

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities

**Shrove Tuesday
PANCAKE
SUPPER
TUESDAY - 28 FEBRUARY
General Seating**

**Don't miss out
wonderful, delicious
the Eve of Ash
sausages, pan**

Everyone

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ALL TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

Catholic Women's League

Next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8.

North Bay will be hosting this year's 97th Annual Diocesan Convention from April 28 to 30 at the Best Western. For more information please contact Maudena Farnsworth at jfarnsworth64@gmail.com

The new theme for the CWL is inspired by the Spirit Women Respond to God's Call. The Dove represents the Holy Spirit – advocate, counsellor, intercessor. The Cloud & Light represents living, saving God of glory. The Fire represents transforming energy of Pentecost Disciples. The CWL members respond joyfully to God's call in word and action. The Cross, Anchor & Heart represents Faith – lived, professed, witnessed and spread, Hope – strength to sustain and preserve us, and Love – the first and greatest of all virtues.



Gentlemen ~ Did you know that since the month of December the Pro-Cathedral has served over 400 people during five funeral lunches? **We need you.** Yes we can still use your brawn, but we could also use your talents serving coffee and washing dishes. There are a million small jobs that need doing by both men and women to support our parish families in their time of grief. Volunteer doing a job that is just right for you and you will feel a sense of fulfillment!

Collection: 05 February 2017

Sunday Offering

\$5,419.20

Building Fund

\$833.00



The Tweetable Pope: "In Jesus, God himself became Emmanuel, God-with-us, the God who walks alongside us, who gets involved in our lives, in our homes, in the midst of our "pots and pans", as Saint Teresa of Jesus liked to say."

Join us on our annual tradition of a delicious, Pancake Supper on Wednesday! Come out for pancakes, coffee, tea and juice.



Be Welcome!

**Bring Your Whole Family
Including a Friend!**

From 5:00 to 7:00 PM

\$7.00 / Adults

\$4.00 / Children Under 12

\$20.00 / Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Are You Being Called? Have Questions?

Call Fr. Pat Woods

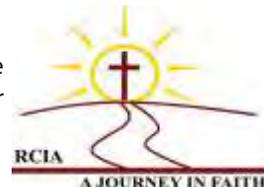
for more information

at 705-674-2727, Ext. 250



Why RCIA?

Our lives are a journey to God until the day when we all join together in our eternal home and worship the Lord face-to-face. You are among friends. As we build community through our RCIA sessions, it becomes clear that we all have times of doubt, fear, and frustration. During RCIA, we come together to look at our lives in light of the Gospel so that we can embrace a fuller discipleship of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



There are many reasons people decide that they are interested in becoming a Catholic. It makes no difference if you have been raised in another denomination, have no church affiliation or experience or even if you were never baptized. You may have started out Catholic but never completed your initiation with the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA is the process by which we welcome and prepare adults to enter the Catholic faith.

The RCIA process is sensitive to your needs before you make any commitment to the Catholic Church. Below you will find the full process divided into periods for the unbaptized:

- **Period of Inquiry:** What is the Catholic faith all about? Am I called to embrace it? What difference does the gospel of Jesus Christ make in my life? This is a time we look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have. No commitments are made or expected at this time.
- **Period of the Catechumenate:** A time to grow in prayer and mature in faith. Presentations are given on the Catholic faith and then connected to Scripture to see how it impacts our lives.
- **Period of Enlightenment:** Coinciding with the season of Lent, this time is devoted to prayer, a Lenten retreat and final preparation for those who will celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.
- **Period of Mystagogy:** The living out of Catholic faith through parish involvement. We explore how to become a real part of parish life at Saint Anne Parish.

As mentioned above, the RCIA is sensitive to your needs. So, the extent and the requirements of the process are adapted for the baptized of other denominations.

Is The Time Right For You?

Why not make the time to come and see how God works in your life. The only regret you may have is that you didn't do it earlier! Call the Parish Office at 472-3970 to see how we can welcome you into the Church.



Professor Theo Boer, a nine year Member of a Regional Review Committee for the Dutch Government wrote, "In 2001 The Netherlands was the first country in the world to legalize euthanasia and, along with it, assisted suicide. At that time, various safeguards were put in place to show who should qualify and doctors acting in accordance with these safeguards would not be prosecuted". In 2014, he wrote, "I used to be a supporter of {this} legislation. But now, with twelve years of experience, I take a different view.... Once the genie is out of the bottle, it is not likely to ever go back in again."



Included in this weekend's bulletin is a statement issued by the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops concerning the approval of Bill C-14, the bill that legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide. This insert has been provided by North Bay Right to Life along with a membership form and a pre-addressed envelope. Your membership contribution in any amount supports North Bay Right to Life/Pro-Vie to fund its educational efforts as well as the Pregnancy Help and Resource Centre. Please consider becoming a member. Membership and/or donation amounts may be returned in the collection basket, the mail, or dropped off at the office at 323 Algonquin Avenue.

REGIONAL NEWS

Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign Information Meeting Sunday, February 19 at 2:00PM at St. Peter's Church. Everyone welcome! For more information, call Shirley at 474-5379.

Costa Rica Mission Trip 2017 - Duke of Edinburgh 5th Annual Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, February 12 at St. Peter's Church. Cost: \$12/Adult; \$5/children under 10. Take-out available. For tickets call Frank 474-3809 or Marcelle 475-1851

Attention all women: Are you nervous about speaking in public? Do your knees knock? Come out and learn effective public speaking techniques in a safe, supportive and fun environment on Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 am in the McColgan Room at St Joseph's Motherhouse. Bring a brown bag lunch - coffee and tea available. This interactive workshop is sponsored by The Catholic Women's League. All women are welcome. If possible, please register by calling Anna at 472-0354.

Marriage Preparation Weekends: Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place. Material cost is \$40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Spring 2017 Sessions: 24-25 February, 21-22 April. Register early!

Soup & Card Party 4th Monday of the Month at Holy Name of Jesus Hall. Form a foursome or come with a friend. \$6/person for soup, sandwiches, tea, coffee and a table to play cards until 4:00 PM. Lunch served at noon. **Next party is February 27.** For information or to reserve a table, call Roy at 477-4084 or John at 845-1020. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 12106.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper Tuesday, February 28 at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Join us this last day before Ash Wednesday – Everyone Welcome! 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM with General Seating. All tickets purchased at door: \$7.00/Adults; \$4.00/Children Under 12 Years of Age; \$20.00/Family. Pancakes, sausage, tea, coffee, juice.

North Bay & Area Right to Life/Pro Vie 27th Annual Spaghetti Meatballs & Lasagna Fundraising Dinner will be held Sunday, March 5 at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Two sittings: 4:15 PM and 5:30 PM. Adults/\$12 Children 3-10/\$5 and Take Out/\$8. Tickets—Call: Harley 752-4105, Nancy 472-6099, Jeannine 724-3424 or Office at 474-3666. Also having a silent auction table!

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

The Passion & The Cross by Ronald Rolheiser Book Study will be facilitated by Sr. Mae Kierans at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall from 1:30 to 3:30 PM on 7-14-21-28 March. Cost per book is \$15 Take a journey into the deeper meaning of Lent! Limited to 25 participants – register soon by calling the parish office at 472-3970

Book Study on Pope Francis' The Joy of Love will be held on Saturdays April 1, 8, 22 & 29 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Facilitated by Sr. Mae Kierans, this book is appreciated as an aid to reflection, dialogue and pastoral practice and as help and encouragement to families in their daily commitment and challenges. Registration limited – register soon by calling the parish office at 472-3970.

Call CANA for Cards, Rosaries, Sacramental Gifts, Books & More! Email Kas or Alana at cana12cana@gmail.com or call 776-2192 to see how they can help.

The New Evangelization Summit 2017 is scheduled for May 12 -13, mark it on your calendar. Eight great speakers – including Bishop Robert Baron. Cost is \$25.00/person. For more information contact Len Lanthier lanthier@gmail.com 705-724-1368

Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region: Every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to be Evangelizers. For more information call Fran at 476-4146 or Holy Name Parish Office at 495-1501

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 9:30am at St. Peter's Parish.

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. 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 Love Attitude Yes!) A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, Powassan, 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 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

L'Arche North Bay and Community Living are hosting a Wine and Canvas event on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Davedi Club, 313 Airport Rd. This is a artist-led event and art materials are provided, and conclude with lunch and wine. Cost: \$40. Deadline: March 5. Contact Karen Sherry 474-8673 or karensherry@sympatico.ca

THE EDGE Catholic Youth Group: Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Join us Mondays at 6:45 PM in the hall of St. Joseph's Church, Clark St., Powassan. THE EDGE uses live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, Scripture, crafts and other cool stuff to explore issues about our Faith, solid values, youth concerns and happy living!! No need to pre-register. Call Pauline 724-5964 for information or transportation.

Lenten Retreat at Villa Loyola "Are you Kidding?" – Remembering and reclaiming the gifts of the child. Friday March 10 (7 pm) to Sunday March 12 (1 pm) with Director: Fr. Philip Chircop, S.J. Jesus said "I'm telling you, once and for all, that unless you return to square one and start over like children, you're not even going to get a look at the Kingdom." In this retreat we will explore some habits of the heart intended to educate us into becoming childlike once again. Cost: \$230.00, all inclusive (a non-refundable \$30 deposit is required with registration) For more information and registration 705-522-3502 ext. 0 or loyola@isys.ca

The Women of First Baptist Church invite you and your friends to join us for Christian fellowship "The Great Canadian Bible Study" on February 25 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Beginning with breakfast followed by speakers and discussion. Freewill offering of toonies provides literacy classes for women in Rwanda. Contact Sue at 497-3382, suzie@foote-ca.com to register.

Birthright: Pregnant? Need Help? Call 1-800-550-4900 or visit: www.birthright.org Email: info@birthright.org "We're in this for life!" A free confidential service as an alternative to abortion.