

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 28, 2018

God's desire is to liberate his people so that they fulfill their holy destiny.

- Sat, Feb 3 5:00 pm** Ted King by Rosellen King & Family
 Intentions of Marcelle & Rheel Beaulieu by Roger & Yvonne Guillemette
- Sun, Feb 4 9:00 am** Michael, Tina & Francesco Perrotta by Carmine & Anna Perrotta
 Intentions of Ellen Tunney by 2017 Prayer Partner
- 11:00 am** For the intentions of all parishioners

PRAYER LINE: *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: *Hazel Treacy*, sister of Jean Carmichael; *Lea Falzetta*, niece of Jean & Harvey Carmichael



Sunday, January 21, 2018 \$3 985.25
Thank you for your generous contributions!



Ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent (February 14, 2018) come from the branches that were blessed and distributed the previous Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Parishioners are invited to bring in these branches.

Christian Marriage Preparation Program 2018



Winter Series: February 9-10

Spring Series: April 20-21

Fall Series: October 26-27

Call Regional Catholic Services at 705-472-5821 to reserve your place on the weekend of your choice. Registration information will be given to each couple when reserving their place for a given weekend. Material cost is \$40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Couples are encouraged to register early!



No Scents Makes Sense!

Many of your fellow parishioners suffer from allergies to hairspray, after shave, perfume, eau de cologne, etc. Please think of those around you as you prepare for Mass so that they too, may enjoy coming to church each week.



Calendar of Events

- Mon 10:00 am** Rising Stars (Parish Hall)
10:30 am Near North Palliative Care fund raising meeting (Kitchen)
- Wed 9:30 am** Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
2:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Parish Hall)
- Thu 6:30 pm** Choir Practice – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!
- Sun 12:00 pm** Choir Practice – All Members
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2:00 pm Development & Peace Workshop (Parish Hall)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jan 29 – Feb 4	
Monday	2 Samuel 15.13-14,30;16.5-13; Mark 5.1-20
Tuesday	2 Sm 18.9-10,14,24-26,30-19.3; Mk 5.21-43
Wednesday	2 Samuel 24.2,9-17; Mark 6.1-6
Thursday	1 Kings 2.1-4,10-12; Mark 6.7-13
Friday	Malachi 3.1-4; Luke 2.22-40
Saturday	1 Kings 3.4-13; Mark 6.30-34
Sunday	Job 7.1-4,6-7; 1 Corinthians 9.16-19,22-23; Mark 1.29-39

Prayer for Families

God of prophets, who longs for people with no anxiety, whose Son casts out demons, speak to us. Clean out our ears and open our hearts, that we might hear you speaking, especially when your words are hard for us to hear. Give us the gift of letting go of what we want to hear, that we might truly listen to you. Amen.

**MADE FOR MORE: DIOCESAN
CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018**

All high school aged youth are invited to participate in the **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 2018 “Made for More”** on **Saturday, February 24, 2018 at St. Mary’s College in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.** Join high school students from across Northern Ontario for a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and powerful witness featuring popular Catholic Speaker Ken Yasinski. Registration fee is only \$20! Register online at www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018 or pick up a Registration Form at your church or by visiting your high school Chaplain. This event is presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, the Huron Superior Catholic District School Board and the Knights of Columbus Council 932.



To All Prayer Partners:

Now is the time for renewal in the Prayer Partner Program. Your opportunity to choose your Prayer Partner for 2018 will take place after all Masses **TODAY, January 27 & 28, 2018** in the Parish Hall. New parishioners are invited to join the program now in its 40th and final year. You can draw a name and pray anonymously for a fellow parishioner for this calendar year. You are welcome to send cards on occasions throughout the year. Celebrating 40 years of the Prayer Partner Ministry in 2018! This will be our last. So, please continue to send your cards and at Christmas 2018 acknowledge who you are. Thank you all who participated. For more information call Donna at 705-472-0513 or Theresa at 705-497-5909.



Deliver us from every evil

Even the best of us harbor within ourselves an unclean spirit or two. “Unclean” simply means not compatible with the holiness of God. This isn’t a condition any of us can afford to be in! Consider the garden variety of dirty spirits that routinely board with us: self-absorption, unforgiveness, envy, judgment, arrogance, hardheartedness, cynicism. Identify your familiar demons, practice their counterpoint virtues, and fill your interior house with grace.

“Jesus rebuked [the unclean spirit] and said, ‘Quiet! Come out of him!’ ”

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Thank you to all who peeled, chopped, sliced, cooked, baked, served, setup, cleaned and donated to our December 3, 2017 Turkey Dinner, organized by our Repair & Replace Committee (R&R). Because of your hard work, support and dedication, it was possible to serve approximately 600 people efficiently. Our net profit from this highly successful event was \$8 229.22! Congratulations! Looking forward to seeing you all next year!

WISDOM QUOTE:

“Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.” Saint Francis de Sales

Countdown to Lent

**Ash Wednesday is coming!
Lent begins February 14th**



Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer. During Lent, we work to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Our Volunteers Are Valuable



We have always known that the many parishioners who volunteer to serve in our parish are most valuable. Now we have confirmation. Based on the average hourly wage, experts currently estimate

that one hour of volunteer time is worth \$17.55. However, to us your volunteer time is **invaluable**. Through the gifts of time and talent that our parishioners so generously share we are able to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ here in our community. Many thanks to all those faithful and generous stewards who volunteer in our parish! Your time is worth everything to us!

A Thought from St. Teresa of Avila

*“Christ has no body now on earth, but yours;
no hands but yours;
no feet but yours.*

*Yours are the eyes through which He is to go
about doing good;*

*yours are the hands with which He is to bless
people now.”*

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In the first reading, the Lord promises Israel that he will raise up a new prophet, one who will speak with his authority. Paul urges the Corinthians to remain free of worldly anxieties. In Mark's Gospel, it is the unclean spirit that recognizes Jesus' true identity and responds to his commands. Liberation is at the heart of our Scriptures – a freedom that will liberate us from worldly anxieties and concerns, and from all that might hinder us in fulfilling our holy mission. Listening to and obeying God's Word prevents us from hardening our hearts and distancing ourselves from his presence in our lives.

Development and Peace 2018 Share Lent Campaign Information Session will be held at St. Peter's Church, Sunday February 4 at 2:00 PM. Theme is "Together for Peace". Let us reflect together on how this campaign enables us to spread the Good News of Christ and be peacemakers. Call Shirley at 474-5379 for more information or come out to our gathering to find out how you can assist with the Share Lent Campaign.

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North Bay Right to Life/Pro-Vie 27th Annual all you can eat Spaghetti & Meatballs/ Lasagna Dinner Sunday, March 4 at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Adults/\$12, Children 3-10 years/\$5, take-out/\$8. For tickets call: Nancy Tremblay 472-6099, Harley 752-4105, Jeannine Lebel 724-3424 or JP Lamarche 476-0953. A silent auction will also be held that night.

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.

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.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held weekly at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Please come and visit Jesus even for a few minutes. He waits for us. Hours of Adoration: Monday and Thursday 12 noon to 5 pm; Tuesdays 12 noon to 7 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Gisele Champagne at 497-1911.

CLAY- (Catholic, Love, Attitude, Yes!): A Youth Program for JK to Grade 7, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM 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 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

YEO (Youth Evangelizing Others) is a Catholic Youth Group designed for grade 8-12 students with a mission to bring other teens to know Jesus through testimonies, talks, skits, and games. Friday nights at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Gym from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. For more information, contact Sam at 496-0456.

The bitter cold weather is upon us and the **North Bay Warming Centre needs your help** at their new location at 480 Fisher St., Suite 100. Contact Karrie at warmingcentrenbay@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/NorthBayWarmingCentre/

Silent Lenten Retreat "The Name of God is Mercy" at Villa Loyola Friday, March 2 7 PM to Sunday, March 4 1:00 PM Director: Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J., cost \$230/live-in or \$130/ commute. Call 705-522-3502 ext. 0 Monday to Friday or email at loyola@isys.ca. Where is God in our rather dark and scary world? How should we respond to the fearful and threatening pressures we face? How can religion heal the world, or is religion the problem? These questions have been in the hearts of many. Many people feel estranged or distant from God, especially when God is so often invoked or portrayed in violent or judgmental ways. During this retreat we will pray with these passages for enlightenment, hope, and transformation on our spiritual journey

Calling all Women to the Great Canadian Bible Study with the women of First Baptist Church. Topic: Lessons on Mary Magdalene. Saturday, 24 February from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon beginning with breakfast. Free will offering of toonies will support literacy classes for women in Rwanda. Contact Sue Foote at 497-3382 or suzie@foote-ca.com to register – invite your friends!

Volunteers needed for Family Enrichment Program for parents and their preschool children. Volunteers care for our infants, toddlers and preschoolers Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 9:15 am to 11:15 am. Located at St. Joseph School 570 First Avenue East. Call 472-2152 for more information.

Free Literacy and Numeracy Adult Classes with Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Alternative & Continuing Education for adults aged 19 and older. Improve your reading, writing, math and computer skills; upgrade your skills for secondary school credit, employment, college, apprenticeship or for a greater sense of independence; develop a personal learning plan and work at your own pace. Attend full or part-time. Enrol anytime – continuous intake all year!! Call 472-7771 or visit www.npsc.ca for information.

Pilgrimage to Poland April 28 – May 14, 2018 includes special moments not readily available to other groups such as conferences with the Sisters at the Convents, visit to the Archbishop's Residence in Krakow, seeing where Mary left her footprints in Lichen, visiting Plock where Jesus appeared to St. Faustina. All inclusive cost \$3300 single and #3150 for couples. Information: sbielec@sympatico.ca or 613-792-4272

Knights of Columbus Meetings

Fr. Michael Cundari Council, 12030 at Holy Name Church:

General Meeting third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM

Contact: Joe Sinicrope at 497-0604

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

We also collect pop cans for charity work. Please drop off your cans at Holy Name Church beside the Garage.

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: Each Tuesday at 1:30—2:30 pm in Holy Family Chapel. This contemplative prayer is a way to self-knowledge, self-acceptance & awareness of all that God can do in our lives when we allow it.

Taize Prayer: Taze Prayer is held the 3rd Thursday each month, from 7:00—8:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. The intention of this prayer is for the "Gift of Reconciliation", wherever brokenness exists. This includes song, scripture, and silence. All are welcome.