

Second Sunday of Advent – December 10, 2017

Tue, Dec 12	9:00 am	Intentions of Harry & Rita Kraus by Samuel Denomme
	12:05 pm	<i>Regional Respect for Life Mass at Pro-Cathedral Parish with celebrant, Bishop Damphousse</i>
Wed, Dec 13	9:00 am	All of the souls in purgatory especially deceased members of Foss by Stuart Thompson
	11:30 am	Holy Cross School Mass Joseph Ezenezi by Colleen McGuinty
	7:00 pm	<i>Regional Advent Penitential Service at Pro-Cathedral Parish</i>
Thu, Dec 14	9:00 am	Georgette & Jeannette Beaulieu by Rheal & Marcelle Beaulieu
	11:30 am	St. Hubert School Mass Frances Claire Fraboni by Roger & Yvonne Guillemette
Fri, Dec 15	9:00 am	Intentions of Ron & Dorothy Aultman by Peter & Arlene Maunsell
	10 am – 4 pm	All Day Confessions at St. Peter's Parish
Sat, Dec 16	5:00 pm	Janice Pigeau by Leona Fay & Family
Sun, Dec 17	Third Sunday of Advent	
	9:00 am	For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Francis
	11:00 am	Marie Buchanan Raymond Morel by Lillian & Family



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.

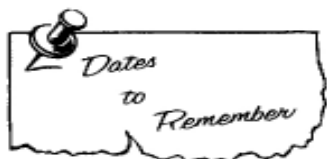
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: *Moe Clouthier, husband of Doris; Frank Cousineau, husband of Muriel*



Sunday, December 3, 2017 \$4 535.54
Thank you for your generous contributions!

Weekly contribution envelopes for 2018 have arrived! Please pick up your box of envelopes early. If you do not have an envelope number and you would like one, envelopes are available. Call the Parish Office for assistance. **Please do not use your 2018 envelopes until January 2018!**



Mon 3:00 pm SNAP (Parish Hall)
Tue Parish Office Closed Today
9:00 am Parish Hall Occupied All Day
Wed 9:30 am Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
3:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Upper Room)
6:30 pm Catholic Women's League General & Christmas Meeting (Parish Hall)
Thu 6:30 pm Choir Practise – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!
Fri 1:00 pm Parish Hall Occupied
Sun 12:00 pm Choir Practise – All Members
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SCRIPTURE READINGS: Dec 11-17

Monday	Isaiah 35.1-10; Luke 5.17-26
Tuesday	Zechariah 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47
Wednesday	Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30
Thursday	Isaiah 41.13-20; Matthew 11.11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48.1-4,9-11; Matthew 17.10-13
Sunday	Is 61.1-2,10-11; 1Thes 5.16-24; Jn 1.6-8,19-28

Congratulations to **Mark deSousa** who won the beautiful quilt by Quilting Friends. We raised \$160 for the Parish Food Cupboard!

Prayer for Families

While we wait for the coming of your Kingdom and the promise of your Infant Son to be fully realized on earth and in heaven, teach us to keep our eyes on you, no matter what. Help us let go of the things that distract and destroy us, trusting that everything we need is found in you. Amen.

WISDOM QUOTE:

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." Muriel Strode

Regional Advent Penitential Services

Advent Penitential Service

Pro-Cathedral Parish ~ December 13 ~ 7:00 pm

Followed by individual confessions

All-Day Individual Confessions

St. Peter the Apostle ~ December 15

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women's League ***General Christmas Meeting*** will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm. All ladies are invited to join us for an evening of enlightenment and reflection as Father Francis will be our Guest Speaker. Refreshments will be served and a short meeting will follow.

We will be assisting various charities within our community this Christmas by collecting useful items for those in need. Please join us in making this Christmas extra special by donating for both female and male of all ages scarves, hats, mitts, socks, personal hygiene products such as mouthwash, body wash, body lotion, deodorant or any other toiletry item you deem appropriate for this initiative. Please place unwrapped gift in the decorated box at the entrance before December 15th. These items will be delivered by members of our Catholic Women's League in time for Christmas enjoyment. You have always been very generous in the past and we thank you in advance for your assistance.

JESSE TREE Christmas Project

Once again, St. Peter's Parish will have a JESSE TREE! A Jesse Tree is placed in the sanctuary and on the tree are Christmas ornaments with one side marked a child's gender and age, and TOY or PJ. Some ornaments are marked with a general gift items. Parishioners are invited to pick an ornament and purchase the gift item on the back of the ornament. Then, bring the **unwrapped gift and ornament** to the Parish Office by noon on Monday, December 18th. These gifts will be placed with a food basket for their family. Thank you for helping make Christmas brighter this year! For more information, please contact Donna at 705-472-0513.



The **Knights of Columbus** wish to thank the parishioners of St. Peter's for their generous contributions to the Christmas button campaign. We collected \$448.80 for North Bay Right to Life. Thank You!



To All Prayer Partners: Now is the time to reveal your name to your 2017 Prayer Partner. If you are letting them know in a Christmas card, please make sure to sign your name and indicate that you were their Prayer Partner. If you need any information please call Donna at 705-472-0513.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00 pm Mass (St. Peter's)

Sunday, December 24th

9:00 am Mass (St. Peter's)

11:30 am Mass (St. Elizabeth's in Temagami)

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24th - Vigil

5:00 pm Children's Liturgy (St. Peter's)

7:00 pm Mass (St. Peter's)

10:00 pm Mass (St. Peter's)

Monday, December 25th – Christmas Day

9:00 am Mass (St. Peter's)

11:30 am Mass (St. Elizabeth's in Temagami)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th

5:00 pm Mass (St. Peter's)

Sunday, December 31st

9:00 am Mass (St. Peter's)

11:00 am Mass (St. Peter's)

2:00 pm Mass (St. Elizabeth's in Temagami)

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1st

9:00 am Mass (St. Peter's)

11:30 am Mass (St. Elizabeth's in Temagami)

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed from 4:00pm on Thursday, December 21, 2017 until 9:00am on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Discovering Christ – Saturdays beginning January 20th

Over the past year, over 300 people took part in this eight-week life changing program that helps strengthen your relationship with God. Beginning January 20th at 9:00 am at Pro-Cathedral Parish, enjoy a free delicious breakfast each Saturday, watch a short video, and join in small group discussion as we explore the meaning of life and the identity of Jesus Christ.

Please complete the registration form and return to Parish Office or place in collection basket, or visit our website to sign up: www.ChristLifeNorthBay.org Register early – limited space available.

* We are working to provide childcare options for families.

DISCOVERING CHRIST REGISTRATION FORM

Your Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Will you be attending with children? (circle) YES NO

Would you like to be seated with your spouse / friend? Please specify their name _____

December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent



In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear a voice that cries out: *In the desert prepare the way of the Lord.* In the second reading, we are reminded that we will not know the day or the hour of Jesus' return, so we must be ready. Today's Gospel talks of John the Baptist proclaiming a *baptism of repentance.* Our readings today give us hope that Jesus is coming, but also offer a challenge to prepare the way before him. John the Baptist's words in today's Gospel point us to Jesus while challenging us to repent. In order to prepare the way and *make straight his paths,* we must be willing to sometimes go out on a limb and be that voice crying in the wilderness, proclaiming the mightiness of our Savior.

Special Respect for Life Mass with Celebrant, Bishop Marcel Damphousse on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tuesday, December 12 at 12:05 PM Everyone is invited to attend this special mass in honour of Our Lady with priests from the entire region. Mass is followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Advent Regional Penitential Celebration will be held at Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 13 followed by individual confessions - everyone welcome!

Advent Regional All Day Confessions will be held Friday, December 15 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Peter the Apostle.

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.

Marriage Preparation Weekends February 9 & 10, April 20 & 21, and Fall October 26-27 (5 PM Friday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday): Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place. Material cost is \$40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Register soon!

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.

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

Christmas Day Dinner Volunteers - Call and leave your contact information at 825-4748 and someone will get back to you.

L.I.P.I. Santa Needs Help Campaign looking for new or used toys or people to adopt a family for Christmas. If you can help call the office at 472-1337 or drop by at 127 Main Street East. Last year we were able to bring happiness to over 1,100 people.

The **L'Arche Christmas Pageant** will be held on Sunday, December 10 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church (wheelchair accessible). All are welcome. A **Cookie Walk** will be held in conjunction with this event. Anyone wishing to donate a batch or more of homemade cookies is asked to call Nicky at 474-3018 for more details.

Christmas Day Dinner with all the trimmings will again be hosted at Pro-Cathedral. Non-denominational for anyone who does not want to be alone at Christmas! If you would like to volunteer call 825-4748. If you would like to donate towards Christmas Day gift bags given to those who attend, drop off donations at St. Vincent de Paul Church on Thursdays during day.

Trinity United Church presents A Canadian Christmas – Gathering Place Fundraiser. Wrap yourself in a patchwork of seasonal story and song on December 14 at 7:00 PM. Carol sing-a-long at 6:30 PM. Adults \$15, Students \$10, Children 12 & Under Free. Tickets at the door, the Church, Creative Learning or Gullivers. Call 474-3310 for more information.

Blue Christmas Service at Calvin Presbyterian Church on December 17 at 7:00 PM. A service of remembrance and hope for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one in the past year. All are welcome.

Going into or Have a Sick Family Member in Hospital? Mass is celebrated every Wednesday at 3:00 PM by a parish priest at the North Bay General Spiritual Centre (West Wing Entrance). And ... Eucharist is distributed Wednesday, Friday and Sunday by ministers of Holy Communion. Let pastoral care know your family member would like to be added to the list for visitation.

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, post-abortion grief counselling, and community service referrals.

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: The third Thursday each month from 7:00–8:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. This prayer includes song, scripture, and silence, praying to be open to God's presence in our lives.

Sister Noreen Muldoon and Sister Shirley McNamara will be hosting an evening or afternoon once a month for single women who would like to share their faith. We will use the book *"The Cup of Our Life"* by Sister Joyce Rupp as a basis of prayer and refectation. If you are interested contact Sister Shirley at 474-3800, Extension 295 or email: smcnamara@csjssm.ca

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.

