

Third Sunday of Advent - December 11, 2016

- Mon, Dec 12 12:05 pm** *Regional Respect for Life Mass at Pro-Cathedral Parish with celebrant, Bishop Damphousse*
- Wed, Dec 14 9:30 am** **Holy Cross School Mass**
Alberindo Palladino by Ventura Castiglione
Henry Pilon by Al & Bette Lamothe
- 7:00 pm** **Regional Advent Penitential Service at St. Peter's Parish**
- Thu, Dec 15 9:30 am** **St. Hubert School Mass**
Louis Taillefer by Pat Porter
Agnes Jacks by Bob & Christine Miller
- Fri, Dec 16 9:30 am** Stefano Schiavone by Marie P. Boell
Anita Chatelaine by Solange Nelson
- 10 am - 4 pm** *All Day Confessions at Pro-Cathedral Parish*
- Sat, Dec 17 5:00 pm** Giovanni Miscio by Guido & Maria Lavallo
Francesco & Rosina Perrotta by Carmen & Anna Perrotta
Amelia Saini by Lynn Bonany
- Sun, Dec 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- 9:00 am** For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Tony
- 11:00 am** Marie Buchanan
Leon & Kelly Levasseur by Eileen Levasseur
Doreen Walsh by Denise & Sonny Birtch



Father Tony's homily is available online at www.stpetertheapostle.ca →About→Meet Our Pastor→Our Pastor's Homilies

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: *Laurent Dumais*



Sunday, December 4, 2016 \$4 964.50

Thank you for your generous contributions!



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.

To All Prayer Partners: Now is the time to reveal your name to your 2016 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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS: Dec 12-18	
Monday	Zechariah 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3.1-2,9-13; Matthew 21.28-32
Wednesday	Isaiah 45.6-8,18,21-25; Luke 7.19-23
Thursday	Isaiah 54.1-10; Luke 7.24-30
Friday	Isaiah 56.1-3,6-8; 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; Mt 1.18-24

Weekly contribution envelopes for 2017 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 2017 envelopes until January 2017!**

WISDOM QUOTE:

"For every failure, there's an alternative course of action. You just have to find it. When you come to a roadblock, take a detour." Mary Kay Ash

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Wed 9:30 am Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
Thu 1:00 pm Parish Hall Occupied
6:30 pm Choir Practice – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!
Fri 11:00 am Rising Stars Pot Luck Meeting
(Parish Hall)
Sat 7:00 pm Choir Practice – All Members

Regional Advent Penitential Services

Advent Penitential Service

St. Peter the Apostle ~ December 14 ~ 7:00 pm
Followed by individual confessions

All-Day Individual Confessions

Pro-Cathedral Parish ~ December 16
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

CWL NEWS

The annual membership fees for the Catholic Women's League of St. Peter the Apostle are now due. All fees for 2017 should be paid by December 31, 2016. Thank you, Ann Cousineau



Joyful anticipation

Gaudete is Latin for "Rejoice!" The church tells us to rejoice, but not in a be-happy-on-demand kind of way. Advent gives you a *reason* to be joyful, as you are when you know that someone who deeply loves you is on her or his way. It is anticipation; it is hope that comes from trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled. Is there a promise you need to fulfill, someone who is waiting for your visit, a phone call, a letter? Don't wait until Christmas to bring someone joy—not with a material gift, but with a simple reminder that God is good.

"They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee."

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Please save your used stamps for **Development & Peace**. Used stamps may be deposited in the box in the Church entrance. Thank you!

Congratulations to **John Tremblay** who won the beautiful quilt by Quilting Friends, and to **Colleen Harrison** who won the beautiful gift basket by North Bay Gift Baskets. We raised \$172 for the Parish Food Cupboard!

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 food item. Parishioners are invited to pick an ornament and purchase a gift for that specific child; or the specified food item for that family. Then, bring the **unwrapped gift and ornament** to the Parish Office by noon on Monday, December 19th. 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.



We are in the process of preparing our system to generate CHARITABLE RECEIPTS for 2016. If you have made an address change in the past year, please contact the Parish Office (705-472-1817) so that we can update our records.

We wish to remind our supporters that if you wish to receive credit for contributions in 2016, ***donations must be received and deposited on or before December 31, 2016.*** Revenue Canada does not permit charitable organizations to backdate receipts and we are bound by that regulation. So please have your year-end donations in by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016** or your donations must be calculated as donations for 2017.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule Christmas Masses

Saturday, December 24th

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

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

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

Sunday, December 25th

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

11:30 am Mass (St. Peter's)

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31st

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

Sunday, January 1st

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

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

Please note: There will be no Masses at St. Peter's between Christmas and New Year's. The Parish Office will be closed from 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 22, 2016 until 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

December 11, 2016
Third Sunday in Advent

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 wait 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.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Regional Penitential Service—Sunday, 11 December

St. Vincent de Paul ~ 2:00 PM

Followed by Individual Confessions

Regional Penitential Service—Wednesday, 14 December

St. Peter the Apostle ~ 7:00 PM

Followed by Individual Confessions

All Day Individual Confessions—Friday, 16 December

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Special Respect for Life Mass with Celebrant, Bishop Marcel Damphousse on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Monday, December 12 at 12:05 PM at Pro-Cathedral. 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.

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. Peter's 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

Advent Retreat – A Season of Gracious Gifts. A prayerful opportunity to slow down in the midst of this busy season and reflect on the gracious gifts of Advent. To examine what is offered to us by our loving God and how we might respond. We explore the Gracious Gift of Never-Ending Presence; of Expectant Waiting; and the Gift of Unquenchable Hope. Join together on Tuesday, December 13 in the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. We will break to attend mass and a light luncheon will be served. **Can't come all day? You are welcome to join us for either morning or afternoon session.** All are welcome!

Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region: If you feel called to pray for the New Evangelization in our Region, Join us 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 information contact Fran 476-4146 or Holy Name 495-1501

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 9 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Lena Butler 497-3434.

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.

The L'Arche Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 11 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 dainty cookies is asked to call Nicky at 474-3018 for more details.

Christ Anglican Church 9th Annual Community Christmas Carol Sing-a-long Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome – even if you are just a listener! Bring your music instruments for a very informal night of fun and light refreshments.

Trinity United Church presents the Joy Band Sweet Sounds of Christmas December 11 at 2:00 PM with Carol sing-a-long at 1:30 PM. Refreshments served. Free Will offering with proceeds to North Bay Serenity Hospice and Trinity's Infant Food Shelf.

St. Andrew's United Church Candlelight Music Service Sunday, December 18 at 7:30 PM. A quiet evening of contemplative music and readings of the Christmas journey. Please join us!

Trinity United presents "Christmas, a Humbug?" Jim Harney and Friends accompany a dramatic reading of Dickens' Classic Tale featuring David Fox December 14 at 7:00 PM. \$15/person – children under 12/free available at the Farm, Trinity Church Office or at the door December 14. Proceeds to The Gathering Place

Blue Christmas Service – Service of Remembrance and Hope, especially for those who have lost loved ones in the past year, for those who find the season of Christmas more difficult or who may simply be in need of a place of calm in an otherwise busy season. All are welcome, Sunday, December 18 from 7:00 to 7:45 PM at Calvin Presbyterian Church-401 First Avenue West. For more information call 474-4750 or office@calvinnorthbay.ca

The Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association is launching a "Together in Faith Campaign" to strengthen the support for Catholic Education in Ontario. The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board invites you to learn more about this campaign at www.togetherinfaith.ca and to sign up to show your support.

The Christmas Day Dinner Committee hosts a Free Dinner at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall on Christmas Day from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The Committee's mission is: *To create a warm comfortable atmosphere for those who wish to share a Christmas meal. 350 gift bags are given so everyone takes one home!* Would you like to take a bag (or bags) to fill? Items such as candy, mitts, socks, shower gel, shampoo, chocolates, activity book, toy, colouring book, deodorant, t-paper, box of tissues, etc. are needed. Please email steel.steel@fibreop.ca or call 476-7192 if you can help fill a bag or provide items.

L.I.P.I. 22nd Annual Santa Needs Help Campaign so that children our community can experience the joy of Santa this Christmas. If you wish to donate new or used toys, adopt a family, require a pick-up of toys or want to volunteer – call 472-1337. Donations can be dropped off at LIPI office at 127 Main Street East.

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.