

# First Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2016

- Mon, Nov 28 8:00 am** In thanksgiving for a successful dental surgery by G. Gagnon  
Ken Major by Michael & Patricia Cassidy
- Wed, Nov 30 12:00 pm** Alberindo Palladino by Egidio Tignanelli  
Patricia by Eithne DePencier
- Thu, Dec 1 12:00 pm** Stefano Schiavone by Marie P. Boell  
Henry Pilon by Donna & Gord Rogers
- Sat, Dec 3 5:00 pm** Fr. Michael Cundari, C.R. by Saini Family  
Deceased Goulet & Lecombe Family Members  
Amelia Saini by Jim & Catherine Marmino
- Sun, Dec 4 Second Sunday of Advent**
- 9:00 am** Lena Kennedy by Margaret & Paul Kennedy  
Shonnie Kelly by Armand, Deirdre & Family  
Miriam Davis by John & Evelyn Reid
- 11:00 am** For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Tony



Father Tony's homily is available online at [www.stpetertheapostle.ca](http://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:** *George Tiernay*

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Sunday, November 20, 2016 \$3 515.15  
*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.

### WISDOM QUOTE:

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your mind off your goals." Henry Ford

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!**

*The 2016-2017 Sunday Missal, "Living with Christ" is available for purchase in the Parish Office at \$3.50 each. Please call the Parish Office for assistance.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS: Nov 28 – Dec 4

Monday	Isaiah 4.2-6; Matthew 8.5-11,13
Tuesday	Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24
Wednesday	Romans 10.9-18; Matthew 4.18-22
Thursday	Isaiah 26.1-6; Matthew 7.21,24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29.17-24; Matthew 9.27-31
Saturday	Is 30.19-21,23-26; Mt 9.35-10.1,5-8
Sunday	Is 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-9; Mt 3.1-12



### Calendar of Events

- Mon 10:00 am** Rising Stars (Parish Hall)
- 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** Parish Hall Occupied All Day
- Sat** Turkey Dinner Set Up All Day
- Sun 4:00 pm** St. Peter's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Turkey Dinner

### 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

## Welcome new horizons



Rise and shine! It can be hard as we move through life to recognize that every moment offers us a chance for a new beginning. As Paul writes to the Romans, "It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

As Advent begins, a new liturgical year is upon us. Today is the beginning of something new. We have the chance to begin this New Year wide awake to the world around us. Open your eyes and let Christ's Light stream in!

*"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*

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### **BEST ADVENT EVER**

Beginning the first Sunday of Advent and continuing every day until December 26, you'll receive short inspirational videos, practical tips, or free Christmas music that will help you slow down during the busy Christmas season to focus on what's really important in life.

Don't miss the opportunity to make this your best Advent (and Christmas) ever. Sign up today! It's simple, and the only cost is your commitment to live better each day during Advent. Are you ready? Sign up at [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com)

**Christmas Cakes** made by monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey are now available for sale from North Bay Right to Life. (Note: Cakes will not be sold at the office.) These moist, rich bar cakes contain choice fruits soaked in wine, pecans, creamery butter and other quality ingredients. They sell for \$15 each and make a thoughtful gift. To purchase or reserve one or more cakes call Nancy at 472-6099. Reserved cakes will be available for pickup in the church hall after masses on **December 10th and 11th**.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## St. Peter's Turkey Dinner Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

**From 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

*Are you able to help out that weekend?* We are still in need of turkey cookers & carvers, vegetable cookers, pies, pie cutters, pie servers, heavy duty tin foil, carrots, cabbage, celery, butter, onions, juice & milk & tea & coffee servers, dishwashers, plate scrapers, table cleans and cleanup crew. Please check the sign up board posted at the entrance of the Church to see where you too might be able to help. **ALL FOOD DONATIONS (except pies) MUST BE AT THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN 4pm THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>!** The pies can be delivered up to 3 pm on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. For information contact Bob at 705-729-5033.



### **CWL NEWS**

Our next **General Meeting** will be held Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Parish Hall with a Christmas Social. All ladies are invited to join us for a special presentation by Sister Linda. Refreshments will be served and a short meeting will follow. Hope to see you there.



We will extend a helping hand to the residents of **Unit A-1 North Bay Regional Health Centre**. Please join us in making Christmas special for the men (14) and women (15) at this centre. We are in need of gifts for these people. New items needed are warm scarves, plain cotton white or black socks, personal hygiene items such as mouthwash, body wash, body lotion, deodorant. Please place your unwrapped gift in the decorated box at the entrance before December 11<sup>th</sup>. These items will be delivered by our Catholic Women's League members in time for Christmas enjoyment. As always, thank you for your generosity.



*The Catholic Women's League will soon be commencing membership drives in our parishes. Since 1920, members across the country have used their God-given gifts to evangelize and to lead people to Christ. As your Bishop, I am grateful for the support of the League and for the ongoing commitment of its members across the diocese to serve the people of God, and I encourage women to join The Catholic Women's League of Canada. I pray that the League will continue to flourish and remain active in our parishes. Fraternally, Marcel Damphousse, Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie*

**November 27, 2016**  
**First Sunday in Advent**

The season of Advent begins today with a call to perseverance and vigilance, as we prepare, not just to celebrate the historical event of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, but also to celebrate our central belief that Christ will come again in glory to judge all humanity. Our readings are chosen to help us reflect on this great truth and to be prepared for the coming of Christ. Our readings speak to us about eternal life and the fulfillment of the kingdom. Isaiah, the Old Testament prophet of consolation, describes a pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord where the faithful will be instructed in his ways. Paul calls us to wake up and to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Our Gospel echoes this, describing the need to be prepared for the unexpected coming of Christ in glory.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

**Regional Penitential Service—Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Vincent de Paul ~ 2:00 PM**

**Followed by Individual Confessions**

**Regional Penitential Service—Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Peter the Apostle ~ 7:00 PM**

**Followed by Individual Confessions**

**All Day Individual Confessions—Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption**

**10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**St. Peter the Apostle 23rd Annual Turkey Dinner** December 4 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. \$15/adult, \$5/5-10 years, Free/under 5. For tickets call Nella at 494-9424. Call soon – always at sell out!

**The Catholic Women's League of Holy Name of Jesus Parish will hold their Second Annual Christmas Concert** on December 4 beginning at 2:15 PM. Tickets are \$10/Adults and \$20/Family. Family ticket includes two adults plus your children. Tickets are available by calling 705-472-2882. Hope to see you there.

**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** 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 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. All are welcome!

**St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Grade 8 Parent Information Night** Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 PM. Tour the school, you're your future teachers, find out why SJSH is something to believe in!

**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 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.

**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.

**Advent Retreat at Villa Loyola "A Stitch in time: The fabrics that quilt your life"** Friday, December 2 7:00 PM to Sunday, December 4 1:00 PM. We will explore a few basic "stitches" that can sew our lives together again into one "seamless garment". Director Fr. Philip Chircop, S.J. Cost: \$230 live-in \$150.00 commute. Call 705-522-3502 ext, 0 Monday to Friday or by email at [loyola@isys.ca](mailto:loyola@isys.ca) to register.

**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, open all year!! Call 472-7771 or visit [www.npsc.ca](http://www.npsc.ca) for more information.

**Trinity United Church presents: The Joyful Bells Handbell Choir** December 4 with carol sing at 12:45 and concert at 1:00 PM. Free will offering – 50% of proceeds to North Bay Serenity Hospice. **Also present 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.

**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

**L.I.P.I. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Knights of Columbus Meetings**

**Fr. Michael Cundari Council, 12030 at Holy Name Church:** General Meeting fourth 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 you 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.