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Fr. Ignatius Xavier

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Office hours: 8:30AM-12:30PM

Sunday Masses:

5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 8:30 PM

Weekday Masses:

7:55 A.M.

No Mass on Wednesdays

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 P.M.

Baptism:

Usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Please make arrangements one month in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

Marriages:

Please make marriage arrangements six months in advance by contacting the Parish office.

Papal Blessing:

Please allow at least 6 months for Papal Blessing to arrive after the request has been made.

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Dorothy Yadivisiak

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Bulletin Announcements

Email your to pbcathedral@on.aibn.com

before 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014

Pastor's Pen

The Advent season speaks of hope. Hope that is rooted in God's promise. It is not a wishing, it is not having fingers crossed, it is not wondering if. Hope is the belief and firm knowledge that God always keeps his promise of Love, the promise that results in the indwelling of the Son, Emmanuel, God With Us. And in that promise, ultimately, All will be well!

I hope you enjoy the booklet provided in last weeks bulletin to aid your Advent reflection.

The call of Advent is to live in Hope. May God Bless your Advent reflection and ground you in Hope.

Peace

Fr. Hamish

Scripture Readings: December 8 – December 14

Monday	Genesis 3.9-15, 20; Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12; Luke 1.26-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 40.1-11; Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30
Thursday	Isaiah 41.13-20; Matthew 11.11-15
Friday	Zec. 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47
Saturday & Sunday	Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 8 7:55 A.M.

† Emily Brownlee by Dawn Malone

Tuesday, December 9 7:55 A.M.

† Arlene Candelori by Norman Candelori, Janice & Glenn Sargent & Family

Wednesday, December 10 No Mass**Thursday, December 11 7:55 A.M.**

† Denis Leclerc by Brian & Bev Dunn

Friday, December 12 7:55 A.M.

† Lanie Kennedy by Marlene Wood & Les Wood

Saturday, December 13 5:00 P.M.

† Marion Conway by Ashley Bernardo
 † Mario & Joanna Vizzari by Dulisse Family
 † Harriet Merolini by Linda & Vince Hladki

Sunday, December 14**9:00 A.M.**

† Giuseppe Bruno by Tony Bruno & Family
 † Giuseppe Pagnotta by Jerry & Edith Nichols

11:00 A.M.

Intentions of Parishioners

8:30 P.M.

For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.” Mk 1.3*

Are you prepared to meet the Lord on the paths of your life? Are you discerning the call to priesthood? Contact your Pastor or Fr. Pat Woods at the Office of Vocations 705-674-2727 ext 250 or pwoods@diocesecentre.com and check out www.beapriest.ca Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Please remember...

Front pews are reserved for those with mobility issues.

Presiding Priest will bring the Eucharist to you.



The History of a Diocese in Northern Ontario

Hard cover books about the history of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie will be available for purchase in the parish office during office hours. The cost is \$35.

REMINDER

Please do not leave valuables visible in your car and lock your vehicle.

Sunday, November 30	\$4123
Building/Journey Fund YTD	\$477,808
Oct. Pre-Authorized Donations Sunday	\$3015
Oct. Pre-Authorized Donations Journey	\$1270

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Dec 13/14	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers	Greeters	<i>Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... Isaiah 35</i>
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Kathleen MacDonald Maureen Montanini	Robert Dugas Michelle Inch Louise Adams	Bernard Lysiak Neil Conway John Slobodecki Paul Logan	Edna Miskiw	
Sunday 9:00 A.M.	Bob Barbeau Susan Colizza	Louise McGuire Denise Colizza Bill Denny	Rudy Wheatley Brian Lidstone	Agnes Cote Donna Bos	
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Danny Viotto Evelyn Theriault	John Bruno Myrtle Corelli Thi Quy Tran	Ted & Norma Wall Phil Bellerose	Kerrie Tuckett Bambi Alexander	
Sunday 8:30 P.M.	Tom Walton Rico Iacoe		Gino Filice		Sick and Shut In Please remember in your prayers, all the sick and shut in especially Margaret Nicholson, Mae Roberts, Bernice Corcoran, Gerald Nolan, Ted Kobinski

This week at Precious Blood Cathedral

Tues. Dec. 9	7:00pm	CWL General Meeting in Boardroom
	7:00pm	Liturgy Meeting in Ste. Anne's Room
Wed. Dec. 10	10:00am	Fundraising Meeting in Boardroom
	6:00pm	RCIA Meeting in Ste. Anne's Room
Thurs. Dec. 11	7:00pm	Choir Practice in Church
Sun. Dec. 14	3:00pm	Chamber Singers of Algoma Concert in Church

Catholic Women's League

Membership: We still have many unpaid members. If you have not submitted your dues please place \$20 in your blue December envelope and if you do not have envelopes it may be put in a plain one marked CWL and placed in the collection basket at Mass. Those ladies that are unable to attend Mass please call Louise at 705-254-7869 and it will be picked up for you.

A large white plate that had baking on it for the bake sale is still here. Is it yours? If so it can be picked up at the office from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mon. to Fri.

December Social: This event was attended by 27 of our ladies and Fr. Ignatius, whose birthday, along with Louise Bichler's, was celebrated. We also donated many gifts to our needy seniors in nursing homes. It was a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to all for your support and generosity.

Blood Donor Clinic: We need 4 volunteers to assist on Wed. Dec. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you can spare two hours of your time, it would be much appreciated. Please call Louise at 705-254-7869.

Knights of Columbus Council 11608

Christmas Meeting: All members of Council 11608 are invited to attend our December meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7pm in the church boardroom. If you plan to attend, please call Otto Volpe at 705-949-4409 by Dec. 13.

the Journey

Upcoming Events:

2015 Lottery Tickets are now on sale at various locations. Please see note on bulletin board for location dates & times. \$20 per ticket. Tickets can always be purchased in the parish office. 49 weekly draws for \$1000 starting January 24, 2015. Any parishioner who would like to sell tickets, please see the ticket seller before & after each mass. We could use your help.

K of C 11608 invite all parishioners to their all-you-can-eat **Pasta & Meatball dinner** in support of the **Journey** on **Tuesday, January 13** from 5pm-7pm at the Grand Gardens on Dennis St. Cost is \$9.99 for adults & \$5.99 for children. Take out is also available. **The Knights are having this dinner on the first Tuesday of each month.**

Journey Lottery Winner	
November 30	Donna Bos

CITY WIDE ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE



West End
Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 7:00pm
St. Gregory's Church, 71 Estelle St.

East End
Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 7:00pm
Precious Blood Cathedral, 778 Queen St. E.

2015 Offertory Envelopes



Offertory Envelopes for 2015 will soon be ready for pick up. They will be placed in Ste. Anne's Room. Please remember to pick up your envelopes. If you have not been using envelopes in the past, and would like some, please contact Lisa in the parish office and a set of envelopes will be prepared for you. If you would like to contribute through our Pre-Authorized Donation Program, please see Lisa in the office to complete the necessary form.

In the Community

Weekend Retreat at Villa Loyola:

Theme: *Imagination and Spirituality: Praying Through the Visual Arts*

Dates: From Friday February 6 (7pm) to Sunday February 8 (1pm) 2015

Director: Fr. Teo Ugaban, S.J.

Cost: \$240.00 all inclusive (art supplies provided)

Registration: Call 705-522-3502 ext, 0 Monday to Friday or by email at loyola@isys.ca

The Chamber Singers of Algoma: Patty Gartshore director, will Celebrate Christmas in concert Sunday Dec. 14, 3:00 p.m. at Precious Blood Cathedral. The programme will showcase several new pieces, and such well-loved chestnuts as Gesu Bambino and O Holy Night among others. The audience will be able to sing-along with not only the familiar carols but for the first time ever will be invited join in the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. If you have always wanted to raise your voice in this exuberant music now is your chance! The audience is encouraged to bring along their own scores or download it for free from cpdl. Tickets, \$20.00 Adults, \$5.00 Students, at Savoy's Jewellers Ontario & STARS Soo Theatre, Mich.

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Second Week of Advent

In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear Isaiah write of a voice that cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" These lines from the prophet are repeated in the **Mark's Gospel** as we are introduced to John the Baptist who prepares the way for Jesus. John says, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Monday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, with its own special readings. Thursday, the US and Mexico celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Saturday is the **Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**.

We focus on the first readings from the Prophet **Isaiah** this week. With the Babylonian Captivity, the temple was destroyed, the leaders of the people were taken away to Babylon and a remnant was left behind. A life-threatening desert separated the people. In this context, Isaiah proclaims God's vindication of the people in exile. The desert will be reborn. A highway will bring their liberation. And the signs will be that there is healing and peace. "Comfort, give comfort to my people," says the Lord. The valleys will be filled in, the mountains leveled - every obstacle will be overcome - to build a highway for our God to come and save us. The people can hardly believe the good news. They are weak and weary of their captivity. Isaiah proclaims, "They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings." He offers support: "I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'" The people have been at a distance from the Lord for some time and were not obeying the commandments. The Lord says, "I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go." The final first reading this week is a piece from the book of **Sirach** in which the prophet Elijah is praised. Elijah, who was destined to come again to restore order before the day of the Lord, is seen in the reading from **Matthew's Gospel** to be John the Baptist.

The gospels this week, taken from various evangelists, show Jesus as the fulfillment of the liberation promised. Jesus heals the paralytic. He tends to the lost sheep of his flock. He comforts us who labor and are burdened. Jesus teaches a true wisdom.

The Third Sunday of Advent offers us more of the promise. The words used by the prophet **Isaiah** to describe God's vindication are the ones Jesus points to as describing his own mission: "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God."

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