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Rev. Father Hamish Currie

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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:

8:00 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.

Diocesan Order of Women:

Dorothy Yadivisiak

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Bulletin Announcements

Email yours to

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before 11:00 A.M. Wednesday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 20, 2015

Take a moment and remember.

What was the best Christmas ever?

Chances are good that the best Christmas wasn't about the greatest gift or the perfect tree, but rather it was about a person or persons.

This person that resulted in the "best" Christmas was either long awaited and/or a surprise.

Maybe the perfect Christmas was the absence of discord, or the gift of reconciliation and peace.

Whatever made the perfect Christmas also revealed another gift – that you were willing to accept the gift.

In the same way, the "best" Christmas lies open to us – awaited and at the same time a surprise, it lies in the gift of mercy and peace and the willingness to accept it.

And it too is found in a person, Jesus.

With prayer and best wishes for the "best" Christmas ever !

May every hug and every best wish be a sign for you of Emmanuel, God With Us – God's forever embrace. In His Son, Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Hamish

Scripture Readings: Dec 21 to Dec 26, 2015

Monday	Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Luke 1.39-45
Tuesday	Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56
Wednesday	Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66
Thursday	2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-12, 16; Luke 1.67-79
Friday	Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7; Luke 2.1-16++
Saturday	Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59; Matthew 10.17-22



Monday, Dec 21 8:00 A.M.

†Blanche Arcangeletti by Jennie Colizza

Tuesday, Dec 22 8:00 A.M.

†Ed Schaefer by his Family

Wednesday, Dec 23

No Mass

Thursday, Dec 24 5:00 P.M.

No Intentions

7:30 P.M.

12:00 P.M.

Friday, Dec 25 9:00 A.M.

No Intentions

11:00 A.M.

Saturday, Dec 26 5:00 P.M.

†Anna & Henry Soltys by Lottie & John Lysiak

†Tony & Vincent D'Ulisse by the Family

†Dominic & Cecile Pavoni by the Family

†Bob Zettler by Norma Zettler & Family

Sunday, Dec 27

9:00 A.M.

†Annette Kilty by the CWL

11:00 A.M.

Intentions of Parishioners

8:30 P.M.

No Intentions

Christmas Season Mass Schedule Precious Blood Cathedral

December 24, Christmas Eve

5:00pm

7:30 pm

12 Midnight

December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 am

11:00 am

December 31, New Years Eve

5:00 pm

January 1, 2016 New Years Day

9:00 am

11:00 am

The office will be closed Dec. 25, 28, 30 & Jan. 1

The 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve is always full. The doors will open at 3:30 P.M. In accordance with fire safety regulations, once the Church is full, the doors will be closed and Mass will begin. No one will be admitted after doors are closed. There can be no exceptions.

Thank you.

Fr. Hamish

Sunday Collections
December 13, 2015

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Thank you for your continued generosity!

Dec 26/27	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00 PM	Anne Marie Dupuis Moyra O'Pallie	Jean Scott Anne Greco Veronica Bornyi	Bernard Lysiak Neil Conway John Slobodecki Paul Logan	Phyllis Delaney
Sunday 9:00 AM	Hannah Lettieri Fil Lettieri	Louise McGuire Alfredo Bruni Barbara Klesh	Rudy Wheatley Brian Lidstone	Agnes Cote Edna Miskiw
Sunday 11:00 AM	Marie Bruno Carmine Sicol	Michael Currier Thi Quy Tran Myrtle Corelli	Ted & Norma Wall Phil Bellerose Tony Pino	Kerrie Tuckett Bambi Alexander
Sunday 8:30 PM	Rico Iacoe John Stadnyk	Maria Pasqua	Gino Filice	

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

Isaiah 7

Christmas Masses	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers
Christmas Eve 5:00pm	Terry Bos Maureen Montinini	Michelle Inch Myrtle Corelli Laura Castellarin	
Christmas Eve 7:30pm	Donna Bos Ivan McCaig	Gino Masotti Anne Greco Veronica Bornyi	Phil Bellerose
Christmas Eve Midnight	Joanne Dumanski Marie Bruno	John Bruno Michelle Inch Maria Pasqua	Tony Pino
Christmas Day 9:00am	Susan Colizza Bernie Doran	Terry Colizza Denise Colizza Clare Lennox	
Christmas Day 11:00am	Louise Bichler Evelyn Theriault	Michael Currier Thi Quy Tran Maria Santelli	
New Years Eve 5:00pm	Bob Barbeau Sonya Masotti	Jean Scott Michelle Inch Veronica Bornyi	
New Years Day 9:00am	Bernie Doran Kathleen MacDonald	Louise McGuire Denise Colizza Clare Lennox	
New Years Day 11:00am	Jill Micomonaco Janet Brown	Michael Currier Maria Santelli Laura Castellarin	

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The Knights of Columbus 11608 wish everyone in the Parish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Catholic Women's League

Membership

Remember your membership dues are due by December 31st and it can be put in the Sunday collection. A reminder that the dues are now \$ 25.00.

Wanted

Anyone having a card table that they would like to get rid of, we will gladly take it off your hands. We are still in need of a few for our February valentine's Card Party. If you have a table and would like to donate it please call Jean at 705-256-8333. Please mark your calendar and join us for an afternoon of fun. More information will follow.

Thank You

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

In the Community

World Religion Day Central United Church 160 Spring Street on January 17, 2016 at 2:00 pm. All are Welcome, sponsored by: The Inter-Faith Committee of Sault Ste. Marie. This Year's Theme—Hope for Humanity through Religious Harmony. Prayers, Music, and Dance, followed by Refreshments and Fellowship.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 114 MacDonald Avenue, When: 7:30—9:00 pm Monday evenings, beginning January 11, 2016. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you. Our faith community misses you and is incomplete without you. No matter how long you have been away, and for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith. Caring individuals, including formal non-practicing Catholics, will facilitate the sessions which are conducted in a relaxed, support-group setting. You are welcome!



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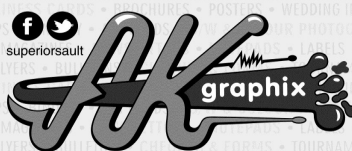
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

The **Fourth Sunday of Advent** begins the last week of Advent, which takes us to Christmas on Friday. The reading from Micah reminds us that of the seemingly unimportant town of Bethlehem, "from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel." Luke's gospel offers again the story of Mary's going to visit her cousin. Elizabeth understands immediately Mary's situation and praises God saying, "How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy."

Luke's Gospel is our guide this week. On the 21st, we repeat Luke's story of the Visitation. The story continues on the 22nd with Mary's beautiful response, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." On the 23rd is the naming of John by Zechariah. On the 24th, during the day, is Zechariah's prayer of praise after being allowed to speak again. The scenes and canticles, or songs, which are part of the story, are so well known to us that we can miss hearing them with an open heart.

If we celebrate the **Vigil of Christmas** on Christmas Eve, **Matthew's Gospel** (though any of the gospels for Christmas may be used at any of the Christmas liturgies) offers the history of Jesus' family.

The first celebration of **The Nativity of the Lord** is the **Mass at Midnight**. The first reading is from **Isaiah**: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." This powerful reading deserves a slow contemplation. The Gospel is from **Luke**: the journey to Bethlehem, the birth, the angels announce the birth to the shepherds. The second celebration of **The Nativity of the Lord** is the **Mass at Dawn**. The Gospel is from **Luke**: the shepherds visit the newborn child. "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." The third celebration of **The Nativity of the Lord** is the **Mass during the Day**. Here the Gospel is from the beginning of **John's Gospel**: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

December 26th celebrates **St. Stephen**, the first martyr.

The Sunday that follows Christmas is always the celebration of the **Holy Family**. There are wonderful readings from the Book of Sirach, the First Book of Samuel, and Paul's letter to the Colossians or the First Letter of John. The gospel is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents could not find him. Jesus goes back home with his family. "He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

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