



Precious Blood Cathedral

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First Sunday Of Advent

December 4, 2022

Pastor:

Father Hamish Currie

Parochial Vicar

(Associate Pastor):

Father Jeff Shannon

Parish Office:

Monday-Friday

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Office Admin Jennifer

Sunday Masses :

Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9am and 11am

Weekday Masses :

Morning Mass:

Tues to Fri at 9am

Sacrament of Penance :

Saturday : 4:15pm-4:45pm

Baptism :

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

Marriage :

Please make marriage arrangements **6 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.

Knights of Columbus :

Ernie Console

CWL President :

Louise Bichler

705-945-8259

Liturgical Music / Choir :

Bruce Douville

bruce.douville@gmail.com

Bulletin Announcements :

Email yours to

pbcathedral@on.aibn.com

Before 11:00 AM Wednesday

Prayer Line :

Corona McNally

705-575-6975



Precious Blood Cathedral Mass

SATURDAY at 5 PM
SUNDAY AT 9AM AND 11AM

Daily Morning Masses
Tuesday-Friday 9am



MEET AND GREET

We extend an invitation to all CWL members to join us after 9 am Mass on Tuesday December 6 in the gathering place hall to meet Bishop Dowd.
Bishop Dowd will also be hosting a Mission from December 4th to December 7th in our parish hall. Please join us and bring a friend.

We pray for all who are ill

Sunday Collections
November 26th & 27th Weekend
\$2497.00
Thank you for your continued

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**Weekday Scripture Readings:
December 5th-10th**

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 35.1-10	Luke 5.17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40.1-11	Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40.25-31	Matthew 11.28-30
Thursday	Genesis 3.9-15,20	Luke 1.26-38
Friday	Isaiah 48.17-19	Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48.1-4,9-11	Matthew 17.10-13

Coffee Sundays

**The first Sunday of each month—join us after the
9am and 11am mass for coffee in the Gathering
Place. Next Coffee Hour: December 4, 2022**

Saturday December 3, 2022 5pm

† John Fogarty by Fyfe Family

Sunday December 4, 2022 @ 9am

† Guiseppe Bruno by Maria & Anthony Bruno

Tuesday December 6, 2022 @ 9am

† Fedele Sabatino by Family

Wednesday December 7, 2022 @ 9am

† Deborah Kennelly by Paul & Nadine Condon

Thursday December 8, 2022 @ 9am

† Margaret Ramsay by Karen & Kevin McAndrew

Friday December 9, 2022 @ 9am

Special Intention Joan Vandebogart
by Mary Denomme

Second Week of Advent

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In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear **Isaiah** write of peace and prosperity that will come when the “root of Jesse” blossoms. “Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.” **Matthew's Gospel** brings us the famous Advent reading of John the Baptist serving as a voice of one crying out in the desert, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church**. Thursday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** with its own special readings.

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** repeats an Isaiah reading from earlier in the week, filled with promise, healing and a hope for our longing: “Then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.... They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.” In **Matthew's Gospel**, John the Baptist hears of Jesus' work and sends a message to his cousin: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Jesus replies that his work speaks for itself. “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”



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Daily Prayer This Week

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, "What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?" The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some possible ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, "There will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!" or "What is desert, barren, dry and life-less in you will come to life!" We can hear, "You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary." "Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom."

When one or more of these desires really strikes a chord in our hearts, Advent begins for us. Each morning this week, we can turn to our God, when we first wake up, while in the shower or getting dressed, and simply ask: "Come, Lord. Come into this place, into this embarrassing place of need in my life." We may be able to be specific and ask, "Please, Lord, come and be with me and bring life and hope into my morning as I face this meeting." As we go to work or do laundry or shop, or head home from work, we might ask even more specifically for the grace to love - to take the liberating journey across the desert and let the Lord bring us home to a place of comfort, healing and peace.

Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, right in the midst of our very busy days.

**SUNDAY MISSAL BOOKS
AVAILABLE 2022/2023
\$8.00 CASH
AVAILABLE TO PICK UP IN
CHURCH OFFICE
8:30AM-12:30PM**

Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to have prayers for a special Intention, or someone who is ill, having surgery, for the deceased, or any other intention **Shawl**

Ministry

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 25TH

9am & 11AM



The Journey Continues!!

This years draw will be 50/50

Draw Date

Saturday December 31, 2022 at start of 5PM Mass
Tickets are \$5 each, with 2,000 tickets printed.

We need your help!! Please join us for take a book, sell a book!!
At masses next weekend **November 26th and 27th** we will be
distributing tickets to parishioners who are able to assist
with selling tickets. Tickets are in books of 10, one full book
sold is \$50 . Tickets are due back from sellers before or
after mass, or to the Parish office prior to Christmas
weekend

On behalf of the Journey Lottery committee, we thank-you
in advance for all of your help!!

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Is your child planning his/her FIRST COMMUNION and FIRST RECONCILIATION?

Please CONTACT the parish office before **NOVEMBER 30th** to register your child. (pbcathedral@on.aibn.com)

Our INITIAL MEETING FOR CHILDREN and PARENTS is on **WEDESDAY JANUARY 4th, 2023** at 6:30pm at Precious Blood Cathedral in the Gathering Place.

The children will meet for 5 weeks prior to each sacrament on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm at Precious Blood Cathedral. Attendance is essential.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - January 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1 and Feb 8. Practice is Feb 22, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Wed. MARCH 1st.**

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION - March 29, April 12, 19, 26, May 3. Practice is May 10th and the FIRST COMMUNION will be on **Sunday MAY 14th.**

God bless you!

Planning for Sacraments

Please email Precious Blood Cathedral to sign up.
pbcathedral@on.aibn.com



Reconciliation



Communion



Confirmation

**PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHEDRAL
4-DAY PARISH MISSION**

PUTTING TOGETHER THE PUZZLE OF FAITH

***GUEST SPEAKER
BISHOP THOMAS DOWD***



SUNDAY DECEMBER 4 - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7

SUNDAY: WHO IS GOD?

MONDAY: IF GOD IS GOOD, WHY IS THERE EVIL IN THE WORLD?

TUESDAY: IF GOD IS GOOD, BUT THERE IS EVIL, WHAT IS GOD DOING ABOUT IT?

WEDNESDAY: IF GOD IS GOOD, BUT EVIL EXISTS, YET GOD IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT, HOW DO WE GET ON BOARD?

7:00 P.M. BISHOP THOMAS DOWD GIVES A PRESENTATION ON THE TOPIC

7:45 P.M. PAUSE / BREAK

8:00 P.M. QUESTION AND ANSWER - TRY AND STUMP THE BISHOP!

9:00 P.M. PLANNED END TIME, DEPENDING ON THE Q&A

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Sunday, December 18, 2022

3 PM

Precious Blood Cathedral

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**National Day of Prayer
in Solidarity with Indigenous People
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Patron Saint of the Americas -**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

Precious Blood Cathedral
778 Queen St. E., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Sunrise Ceremony - 8 AM

Breakfast and Rosary

Followed by Mass at 11 AM

All are welcome



ALL DAY CONFESSIONS
December 15, 2022
Precious Blood Cathedral



Fr. Trevor /Fr. Jeff	10am-11am
Fr. Trevor / Fr. Paul	11am-12pm
Fr. Paul /Fr. B. J.	12pm-1pm
Fr. B. J. / Fr. Veselko	1pm-2pm
Fr. Veselko /Fr. Ron	2pm-3pm
Fr. Ron /Fr. Charles	3pm-4pm
Fr. Alex /Fr. Robert	4pm-5pm
Fr. Alex / Fr. Jeff	5pm-6pm