

## Creating God's Peaceable Kingdom

At times, God's presence among us is so unspectacular that we need someone else to point it out, someone with a loud voice. That seems to have been the role of John the Baptist. His lifestyle and his message certainly caught everyone's attention. But when he caught their attention, he directed it away from himself to the kingdom of heaven.

He called it a kingdom because that was the government those of his time knew. (Jesus, too, often spoke of his kingdom.) However, the kingdom John referred to is not one of military power and privilege but a "peaceable kingdom," where animals that are normally feared as predators live with each other in peace. A beautiful picture, but is it a possibility or just fantasy? The people believed that some day one would be born who would rule this way, thus enabling them to become a genuine peaceable kingdom. This

kingdom would not be made of animals, but of women and men of different races, cultures, and beliefs; women and men who would recognize each other's God-given uniqueness and would create genuine unity from this diversity.

John the Baptist declared that this kingdom "is at hand." Is it? Do we strive to live peacefully with the great diversity of people of our world? Or are we smug as we proclaim: "We have Abraham as our father" (Matthew 3:9), so we are right and you are wrong. The people of John's time should have known better. We should, too. John cries out to them—and to us: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ How open are you to people of different faiths, races, or nations?
- ★ What can you do to make real the peaceable kingdom of heaven?

[John the Baptist said.] "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." MATTHEW 3:3



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## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.  
 (closed 12 Noon-1:00pm)

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 7:00 p.m.  
 Sunday  
 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

see inside bulletin for Mass Schedules

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Paul Conway  
**Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Walter Morrow (retired)  
**Diocesan Order of Women:** Raymonde Brant  
**Secretary:** Sue Solomon

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dan Drazenovich Randy Johnson  
 Vincent LaRue Finance Member  
 Outreach Member Liturgy Member  
 Christian Formation Member

### ADORATION CHAPEL

Come spend some time alone with the Lord!  
 Open 18 hours **Adorers needed....**

Please call either  
 Raffaella Medaglia 942-7891;  
 Susanne Quinn-Perron 450-7732

### PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

to place a prayer request, please phone:  
 Laverne..... 942-7630 (ans. machine)  
 Betty.....649-3611 (ans. machine)

### CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you would like to begin using parish donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Second Sunday of Advent—December 8, 2019

THE SECOND SUNDAY  
 IN ADVENT:

PEACE



**E-MAIL:** olgoodcoun@shaw.ca

**WEBSITE:** olgoodcounselssm.com

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday..... 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.  
 (or by appointment)

### SACRAMENT OF INITIATION

(Baptism) REGISTRATION FORMS are available for pick up in the foyer of the church.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office.  
 A MINIMUM OF SIX MONTHS NOTICE IS REQUIRED.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are sick and go to the hospital, please call the parish office 705-942-8546. This will allow us to arrange that you have the Sacrament of the Sick and a Pastoral Visit. Also, Eucharist is brought once a week to those in the hospital by a Pastoral Team member.

### "ON CALL" PRIEST

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7.

You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL.



## CWL ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

- Many thanks to all those who helped and donated to our garage sale.
- Our Christmas dinner will take place on Dec. 17 at 6:00pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased from Sue Stanghetta 705-256-7867.

All women are welcome.

*God bless us all.*

*Denise Armstrong President*

## FRIENDSHIP MEAL .....

will be on Sunday, December 15th at 4:30 p.m.  
(Coffee served at 4:00 p.m.)  
and is being hosted by  
**Neil DelBianco & Family & Friends**



All Parishioners are cordially invited to come, sit with Jesus as He reveals Himself in the face of the poor, and dine with Him here as a foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet.

## Angel Voices for Christmas Eve Mass

*Come join us and let your voices be heard at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass.*

*We are looking for young people 5 years old to teenagers and young adults.*

*Parents, you are welcome to join too and add your voice to the group.*

*Our practices will be after the 11 AM masses,  
Dec 8th, 15th and 22nd.*

*Please contact **Franceline 705-946-1377** or simply show up at the practice.*

*We are looking forward to a "melodious choir of angels"  
to welcome Baby Jesus on His special night.*



## Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

The Chapel is open from 6:00 a.m. to 12 midnight, 7 days a week. You are welcomed to take any hour that is convenient for you, even if that hour is filled. Doubling up with someone is preferable.



### Hours that are available:

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.—12 Noon  
2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
**Monday:** 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
11:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** 1:00 p.m.— 2:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.  
9:00 p.m.— 10:00 p.m.  
**Friday:** 2:00 p.m.— 3:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.  
9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
10:00 p.m.— 11:00 p.m.  
**Saturday:** 8:00 a.m.— 9:00 a.m.  
8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
11:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If you wish to spend one hour weekly before the Blessed Sacrament, please contact:

Raffaella – (705) 206-3968 (or)  
Susanne – (705) 450-7732 (or)  
Roberta – (705) 946-0169

## Regional News will be listed below:

**St. Mary's Church Men's Club - 293 St. George's Ave E.**  
Welcomes you to their – "**ALL-U-CAN-EAT-BREAKFAST-BRUNCH**" **SUNDAY DECEMBER 15TH**, 2019 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall. Admission:\$9.00/Adults, \$4.00/Children under 12, and No Charge for Children under 6 years old.

**Menu:** Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Roast Potatoes, Mini Sausages, Ham, Baked Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Coffee, Tea, Orange & Apple Juice

**St. Jerome Church - 26 Carmel Rd**  
**It's GOSPEL JAM Time again!** St. Jerome's Church hall, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. **Sunday, Dec.,15th**  
Special Christmas Carols and Cookies

**St. Luke's Cathedral - 160 Brock St.**  
Celebrate Christmas with the Chamber Singers, **Sunday December 15**, 3:00 p.m. The choir will be accompanied by organist Stephen Mallinger playing the brand-new magnificent Beckerath Pipe Organ. Tickets are \$20.00/ Adults and \$5.00/ Students, available at Savoy's Jewellers or at the door.

**St. Gerard Majella Church—211 Pentagon Blvd.**  
Christmas Around the World concert on December 15, 2019  
Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and free for children and students

## FOURH DEGREE SUPERIOR ASSEMBLY 0883

The last General Assembly meeting for this Fraternal year is taking place at Mount St. Joseph  
**Monday, December 09, 2019**  
at 7:00 PM

Your attendance is requested —  
**very important meeting**

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### ***This Week's recap of parish activities:***

<b>Mon., Dec 9th</b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>Small Faith Sharing Group</b> (Irene)- Chapple Street
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist</b> -Collegiate Heights
	12:30 p.m.	<b>Parish Office Closed!</b>
<b>Tues., Dec 10th</b>	6:30 p.m.	<b>Bible Study</b> —Parish Hall
	8:30 a.m.	<b>Advent Day of Confessions</b> —Precious Blood Cathedral
	12:00 p.m.	<b>Celebration of Eucharist</b> —Church
<b>Wed., Dec 11th</b>	9:15 a.m.	<b>Celebration of Eucharist</b> —Church followed by the Rosary
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Celebration of Eucharist</b> —Van Daele Nursing Home
	11:30 a.m.	<b>Weekly Meditation Group</b> —Church— Blessed Margaret Room
<b>Thurs. Dec 12th</b>	2:00 p.m.	<b>School Visit by Fr. Paul</b> —St. Basil's Elementary School
	9:15 a.m.	<b>Celebration of Eucharist</b> —Church followed by the Rosary
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</b> —Church
<b>Fri., Dec 13th</b>		<b>Parish Office Closed!</b>
<b>Sat., Dec 14th</b>	9:15 a.m.	<b>Celebration of Eucharist</b> —Church followed by the Rosary
	9:00 a.m.	<b>Prayer for Vocations</b> —Church
	9:00 a.m.	<b>1st Reconciliation Retreat</b> - Parish Hall
	3:00 p.m.	<b>Confessions</b> - Church
		<b><u>THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT—YEAR A</u></b>
<b>Sat., Dec 14th</b>	7:00 p.m.	<b>Celebration of Eucharist</b> —Church
<b>Sun., Dec 15th</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Celebration of Eucharist</b> —Church
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Celebration of Eucharist</b> —Church
		<b>Children Liturgy of the Word</b> —dismissal during Mass
	4:30 p.m.	<b>Friendship Meal</b> — Parish Hall
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Christmas Concert</b> — Church
	8:00 p.m.	<b>Refreshments</b> —Parish Hall



### ***Season of Advent***

**THROUGH THE SEASON OF ADVENT, THE GRADE 3 STUDENTS OF ST. BASIL'S ELEMENTARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL, WILL BE POSTING THEIR ART WORK OF THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO WITNESS THEIR CREATIVITY. YOU WILL FIND IT ON THE WALL AS YOU ENTER THE MAIN DOORS OF THE CHURCH.**



## **Knights of Columbus**

### **2020 Cash Calendars**



Our 2020 Lottery Calendars have arrived!

Along with the daily \$40 draws there are also the month end specials. The calendars are an excellent Christmas gift item for family and friends. All proceeds from the sale of the calendars remain with K of C Bishop Pappin Council 13655. Calendars are available from John Umbrasas or any council members as well as the Parish office. The price of the Calendars are \$20.00



**2020 parish donation envelopes will be available this Weekend December 7th & 8th in the entrance of the church.**

Please remember ***DO NOT USE*** the new envelopes **UNTIL 2020.**

The new numbering system will begin in January 2020.

### **Attention**

#### **Pre-authorized Withdrawal Donation Plan**

Those donating through the pre-authorized plan, if you would like envelopes for the **Special Collections for 2020**, please leave a **message for Sue at the parish office.** When the new envelope boxes for 2020 are distributed your box of special envelopes will be included. Thank you, Sue

### **Please NOTE:**

**\*\* ALL DONATIONS to be credited to the year 2019 must be received in our parish office no later than December 31st. \*\***

**CANADA REVENUE AGENCY**—***When was the gift received?*** A charity can only issue a receipt for the (e.g. 2019) tax year if the donation was received in the same year (e.g. 2019).



**Advent Giving Project**

CHRISTMAS CHEER is asking for new or slightly used toys (NO used stuffed toys can be accepted) , as well as gift cards (for teens movies, music stores...,) and toiletries for teens and adults.

All Christmas cheer items must be brought in before **December 15th**

**LET US HELP MAKE SOMEONE’S CHRISTMAS  
A LITTLE MORE CHEERFUL**

We also will collect non perishable food items for:

Salvation Army—December 8, 2019

Food Bank- December 15, 2019

St. Vincent DePaul—December 22, 2019



Monthly Financial Statement - November 2019			
INCOME		EXPENSE:	
Sunday Envelopes	13090.50	Church	8773.95
**Pre-Authorized Donations	4245.00	Rectory	295.30
Loose	596.40	Office & Salary	12516.30
Other	2271.40		
Christmas	540.00		
Christmas Flower Fund	1135.00		
Donations to the poor	934.30	Donations to the Poor	966.78
**Memorial Fund—Building	969.00		
**Bishop’s Appeal	472.00	**Bishop’s Appeal	472.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	5.00	Needs of the Canadian church	5.00
Evangelization—World Mission	10.00	Evangelization—World Mission	10.00
Friendship Meals	0.00	Friendship Meals	0.00
Room & Board	862.22		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$25,130.82</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$23,039.33</b>
**includes Pre-Authorized			
<b><u>Thank you for your weekly financial contributions</u></b>			



There will be a Mass for The Holy Innocents on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. The following names are spiritually adopted babies prayed for by parishioners:

Brian	Stephanie	Patrick
Lisa	Jerome	Zoe
Justin	Bonnie	Ruth
Francis	Julien	Elizabeth Anne
Ernest William		

...and for all the unborn babies in Sault Ste. Marie who are in danger of abortion.



**CONCERT**

SUNDAY, December 15, 2019

6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Featuring musicians/singers from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church; **Special Guests: Lock Cities Chorus of Sweet Adelines**  
Refreshment after in Church hall

***GREEN CHURCH***



Our Green Church committee is continuing to invite others to "**think**" more ecologically (caring for our common home). It was noted that at the Knights of Columbus Dinner this past week that biodegradable food containers were used and not styrofoam containers. May we all continue to find ways to reduce reuse recycle. Beginning in the new year our committee will provide ways we are able to become greener in our personal practices.

***Here is one to think about now:***

Have you thought of changing from using paper donation envelopes for 2020 to automatic pre-authorized donations; thereby reducing the use of paper?



## ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS 2019

Prepare your hearts, prepare the Way of the Lord. The Catholic Parishes of Sault Ste. Marie present an **Advent Day of Confessions on Tuesday, December 10 from 8:30 am—7:30 pm at Precious Blood Cathedral.**

Various priests will be available all day for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we prepare for coming of the Lord at Christmas, take this opportunity to encounter God's mercy through this Sacrament Schedule:

Fr. Hamish & Fr. Paul 8:30-9:30am; Fr. Clarence & Fr. Veselko 9:30-10:30am;  
Fr. Veselko & Fr. Paul 10:30 – 11:30am; Fr. Jean-Pierre & Fr. Trevor 11:30-12:30pm;  
Fr. Boguslaw & Msgr. Vic 12:30-1:30pm; Fr. Ron & Fr. Angelo 1:30-2:30pm;  
Fr. Ron & Fr. Trevor 2:30-3:30pm; Fr. Alex & Fr. Boguslaw 3:30-4:30pm;  
Fr. Eric & Fr. Alex 4:30-5:30pm; Fr. Clarence & Fr. Pat 5:30-6:30pm,  
Fr. Paul & Fr. Eric 6:30-7:30pm



### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated each year on **December 12.**

We are invited to the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Aboriginal Peoples.

We will gather at  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Garden River:  
to pray the Rosary at 3:30pm followed by  
Mass at 4pm and fellowship in the hall after Mass.  
Let us pray for peace among all peoples!

## **FINAL REMINDER.....** USHERS, WELCOMERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS

### LITURGY SCHEDULES for:

January, February, March and April

will be prepared by **December 10th**

These will include the following special Mass schedules:

Ash Wednesday, February, 26th at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10th at 3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 11th at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12th at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Please advise Geri of any dates you know you will be unavailable and/or if you are available for the special Masses

Cell phone: 705 297-7044 or Email: [gplecash@hotmail.com](mailto:gplecash@hotmail.com)



### Christmas Flower Memorials

Donations to the Memorial Flower gift fund will be used to purchase flowers and decorations for the church and Sanctuary during the Christmas season. The Church will be decorated in memory of your loved one and their name will be published in our Christmas Bulletin. **Our 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass will be offered for them.**

All donations will be credited to your income tax receipt at year end.

\*\*\***Note** there are envelopes for the **FLOWER FUND** located on the table in the entrance of the Church **or** if you use **parish donations envelopes** there is a **special envelope for Dec 8th** both envelopes have spaces to mark down your intentions on the envelope **or** you can use this format in any envelope:

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**Christmas Flowers in Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If your donation is in memory of a loved one, be sure to **print** their name(s).

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF..... Monday, December 9th to Sunday December 15th

Date & Time	Mass Intention	Readings	Lectors	EMHC	Servers	Welcoming/&Ushers
Mon., Dec 9th	No Service in Parish on Mondays	Genesis 3.9-20; Ps 98.1-4; Ephesians 1.3-12; Luke 1.26-38				<b>LITURGY SCHEDULES</b> for <b>November &amp; December</b>  are available on our parish website or a printed copy is available in the Sacristy. Contact Geri Plecash for the ministry scheduling 705-297-7044 (either call or text) or gplecash@hotmail.com Please find your own replacements or notify Fr. Paul if you are unable to find someone. If you are replacing someone, please approach Fr. Paul at Mass and let him know you are the replacement for that ministry.
Tues., Dec 10th 12 Noon	Maria Lombardo by Nick & Anna, Peter & Judy Niceforo & Families	Isaiah 40.1-11 Ps 96.1-13 Matthew 18.12-14	Gerry Yeo	Betty Boissineau	Geri Plecash	
Wed., Dec 11th 9:15 a.m.	Special Intentions by Joseph Jolin Intentions of Lucia O’Connor by Cormack & Elva O’Connor	Isaiah 40.25-31 Ps 103.1-10 Matthew 11.28-30	Dianne Burns	Serge Dugas	Aldo Zappacosta	
Thurs. Dec 12th 9:15 a.m.	Jeannette Vaillancourt by Margaret Twentyman	Zechariah 2.10-13 Judith 13.18-20 Luke 1.39-47	Margie Skulech	Dianne Burns	Margaret Twentyman	
Fri., Dec 13th 9:15 a.m.	Helen Durica By Anthony & Maria Posteraro	Isaiah 48.17-19 Ps 1.1-6 Matthew 11.16-19	Doris Belanger	Sara Tessier	Aldo Zappacosta	
Saturday Dec 14th  7:00 p.m.	<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Holy Souls & Maria Lombardo By Lombardo Family Intentions of Chuck & Joan Ferris & Family by Lemieux Family Intentions of Denis & Cal Armstrong by Jean-Louis & Lois Lemieux	<u>Third Sunday In</u> <u>Advent</u> <b>Year A</b>	<u>7:00 p.m.</u> A & B: John Umbrasas	<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Laverne Guzzo <b>TBA</b>	<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Tony Fera	<u>7:00 p.m.</u> <u>Welcomers:</u> Tony & Vera Berlingieri  <b>Ushers:</b> Carol McFarlane & Gerry Yeo
Sunday Dec 15th  9:00 a.m.	Intentions of all parishioners by Pro Populo Mass Joanne Mantha-McConnell by Arlette Beaulieu	Isaiah 35.1-10  Ps. 146.6-10	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> A: Frank Lepore B: Karissa Lepore	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> Kim Lepore Alison Soltys	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> Richard Levesque	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> <u>Welcomer:</u> Serenella Catallo  <b>Ushers:</b> Tony Bortone & Roland Pigeau
11:00 a.m.	<u>11:00 a.m.</u> Angela Tombari by The Family Nick Scocchia by wife, Angela & Family Rosina & Domenico Perri by daughter Enrico Trunzo & Family	James 5.7-10  Matthew 11.2-11	<u>11:00 a.m.</u> A& B: Mary Anne Nakamura	<u>11:00 a.m.</u> Pat Dufresne Joe Ruscio	<u>11:00 a.m.</u> Randy Johnson	<u>11:00 a.m.</u> <u>Welcomer:</u> Susan Shepherd  <b>Ushers:</b> Ken DiPasquale & Quinto Medaglia
<b>Note:</b> If you see a <b>TBA</b> in your ministry posted in this bulletin and you are available to volunteer for that date, please contact the PARISH OFFICE. Thank you.						



**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** of the **WORD**  
is held during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass  
for Children ages 5-12.

**Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His Hands full of graces and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks.” St. Peter of Alcantara**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**  
**ALL OUR DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS.**

**Celebration of Eucharist at Extendicare Van Daele Nursing Home**  
will be held on **Wednesday, November 13th** at 10:30 a.m..  
**Please remember to pray for:** all the sick & Shut-ins in our parish Community.