

St. Agnes Parish
1019 Brown Street
Thunder Bay P7E 2L7

Parish Office
Open Tues. to Thurs.
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Weekend Mass
Sat. at 5 p.m.
Sun. at 9 a.m.
11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Weekday Mass
Tues. at 7 p.m.
Wed.-Fri. 12:10 p.m.
Reconciliation: Sat. 4-4:30pm & on request.

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December 1, 2024 – First Sunday of Advent

Focus: *Prepare for the coming of the Lord.*

As we begin Advent, our readings today offer wisdom in discerning what it means to prepare our hearts for the Lord. They are beckoning us to wake up and be attentive to what is around us, for God's time is at hand. We have the blessing of this season to prepare for the coming of the Lord, and to allow our hearts to be transformed.

In Our Parish This Week:

Monday, December 2

~ 1:30pm Bind Us Together Prayer Group (MR)
~ 7pm Life Group 3 (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 3

~ 7pm Healing Mass (Prayer Team available for Individual prayer)
~ 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
~ 8:15pm Advent Bible Study (MR)

Wednesday, December 4

~ 10:15am Women's Bible Study (MR)
~ 5:30pm Life Group Social (Hall)
~ 6:30pm Life Group 1 (Zoom)

Thursday, December 5

~ 9:30am St. Martin School Mass
~ 6:30pm Alpha (Hall)

Saturday, December 7

~ 9am Life Group 5 (MR)
~ 10:30am Life Group 6 (MR)

Sunday, December 8

~ 10am Nativity Play Rehearsal (Church)
~ 11am KC Mass & Coffee Social
~ 12pm RCIA (MR)
~ 7:45pm Youth Group (Hall)

Sunday Collections:

November 24: **\$4122.50**

Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish!

Mass Intentions for This Week:

Tuesday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier

~ Intentions of Dr. Joel Davies req. Cathy Galle

Wednesday, December 4:

~ Patrick Daniels req. Winnie & Family

Thursday, December 5:

~ Carolina & Bartolomeo Galluccio req. Linda Pilato

Friday, December 6:

~ Larry Hebert req. The Rossi Family

Saturday, December 7: St. Ambrose

~ Cyril Cano req. Anthony Kukula
~ Mike Young req. Livio & Rosanna Di Matteo
~ Diane Sten req. The Ashe Family
~ Nicola Di Matteo req. Livio & Rosanne Di Matteo
~ Sara DeCicco req. Gerrie & Al Tennant
~ Real Lassonde req. Karen & Jim O'Connor

Sunday, December 8: Second Sunday of Advent

9am: ~ Al Schaefer req. Liz & Family
~ Rod Peltonen req. The Kayzer Family
11am: ~ Patrick Daniels req. The Family
~ Patrick Daniels req. Winnie & Family
~ Rita Agnes Ascher req. Mary Jean Palmquist
~ Luisa Vecchione req. The Courtney Family
7pm: ~ The People of the Parish

Readings December 8

1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

As we read these passages we ask ourselves, "What is the Good News here for me?" "What is the challenge here for me" and, "How will this help me celebrate at the table of the Lord this Sunday?" This will enrich our celebration at Mass each week.

Anniversaries of the Deceased: Please remember in your prayers Chiara Foglia, Ann Perrier, Lillian Russak, Joseph Sonogo and Michael Dance whose anniversaries occur this week.

Catholic Women's League News:



Members are encouraged to remember the true reason for the season, which is the birth of Jesus. What should our Christmas season look like when we focus our attention on Jesus? Share the hope and share the peace. The CWL League has a Advent Webinar for all to attend free on Sunday, December 15 from 3:30PM- 4:30PM. Register today by going to our website at cwl.ca and at the bottom of the page fill in "learn more".

As 2024 is winding down quickly we also look forward to starting a brand new year.....What event or activity did you like best in 2024? Is there something you think might be fun to try in 2025? Please call Joyce at (807) 620-2641 or let any of our executive know as we plan our Action Plan for 2025. Stay tuned.

Our Lady of Good Counsel.....Pray for us

Advent Penitential Service: St. Agnes will have an Advent Penitential Service with General Absolution on Thursday, December 12 at 7pm. Let us remember that Advent is a time to pray, a time to remember what Christmas is really about and a time to make peace with ourselves, with each other and with God. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Bible Study:

All women are invited to attend Bible Study, bi-weekly, Wednesday mornings from 10:15-11:30. Child care is provided. Invite your friends to join you for the next meeting on December 4 in the Mary Room.



Craft Sale: There will be a craft sale in the church hall after all the masses the weekend of December 14 and 15. There will be lots of hand-crafted items, knitted items and much more. This is a great chance to come and pick up a few Christmas gifts for friends and family!

Ushers Needed: We need men or women for ushers at the 11.00 am mass. If you are a regular 11.00 am attendee please contact Bill Bragnalo. We also need ushers for the 8pm mass on Christmas Eve. If you could assist as an usher please contact Bill Bragnalo at 807 622-5988 or email at billbragnalo@tbaytel.net

Knights of Columbus



Council 8602 News:

This past Monday night our annual Knights Deceased Mass was held at St. Agnes. Our Council Chaplain Father James, celebrated the Mass along with priests from various other Knights Councils. This mass honoured 2 of our members who passed away this year, Cyril Cano and Dick Charbonneau. All of our departed Brothers are remembered daily in a special Mass that is offered for the repose of their souls at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of our Order, in New Haven, Connecticut.

Upcoming Events

Spaghetti Take Out – Thursday, December 5th– Pickup from 2 to 5:30 at the Columbus Centre.

KC Mass and Coffee Social – Sunday, December 8th at 11 am at St. Agnes Church.

Thank You: To Debbie and Andrew Migay, Marzana Bates and all their team for your time, effort and dedication in organizing the Deck the Halls Dinner Dance. Thanks also to everyone who came out to enjoy the evening and for making it such a great success.

Advent Bible Study: In St. Agnes Mary Room on Tuesday evenings after Mass and Adoration from 8:15 to 9:15pm on December 3, 10 and 17. Everyone welcome.

The Thunder Bay Diocesan CWL Councils are pleased to present an Advent Service at St. Dominic Church on Saturday, December 14 from 10am to 12pm facilitated by Father Terry, the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor. The theme is *Mother of the Americas, Mother of New Hope: Exploring the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe*. Everyone is welcome! It will be a faithful and enriching way to spend a morning!



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