

December 16, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)

Sun.,	Dec. 16 th	12:00 pm	Parish Baptism Celebration
Wed.,	Dec. 19 th	7:00 pm	South Ward Penitential Service <i>(in the Cathedral)</i>
Thurs.,	Dec. 20 th	1:00 pm	St. John Paul II School Advent Mass <i>(in the Cathedral)</i>
		6:00 pm	8:30 am Mass - Choir rehearsal
Sun.,	Dec. 23 rd	12:15 pm	Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Pageant



Bishop Colli's Schedule
Dec. 24: 8 pm & 11pm
Cathedral Masses

2019 BULLETIN
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MARIAN CONSECRATION LAST SATURDAY



The Service was prayerful and joyful. Many thanks to Lesley and Doug McClure for initiating, organizing & animating this Marian retreat.

R.C.I.A. MASS OF THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

Stephanie, Samantha & Tingh began their Faith journeys last Sunday. Thanks to our RCIA Team!



BISHOP'S DIOCESAN
MINISTRY CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal... \$ 34, 000.
Donations:
Last Week.... \$ 2, 405.
Total Donations
to Date \$ 22, 885.
% of Goal ... 67.3 %

Please donate before our
December 31st deadline



COFFEE SUNDAY
THIS
WEEKEND!

HAMPER
SUNDAY: NEXT
WEEKEND

Thanks to all
our volunteers!

REHEARSAL FOR CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

- n Sunday, Dec. 23rd after the 10:30 am Mass;
- n Pizza and beverages after the rehearsal;
- n Children can be left with Children's Liturgy Team during rehearsal;
- n Pick up time at 1:30pm



CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE (Monday, December 24th)
5:00 pm *(Children's Christmas Pageant Mass)*;
Eve Masses also at: 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday, December 25th): 10:30 am



NEW YEAR'S EVE (Monday, December 31st): 5:00 pm
NEW YEAR'S DAY (Tuesday, January 1st, 2019)
8:30 am and 10:30 am



YOU WERE ASKING by Msgr. P. Stilla

Q. Why is the third Sunday of Advent named 'Gaudete Sunday'?"

A. The first two weeks of Advent tend to be rather somber in tone because they concern themselves with the end times. They remind us to prepare not for Christmas but for the second coming of Christ. This austere mood changes dramatically on the third Sunday of the Season. From that



day until December 25th, the Liturgy focusses primarily on the antici-

tion and the preparation for the joyful celebration of His first coming. 'Gaudete' is the Latin word which means, 'Rejoice!'. We light a rose coloured candle on our Advent wreath and wear rose vest-

ments at Mass on this day to signal a change in focus. While royal purple is the colour of

Christ the King, 'rose' is traditionally associated with His joyful birth!

Q. Why do we celebrate the Immaculate Conception just a few weeks before the Feast of Christmas? Would it not be better to celebrate it when the conception took place, nine months before December 25th?"

A. Judging from your question, it seems that you have mixed up two very important Marian celebrations on our Liturgical calendar:



'The Immaculate Conception' and 'The Virgin Birth'. It is common for many Catholics to do the same. The 'Immaculate Conception' On December 8th each year we celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception. This feast has nothing to do with the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. Instead, this title expresses our Catholic belief that, unlike us, Mary was conceived in

the womb of her own mother, St. Ann, free of the sin of our first parents and free of its effects. We call this sin, 'original sin'. This is why we celebrate Mary's birth on September 8th, nine months after Immaculate Conception day .



'Virgin Birth' This is the name of the belief shared by all Christians, that Jesus' conception was a virginal one. We believe that Jesus had no earthly father but that God was His only Father and Mary was His mother. We celebrate this belief on March 25, nine months before Christmas.



Catholic Women's League

CWL MEMBERSHIP

The 2019 Catholic Women's League Membership Dues are \$25. For those who use Parish envelopes, there is a C.W.L. envelope enclosed in the January section. Otherwise, Membership envelopes are available at all entrances to the Cathedral. 'Snow birds' should consider submitting their membership dues before leaving Thunder Bay.

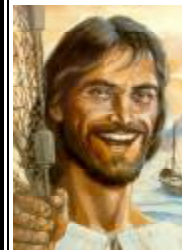


Knights of Columbus



4th Degree Exemplification

The Fr. Baxter Assembly #870 will be hosting a Patriotic Exemplification on December 20, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. at the Columbus Centre.



Men's Bible Prayer Group

For men 18 and older for prayer and faith sharing

Come and join us next Saturday, December 22nd at 8:00 am in the Cathedral Rectory Meeting Room

OPERATION SHOE BOX

... continues this weekend.



There is still time to take a star and to help someone in need this Christmas!

The Parish Council thanks you.

