



January 10, 2021 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

LATEST NEWS BULLETIN from Bishop Colli's Office - January 8, 2021

POSTPONED FOR NOW

We must also re-schedule this Sunday's planned R.C.I.A. "Rite of Acceptance". The individuals who will begin their Faith journey at a later date will be: Our Catechumen for Baptism: Kaleigh Caputo; & our Candidate for Reception: Elizabeth Scheffee. We thank our R.C.I.A. Parish Team and Sponsors.

My Dear Friends:

The province has directed the Grey Zone lock down to continue in northwestern Ontario for two additional weeks, ending on Saturday January 23, 2021. This decision means the extended closure of our churches and parish offices to the public during this time. I know this is a difficult situation for many, and that we had hoped to return to Mass on Sunday January 10th. However this is not possible.

By working together and maintaining the protocols for safety, we can make a concerted effort to curtail the spread of this terrible virus in our homes and communities. I ask for your patience and understanding, and I thank you for your continued support to our parishes both emotionally and financially during this lock down. Please continue to pray as a family, watch the Sunday Mass on social media at this time, (access it on this Parish website under: "This Weekend") and maintain safety for yourselves and for your families. We ask the Lord to guide us through this to safety.

I ask all our priests to continue celebrating their private Masses for their people and to lock all our churches and parish offices at this time. Telephone calls can be maintained. There are however, no public services to be held.

We will return to Mass on Sunday January 24, 2021. Funerals must be conducted at the funeral home during this lock down.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding and for your prayers.

Sincerely, +Fred J. Colli, Bishop of Thunder Bay



DEFERRED TO A LATER DATE

On this Sunday our parishioners customarily renew their Baptismal promises and pray for all who were baptized in our Church during this past year. Due to the lock down extension, we must now postpone this to a later date.



LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

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| Donations (brought to the Parish Office).....     | \$ 1,420.00 |
| Online Donations (Dec. 28 to Jan. 3) .....        | 2,570.00    |
| Christmas Donations (more).....                   | 630.00      |
| New Year's Donations (more).....                  | 610.00      |
| Initial Offering (for purchase of envelopes)..... | 205.00      |
| Fuel Collection (initial donations).....          | 150.00      |
| 'Friends of the Cathedral' .....                  | 250.00      |
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| Donations in memory of Mrs. Leonilda Stilla ....  | 775.00      |
| Donations in memory of Henry & Pat Missere ..     | 350.00      |

Thank-you for your generous support of our Faith Family!

BISHOP'S MINISTRY CAMPAIGN: 2020 FINAL REPORT

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| 2020 Parish Goal .....   | \$ 34,000.00 |
| Donations this week .... | \$ 2,030.00  |
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| Final Amount .....       | \$ 36,425.00 |
| % of Parish Goal .....   | 107.1 % !!!  |

Whether you donated in person or on line, the proven generosity of our parishioners has once again enabled us to surpass our goal to help our Diocese and Parish. Many thanks to all! CONGRATULATIONS!

**YOU WERE ASKING . . . by Msgr. P. Stilla**

Q. What took place when we were baptized?

A. Aptly named *'the gateway to all the Sacraments'* our Baptism, gave us the right throughout our lives to celebrate all the other Sacraments of the Church. Of course, Baptism is important for us for other reasons too, some of which are:

• It initiated us into the Faith  
At our Baptism, not only were we incorporated into the world-wide Christian Community but we were also initiated as members in the specific Faith denomination in which we were baptized, a membership which lasts for life, unless we freely reject or change it;



• We were given new life!  
When we were baptized, by water and the Holy Spirit, we shared in the death and resurrection of Christ and so we were born again to a new life forever in the Lord;  
• We made promises  
At our Baptism, we promised to

spend our lives fighting the forces of evil in our world and to remain faithful to teachings of Christ. These vows were made on our behalf if we were infants and of our own free will if we were adults.



• We were forgiven  
Baptism freed us from Original Sin if we were baptized as infants and it forgave all our other sins too, if we were adults;

• We were mandated  
As our heads were `christened` with the Oil of Sacred Chrism, we were mandated to be "Priests, Prophets and Servant-Leaders" for life, as Christ was;  
• Dignity and Hope  
The 'white garment'

which was given to us symbolized the Christian dignity we received at our Baptism and the lighted candle signified that we were now persons of hope and light, like Christ.



**Catholic Women's League**

**Provincial Newsletter**

You can now access the most recent (January 2021) monthly bulletin on our Parish website: [www.stpatrickscathedral.ca](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ca)

and click on:

("C.W.L./K.C./Men's Group")

**League Membership Month**

Our 2021 Catholic Women's League Membership Dues are: \$25. Envelopes for this annual fee can be found in your

Church envelope packet or at all entrances to the Cathedral.

You can now access our C.W.L. brochures on our Website:

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**INTENTIONS RESCHEDULED**

All Mass intentions that were scheduled to take place in the Cathedral during this lock down will be re-scheduled to a date when you are able to attend.

**MISSALS & ENVELOPES**

These will still be available during this temporary shut down from the Parish Office during the week. 622-5389.

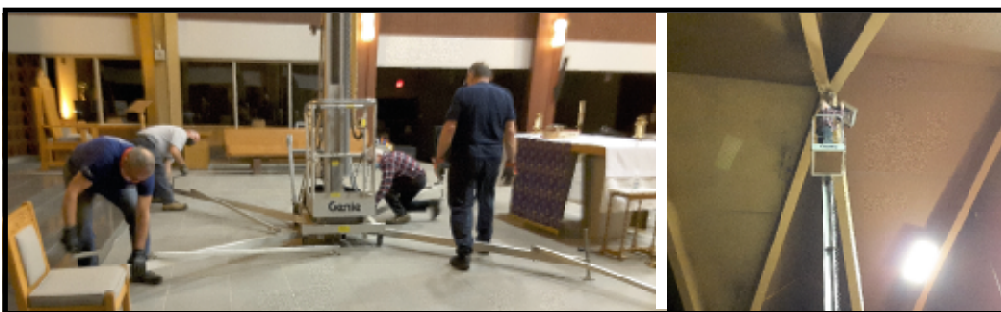
**BULLETIN ADVERTISING SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

Two spaces are currently still available on the back of our soon to be published new 2021 Cathedral Bulletin covers.

The cost for the 12 months of the year for one space is \$325. or \$500. for both purchased together.



**It's higher than it looks...**



Although they wish to remain anonymous, I want to publicly thank, on behalf of our Parish, the brave parishioners who got together in mid December to set up our indoor lift and to replace the bulb and ballast in our large ceiling floodlight over the altar. Not only did this brighten our Sanctuary for Christmas but it once again made our beautiful large crucifix visible from the street whenever we walk by the Church. Msgr. Pat