



November 27, 2022 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mon. Nov. 28th No Mass on Monday but Parish Office is Open
 Tues., Nov. 29th 9:00 am Advent Weekday Mass
 6:00 pm R.C.I.A. Session (*in Rectory Meeting Room*)
 Wed., Nov. 30th 9:00 am MASS OF ST. ANDREW, THE APOSTLE
 Thurs., Dec. 1st 9:00 am Advent Weekday Mass
 Fri., Dec. 2nd 9:00 am Advent First Friday Mass
 Benediction following the morning Mass
 Sat., Dec. 3rd 5:00 pm Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent
 First Saturday of the Month of December
 Sun., Dec. 4th Masses of the Second Sunday of Advent

VIRTUAL ADVENT RETREAT

Our Diocesan CWL invites you to this retreat on Mondays Nov 28, Dec 5, 12 & 19: 7:30 pm to 9 pm, hosted by Colleen Martin. Themes: watchfulness, preparation, nearness and Emmanuel. In each last ½ hour we will have virtual adoration. Please RSVP to Colleen by email at: cbmartin@tbaytel.net to receive the zoom link or join via the link: www.cwlthunderbay.org.



BISHOP COLLI'S SCHEDULE
 NOVEMBER 26 AND 27: CATHEDRAL MASSES
 DECEMBER 4: CONFIRMATION-ST. MARGARET CHURCH

The 2023 SETS OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES
 1. If you no longer wish to use these, OR
 2. If you have never used them before but now, you would like have a set for 2023,
 please call the Office at 622-5389.

BULLETIN ADS FOR 2023: NOW AVAILABLE

Our new bulletin covers for 2023 will soon be printed for distribution throughout the year. If you are interested in purchasing a year-long ad on the back cover, please call the Parish Office at 622-5389

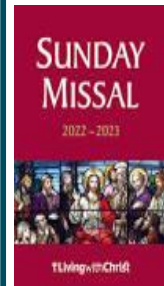
A new tab named, 'St. Pats Hat Roof Fund' has been added to our Parish website to provide the latest news on the progress of our Campaign!

LAST WEEKEND'S PARISH DONATIONS

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| Last Sunday's Collection | \$ 4,179.15 |
| Online Donations (<i>last week</i>)..... | 80.00 |
| Missal Sales | 30.00 |
| Votive Candles | 82.00 |
| St. Anthony's Poor Fund | 39.80 |

OUR SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2023

Beginning this weekend, all the Sunday Readings and Mass Prayers will be found in our new 2023 Missals. They are available at the Church's main entrance or from the Parish Office. Cost is \$5.



"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

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| Special Donation | \$ 1,000.00 |
| On Line Donations | 1,820.00 |
| Free-will Pledges/Donations | 2,201.00 |
| Pledge in Memory of Robert Lang..... | 3,000.00 |
| In Memory: The Vanderwey Families. | 2,500.00 |
| In Memory of Joe Josefchak | 200.00 |
| In Memory of Joe Josefchak..... | 30.00 |

Pledged /collected this week \$ 10,751.00

TOTAL PLEDGED & COLLECTED TO DATE
 *** \$ 229, 651.00 ***
 Donations & 50/50 Draw: on-line at:
www.stpatshat.ca





Q. I find the Book of Revelations in the Bible very difficult to understand. What do all those strange dreams and visions in the Book mean?

A. Like you, most people have trouble understanding the Book of Revelations. To make matters worse,

Traditionally, the woman represents both Mary and the Church. Each brings Christ forth into our midst but

some Christians teach that the Book actually contains secret codes which can help us determine the actual date of the end of the world. This is definitely not true.



"Then a woman appeared, clothed with the sun and ... with 12 stars around her head" (Rev. 12:1)

A STYLE OF WRITING

What is true is that the Book was purposely written in a cryptic style to be understood by a specific group, namely, the early Christians and to be puzzling to the persecuting Romans.

THE BOOK OF HOPE

This Book was primarily written by St. John, not to predict the end of the world but to give hope to persecuted Christians of the time and to assure them that ultimately Christ and the Church would conquer evil.

THE 'SYMBOLIC' VISIONS

.. The Lamb (Rev. 5)
Of course, the "Lamb" always refers to the crucified Christ, Who, like the slaughtered lamb of the Old Testament, represents salvation from sin and slavery.

.. Crowned Woman (Rev. 12)

This Chapter speaks of "a pregnant woman, bright as the sun and with a crown of 12 stars around her head who gives birth to a son but, a red dragon is intent on devouring him."



"War broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon" (Rev. 12:7)

the power of evil (the dragon) wants to rid the world of Christ. Afterwards, Michael, the Archangel defeats the dragon but it continues to roam the world seeking the ruin of souls. The stars represent the Apostles.

.. The Dragon's Beasts (Rev. 13)
The early Christians believed that one of the *beasts* to which the Book refers is the Roman Empire, intent on destroying Christianity.

.. The Number, '666'
Contrary to popular opinion, the number "666" that is mentioned in Revelations 13:18 is not the name of the

devil but the code number for *Nero Caesar*, the Emperor whom the early Christians considered to be the 'anti-Christ' and the devil incarnate. The Book even tells us that, the number symbolically "stands for a person" and not for Satan.

.. The Sea is No More (Rev. 21)

Early civilizations actually believed that the Devil lived in large bodies of water. By His cross Christ will destroy the symbolic domain of the Evil One, 'the Sea', and will ultimately reign forever.

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2. LEAGUE SCARVES

Please contact: Pam Brusadin at 475-4377. Total cost of the scarf is \$25.50



Knights of Columbus



FOR OUR DECEASED KNIGHTS

This special Mass will be celebrated at Corpus Christi Church on Monday, November 28th at 7pm. All are welcome.

NEW 'KNIGHT KAP' ONLINE
Click on the 'Knights of Columbus' tab on our Parish Website to access this newest edition.

COLUMBUS CENTRE EVENTS

1. Small Group Christmas Dinner and Dance – Dec. 10th
2. Christmas Lunch Buffet Special – Friday, Dec 16th

VOLUNTEER FORM

HELP US BUY 'A HAT FOR ST. PAT'S' Please join the pool of volunteers, to assist us from time to time in a variety of planned "St. Pat's Needs a Hat" activities. To join us, please complete and deliver this form to our Parish Office or call : 622-5389.

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