



Monday Memo

Diocese of Thunder Bay

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November 27TH, 2023

First Sunday of Advent: STORY: the Advent season begins on Sunday December 3rd. This season of preparation not only looks forward to the celebration of Christmas, but it also reminds us of the whole story of salvation, beginning with the birth of Jesus and ending with the fullness of God's kingdom at the end of history. Advent gives us an opportunity to reflect on what God has done for us, but also invites us to see what God is doing in our own lives right now. The story of Jesus' coming is a story of great love. So with this divine mystery in our lives, God will surprise us. Let us take the time this season to pay special attention to what God wants to share with us. We pray: Heavenly Father open our eyes and hearts this holy season. Amen.

Our Lady of Loretto Parish is holding a Parish Mission from **Sunday Dec. 3 until Wednesday December 6, 2023**. A parish Mission is a special time when the faith community is invited to be renewed in their faith journey. Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, a Redemptorist from Toronto, will be the speaker for the Mission. Mission preaching is Fr. Eugene's full-time ministry. Introductory talks will be held on Saturday at 5 p.m. Mass, Sunday 10 a.m. Mass and 12 Noon at St. Mark's Chapel on Lakeshore Drive. The main talks will be from Sunday to Wednesday at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the Mission.

Advent Retreat: St. Andrew's Parish is hosting an ADVENT RETREAT with Fr. Gerald McDougall on **Monday, December 4th and Tuesday, December 5th from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.** in Baxter Hall. The theme for Monday evening will be "Prepare the way of the Lord; Exploring Together the Season of Advent" and for Tuesday evening "Arise, Shine for Your Light has Come; Exploring together the Season of Christmas". All are welcome; however, seating is limited so please call the parish office at 807 345-5202 to register.

Brunch with St. Nick: St. Andrew's Parish is hosting a BRUNCH WITH ST. NICK on **Sunday, December 10th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in Saunders Hall. The cost is \$20 and children under 10 years of age eat for free. For more information, please call (807) 345-5202 or check out the Events page on the website: www.standrewrc.ca. Proceeds from this event will go towards the parish's Boiler Replacement Project. All are welcome.

Grief Support Candle Ceremony: St. Patrick's Cathedral Grief Support group will be holding a Candle Ceremony on **Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 PM** at the Cathedral (please use the Donald Street door/elevator). Grief takes many forms: Loss of a Spouse/Partner; Loss of a relationship; Loss of employment; and many others. The opportunity to express this Grief in a welcoming and supportive environment is important. This Ceremony is open to All and no registration is necessary. Light refreshments and a time for support and fellowship will follow the Ceremony.