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Diocese of Thunder Bay

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December 11, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent: JOY: The Third Sunday of Advent is December 17th and is a specific time for rejoicing. Amid our Advent preparations we might feel stressed at the work that never seems to get done. We might even feel a bit disappointed that our desire to strengthen our spiritual lives at this time, has not progressed as well. There is still time to allow Christ's grace to finish what we started two weeks ago. The experience of joy is a sure sign that God is with us and helping us. Do not be discouraged, but rejoice today and move forward. We pray: Lord we thank you for the presence of joy in my life. Let me be thankful for all the gifts you have given me. Amen.

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, no registration is necessary. Light refreshments and a time for support and fellowship will follow the Ceremony.

Prepare the Way in Song: A family-friendly Christmas Concert taking place on Saturday, December 16th at 1 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church, 766 Sprague St. Come sing with us! Free-will donation at the door. Refreshments are available in the church hall after the concert.

Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign: As this year comes to a close, our Annual Bishop's Ministry Campaign ends on December 31st. If you have not already donated to this campaign, we ask you to please do so through your parish community, directly to the Pastoral Centre or on-line at www.dotb.ca. Your contributions assist the bishop in his work of evangelization and support throughout our diocese in northwestern Ontario. This campaign is especially important to our small struggling parish communities. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Holy Cross Church: An evening of Christmas Caroling on Monday December 18, 2023 @ 6:30 pm 415 Victoria St W. If able, please bring canned goods for the Thunder Bay Food Bank. Refreshments & baking will be served. Hope to see you there to enjoy the Christmas spirit.

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti & Meatballs Take-Out: December 21, 2:00pm – 5:30pm, 301 May Street, 807-623-3252