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MASS SCHEDULE

Annunciation Blessed Virgin Mary Church St Hilary Church

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

none

Sunday - 9: 30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Tuesday to Friday - 7:00 p.m.

Tue & Thu - 10:00 a.m. (If is int. Mass)

1st and 3rd Sundays: Beardmore - St. Theresa Church - 2:15 p.m.

MacDiarmid/Rocky Bay - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - 1:00 p.m.

2nd and 4th Sundays: Dorion - St. Isidore - Mass - 12:30 a.m. (May- September)

1st & 3rd Saturdays: Dorion - St. Isidore - Mass - 6:30 pm

HOLY HOUR: First Friday - 5:00 p. m—7:00 p. m Adoration and Benediction
and Holy Mass—ABVM Church.

HOLY ROSARY: The Rosary for the unborn Child - Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.– ABVM

ASSOCIATIONS & COUNCILS: Parish Council, Finance Committee, Building Commit-
tee, C.W.L Knights of Columbus, Food Bank.

BAPTISM: Please contact the parish office

CONFESSION: One hour before Mass

MARRIAGE: Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

Visiting the Sick: Anytime call to Priest.

Annunciation BVM and St. Hilary Parishes are a community of Catholics under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through worship, service and fellowship, in cooperation with the Bishop of Thunder Bay, in order to bring forth the values of the Kingdom of God.



The incident related in today's gospel story is a precious moment of grace for the people of Nazareth, one that we too experience from time to time – Jesus invites them and us to stop hiding behind their false identity and come to the truth of themselves. We all need to feel special; the problem is how we go about fulfilling that need. The easy – but false – way is to take the short cut of finding our “specialness” in belonging to a group that considers itself superior to others. We find our “specialness” in our sex, race, colour, ethnic origin, nationality, or from the fact that we are married, are “old boys” or “old girls” of some school, university graduates, have a job, or own our homes. Today's reading reminds us that the same happens with religious groups. The people of Nazara, like the Jews in general, like members of churches, or of groups within them such as priests, religious and leaders of prayer groups, look on themselves as “the chosen people”. The basic fault in all these situations is to forget that being part of a group says nothing about our personal worth. If we settle for the group-identity we become complacent and stop facing the truth about ourselves. The moment of grace comes when someone from our group sees through the cover up, starts mixing with outsiders, and declares that some of them are every bit as good as we are, perhaps even better. A good Catholic boy marries a girl from a different faith, and comes back to say that his in-laws are just as holy as members of his church. One of our own children, perhaps in a moment of anger, shows up our double standards and compares us unfavourably with our neighbours. We think of those who refuse to play the racial game in politics, business or sport, and criticize members of their own religious or ethnic group. At the world level, Pope John Paul asks forgiveness for the sins of the church, Gandhi refers to the dalits as God's special children, Nelson Mandela forgives the former rulers of South Africa.

Every third Sunday of the month will be a family mass. All functions will be fulfilled by children during Mass. After Mass, we invite you for a coffee. Welcome

Income for the Last Week ABVM Parish Sun. Dec. 15, 2019; \$2165.00 Please, be aware of your parish needs! Thank you for your commitments!



Christmas schedule Mass 2019

Christmas Eve Mass; ABVM - Nipigon – Dec 24, at 5:00 pm
and St. Hilary , RED Rock -7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass - Dec.25, - 10:00 a.m ROCKY BAY.

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 - Mass 5:00 p.m. in ABVM Parish - NIPIGON.

New Year's Day Mass – Jan. 01, 2020 Mass 9:30 am. - in ABVM Parish - NIPIGON.

Mass 11:00 a.m. - in St. Hilary Parish - RED ROCK.

Happy Christmas 2019



THERE IS NOTHING MORE COMFORTING THAN TO HAVE FRIENDS AND FAMILY REQUEST THAT THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS BE SAID IN THEIR NAME OR FOR "THE REPOSE OF THEIR SOUL"

Sat. Dec. 21,19 - 5:00 pm - For all lost and forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Sun. Dec. 22,19 - 9:30 am - Int. of Douglas John-Ray Family

Tue. Dec. 24,19 - 5:00 p.m - For Parishioners

Wed. Dec 25,19 -7:00 pm - NO MASS

Thurs. Dec.26,19 -7:00 pm -

Fri. Dec. 27,19 -7:00 pm -

Sat. Dec. 28,19 -5:00 p.m. -

Sun. Dec.29,19 - 9:30 a.m. -

OPEN MASS INTENTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE INTENTION. Or write the info on a paper —1 mass =\$10.00, and put in the collection basket, thank you for your time. When a loved one dies or a friend is ill or alone, there is nothing more comforting than to have friends and family request that the Holy Sacrifice of The Mass be said in their name or for the repose of their soul."



ST. HILARY PARISH:

Pope Francis says: 'There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something/ Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action.



Dec. 22.19 - 11:00 a.m. - +Walter & Sonia Legacy - P&J Legacy

Dec. 24,19 - 7:30 p.m. - For Parishioners

Dec. 26.19.- 10:00 a.m. - +Nick & Helen Krezonski - P&J Legqacy

Dec. 29, 19 - 11:00 a.m. -

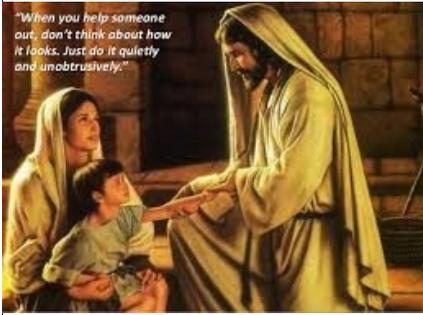
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and for Bishop's campaign.-\$1,000.00 Please, be aware of your parish needs! Thank you for your commitments!



The sin of indifference. Today no one in our world feels responsible; e have lost a sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters. We have fallen into the hypocrisy of the parable of the Good Samaritan: we see our brother half-dead on the side of the road ad perhaps we say to ourselves, "Poor soul...! And then go on our way. It's not our responsibility, and with that we feel reassured, assuaged. The culture of comfort, which makes us think only of ourselves, makes us insensitive to the cries of other people, makes us live in soap bubbles which, however lovely, are insubstantial; they offer a fleeting ad empty illusion which results in indifference to other; indeed, it even leads to the globalization of indifference. In this globalized world we have fallen into globalized indifference. We have become used to the suffering of others: it doesn't affect me; it doesn't concern me; it's none of my business!

"When you help someone out, don't think about how it looks. Just do it quietly and unobtrusively."



Lord, we thank you that every once in a way you send us people like Jesus who shock us by showing us that we have been hiding behind the identity of the group we belong to. They remind us of people who don't belong to

our group, whom you have blessed, a humble widow who was visited by a great prophet, the leader of a different religious group whom you healed miraculously while we were left with our diseases. It is a painful lesson, especially when it comes from someone within our own household, and we exclaim, 'This is Joseph's son, surely, what right has he to be teaching us?' But it is a moment of grace; we realize that we must stop looking down on people of other ethnic groups, of lesser education than ourselves; we must join members of other churches, religions and faiths, and unbelievers too, in asking for your mercy and forgiveness. Lord, you know that our first response is to become enraged with those who tell us these home truths, spring to our feet, hustle them out of our town, take them up to the brow of the hill our church is built on, intending to throw them down the cliff. We thank you that the Jesus you sent us slipped out of our grasp and walked away, leaving us to ponder on the truth, experience that the Bible was being fulfilled even as we listened, and we eventually found life from the gracious words that came from his lips. 'God, that's very true' – a remark at our liturgy meeting after the second reading. Jealousy kills, envy too, and isn't it great to rejoice in the good fortune of another? Love is what we bring with us at the end of life. 'We will be judged in the evening of life by love (St John of the Cross). Love for those near and far, for love in the gospel is more than love for just the family, the friend, the attractive one, the neighbour, for all. There are different calls to Christian love – near and dear daily love, friendship, marriage, relationships



Love is when others' lives become at least as important as our own; and in the deepest loves like marriage, family, and often friendship,

others' lives become even more important. Love changes – we look back and see how the people we loved make the difference. Life is too short to look love in the face and say no. We are moulded and remoulded by those who have loved us, and though their love may pass, we are nevertheless their work' (F Mauriac).

The Bishop's Diocesan Ministry Campaign (Sharing the Challenges).

The Bishop's Campaign for 2019 is now beginning. Parishioners will receive a brochure and donation card in the mail this month. The theme for 2019 is 'TOGETHER ON THE ROAD'. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we walk together and share our journey with Christ who draws near to us. Like the disciples on the road, let us open our hearts to recognize Jesus in our encounters along the road. St Hilary Parish goal is \$ 4,000.00 - **Year to date of Bishop's campaign is \$2,800.00.** and Annunciation Blessed Virgin Mary Parish goal is \$8,000.00; **Year to date of Bishop's campaign is \$7,150.00.** The campaign will run until December 31, 2019.

Please be generous in supporting the Bishop's Diocesan Ministry Campaign.