

<b>03 JANUARY 2021</b>	<b>PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION</b>
<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	<b>480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 2Z4</b>
<b>Due to Covid-19 &amp; Provincial Directives there are no Celebrations until 9-10 January 2021</b>	



Isaiah joyfully foretells of the light that emerges from darkness at the coming of Christ. In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds his listeners that, whether Gentile or Jew, they are all a part of the one body of Christ, the Church. In the Gospel, the three wise men visit the Christ-child, bearing gifts to pay him homage. The voices of the prophet Isaiah, the Apostle Paul, and the three kings – Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior – resound today in one joyful chorus. They are reminding us that Christ, our Light, has come to dispel the darkness of sin and death and to remain with us forever.

*Our Parish Mission Statement*

*We, the members of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption community, believe that we have been called through Baptism to live the Good News of Jesus Christ under the patronage of Mary, our Mother. We accomplish this by proclaiming the Word, celebrating the Sacraments, & reaching out to others.*

<b>PASTOR</b>	<b>Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, D.D.</b> Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie
<b>RECTOR</b>	<b>ASSISTANT</b>
<b>Msgr. Dave Tramontini</b>	<b>Rev. Rex Lumine</b>
<b>PERMANENT MINISTERS</b>	
<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Diocesan Order of Women</b>
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi	Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago	Mrs. Norma Milligan
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin	Miss Ruth Godon
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk	

Our faith community dates back to 1886 when we were originally located on Main Street West and called St. Mary's of the Lake. The cornerstone of the existing Cathedral was laid in 1904. The history of our parish is recorded in the memories of thousands of people who built our community.



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**Parish Sacraments**

Due to the coronavirus new directives are in place for the preparation and celebration of our sacraments. Please call the parish office if you require more information for: Marriage, Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick.

**Reconciliation** is postponed until Saturday, January 9, 2021 Please watch for updates on our webpage at procathedral.ca and on our Facebook Page.



The Pro-Cathedral is **wheel chair accessible**. The entrance to the elevator is on Algonquin Avenue. Please enter the vestibule and ring the bell for an attendant. Service available at all weekend masses. Weekday masses service available 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM. A **Hearing Aid System** is available for use by the hearing impaired. Please ask an Usher or Sacristan to assist you upon entering the church.



OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL 11 JANUARY 2021  
EMAIL & TELEPHONE MESSAGES WILL BE PERIODICALLY CHECKED DURING THIS TIME

**OFFICE HOURS**

<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>	
<b>04 - 10 January</b>	
Monday	1 John 3. 22-4.6; Matthew 4. 12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 John 4. 7-10; Mark 6. 34-44
Wednesday	1 John 4. 11-18; Mark 6. 45-52
Thursday	1 John 4. 19—5.4; Luke 4. 14-22a
Friday	1 John 5. 5-13; Luke 6. 12-16
Saturday	1 John 5. 14-21; John 3. 22-30
Sunday	Isaiah 42. 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10. 34-38; Matthew 3. 13-17

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is imposing a Provincewide Shutdown. We are asked to stay at home as much as possible to minimize transmission of the virus and prevent hospitals from becoming overwhelmed.

The anticipated return to our regularly scheduled celebrations is the weekend of 9-10 January 2021.

The office is scheduled to be re-opened on Monday, 11 January 2021.

The government will continue to evaluate throughout the 14 days of the shutdown to determine if it is safe to lift any restrictions or if they need to be extended.

The Church is a community of people who love Jesus and love each other.

Please stay connected to one another with email, Instagram, telephone calls, zoom, etc.

### **A dispensation from mass is still in place while we are unable to attend mass.**

If you are unable to receive the Eucharist physically, Pope Francis invites us to make a Spiritual Communion—that is to invite Christ in to our hearts, and ask that Christ come close to us, and that we come close to Christ.

You can join Pope Francis for Spiritual Communion at:

<https://youtu.be/5LNjJaWuidw>

This link is also posted on our website under LINKS at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca)

You can pray An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**All previously scheduled masses will be re-booked into the New Year in the order they were first received and scheduled.**

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION!**

Students in Grade 7, 8 or 9 are invited to register now to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation! Our preparation program begins in January 2021!



Our preparation program brings everyone from across our region to prepare together. Due to the special circumstances of the pandemic, there will be three simultaneous celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, February 13, 2021. Youth will celebrate at the parish where they are registered and attend.

**Registration for all Candidates is available online only at:** [www.holynametalphonsus.com/confirmation](http://www.holynametalphonsus.com/confirmation)  
A complete list of preparation dates and confirmation procedures can be found here as well.

Our preparation sessions will adhere to all safety protocols and are designed to inspire, have fun, deepen faith and build new friendships.

**Registration Deadline is January 13, 2021.**

### **Catholic Women's League**

**Education and Health Message**

**Canadian Blood Services**

**'Partners for Life' Program**



The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a proud supporter of the Canadian Blood Services Partners for Life program which saves lives by donating blood as a team to reach an annual "lifesaving goal."

Canadian Blood Services then tracks and recognizes this contribution. There is an ongoing need for blood donations even during this pandemic. You can use the League's unique Partner ID (CATH011269) to record the donations. For more information about the Partners for Life Program visit <https://cwl.ca/league-canadian-blood-services-partners-for-life-donor-information/>. Donations can be directed to more than one group. To find the Blood Donor Clinic nearest you visit <https://www.blood.ca/en>. Please contact Leah Pierce, Education and Health Chairperson for the Pro-Cathedral CWL at 472-5687 should you have any questions.

### **Development and Peace Stamp Collection**



Don't forget that your stamps affixed to the right corner of your envelopes can help fund Development and Peace projects as they sell them to stamp collectors. Please support this initiative by simply cutting off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging perforations. **Save them in baggies/envelopes & drop them into the office mail slot.**

**Our D & P Coordinator, Lorraine Atchison, will make sure they are sent to the Stamp Project.**



### The Epiphany

The Christmas tree has become a fire hazard, shedding needles everywhere. The kids have cast aside their new toys. Perhaps we've overspent this holiday season and are vaguely anxious about the bills. The bookmark in our Advent devotional is stuck at December 9, and we've already blown a couple New Year's resolutions. And yet, the words of prophet Isaiah shake us out of our doldrums: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you ... Raise your eyes and look about."

Freed from the busyness of the holiday season, we get a kind of do-over. Even on the grayest of winter days, Christ's light breaks through in this new year and presents new opportunities to open ourselves to the activity of the Holy Spirit acting in our lives. Let us pray for the grace to recognize it.

Imagine the joy the Wise Men must have felt when they followed that star and saw baby Jesus for the first time! They praised the Christ Child with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God still dwells among us today, and the Light of Christ beckons us all to follow it.

As we bless our homes this Epiphany and pray, "May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love," let us witness to God's presence in our homes and in our hearts by offering Christ our very own gifts – of our lives and our abiding faith in him.

#### Pray the Blessing of the Home and Household

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love."

#### Free Children's Liturgy of the Word Videos

Free 25 minute Children's Liturgy videos every week. This interactive programming encourages children to participate, appeals to various learning styles, and helps young children understand the Gospels and their faith more fully! You can access this free catechetical resource by visiting [Children & Youth](#) under Ministries on our website at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca)



### PRAYER LINE

The prayer line is a group of parishioners who pray for the needs of others. Concerns great and small are presented to the Lord on your behalf. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the group call Sister Shirley McNamara at 474-3800, Ext. 295 or Lorraine Atchison at 474-0613

### Take a Tour of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium



CGS is a Christian formation for children ages 3 through 12 and based on the teaching methods of Maria Montessori and on the understanding that there is a deep bond between God and each child. The Atrium is a place where children grow in the knowledge of Jesus and his love and are provided hands-on materials encouraging them to explore and deepen their experience with this love at their own pace. Find out more about the Atrium by watching our video and if you are interested in finding out more about our Atrium, would like a tour, or would like to bring your child out to our gatherings contact Erin Tayler at 705-840-8509 or [betayler@fibreop.ca](mailto:betayler@fibreop.ca)



Watch the video on our website at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca) under Ministries—Youth & Children or view on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/procathedral](https://facebook.com/procathedral)



New to the Cathedral?

Please Register so we can get to know you better!

#### PARISH REGISTRATION:

Please help keep our records up-to-date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place in the collection.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ P/C: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am new to the parish and I wish to register
  - I am unsure if registered, please check
  - I have recently moved, please update
- REGISTER NOW**
- I wish to donate using:    Contribution Envelopes
  - VISA/MasterCard
  - Pre-Authorized Bank Donations

### Parish Donations 2021

God endows each of us with personal gifts, talents and material possessions. Stewardship is acknowledging that God is the source of each gift that has been received. It also means to give a portion back to God, as a direct way of expressing our thanksgiving to Him for these gifts.

In this stressful year where many are affected by the coronavirus we are grateful for the support we have received that allowed us to meet our operating budget and to progress our Church in its mission to share the Gospel, support our ministries, and assist our community.

If you are currently not contributing financially we ask that you prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to the parish.

#### Ways You can Help Support our Parish

**2021 Parish Envelopes:** Please call or email the parish office and a box of envelopes can be mailed to you. When we resume our mass schedule they will again be available at our masses.

**Have you thought about changing to pre-authorized donations through your bank or credit card?** It's a safe and reliable way of supporting the Cathedral while allowing us to better budget!

**NOTE: If you are already donating through pre-authorized bank account or credit card donations your deductions will continue the same into 2021 unless you would like to revise the amounts deducted. Contact the parish office if you would like to revise your contribution amounts. If you donate through automatic withdrawals, you do not need to take parish envelopes.**

#### Pre-Authorized Bank & Credit Card Donations

Please download the Banking Pre-Authorized Form or Credit Card form from our website at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca) under About Us, Stewardship/Contributions. Complete the form and mail or drop it off back to us at in the mailbox to the left of the rectory office door (480 McIntyre Street West).

You can also simply email the parish office at [office@procathedral.ca](mailto:office@procathedral.ca) or call us at 472-3970 and we will figure out how best to get the documentation to you.

#### Other ways you can contribute:

- We continue to accept **envelopes** at the parish door through the mail slot—you can drop off current and postdated cheques.
- Use our **"Donate Today"** button on our website. Just click and fill in the blanks and you can make a donation to the Cathedral.
- **E-transfer from your bank account through interac e-transfer** to [music.finance@procathedral.ca](mailto:music.finance@procathedral.ca) Put in the message of the e-transfer how you would like your funds disbursed (i.e. Sunday, Building, Easter, etc.)

**As it does not cause hardship to you, we are grateful for your continued support.**

### **COLLECTION REPORT: 25 DECEMBER**

<b>Sunday Offering</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>
<b>\$2,586.25</b>	<b>\$7,462.00</b>

### **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

**\$10,889.09**

**Thank You  
for your  
Generous Support!**

### **Cell Phone? Move Recently?**

Have you changed from a land line to a cell phone in the past few years? Maybe you have moved and never let us know? Please send us an email or call us with your updated contact information so we can keep our records current.



### REGIONAL NEWS

**Shalom Place presents "Dear Heart Come Home: The Path to Midlife Spirituality"** by Joyce Rupp an on-line small group opportunity. Midlife is a summons to grow and a challenge to discover our authenticity. We evaluate our goals, hopes, dreams, beliefs, behaviours, experiences, all that has marked us and contributed to the person we have become. We ask ourselves: "Is this the person I want to be in the future?" Using Joyce Rupp's book as the source of input, private journaling and group sharing during our sessions we will meet with facilitator Sister Stephanie Romiti, CSJ on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:00 PM January 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; and March 3, 10. A free-will offering is appreciated. Participants are asked to obtain their own copy of the book. Meet from the comfort of your own home—we will meet using zoom. To register contact [shalomsm@shaw.ca](mailto:shalomsm@shaw.ca) or call 705-254-4690. You can also complete the contact form at [www.shalomplace.ca](http://www.shalomplace.ca)

#### **North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource**

**Centre:** Appointments can be made to see clients/visitors by calling 475-9270. Along with guidance and support, did you know that we provide layettes to new moms and also have a baby clothes closet? Donations of diapers, wipes, baby wash, etc. & much more are appreciated. Please call to see what our requirements are. Looking for volunteers for different roles as well! Please call if you can help. If you would like to be part of our prayer ministry, email [judyproulx@icloud.com](mailto:judyproulx@icloud.com)



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

#### **Are You Being Called? Have Questions?**

**Call our Local Diocesan  
Vocation Director**

**Fr. Daniele Muscolino**

**705-495-1501**

