

Sunday, 25 December 2022 ~ The Nativity of the Lord

For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him  
shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



*Merry Christmas & Welcome to Your Father's House!*

### 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.*

**Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, D.D.**  
Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie



**Rev. Larry Rymes**  
Pastor of the Pro-Cathedral Parish

### PERMANENT MINISTERS

#### Deacons

Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi  
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago  
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin  
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenek

#### Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. Shirley Falconi  
Mrs. Norma Milligan  
Miss Ruth Godon

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

**Marriage:** Please pick up a Marriage Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.



**Anointing the Sick:** Please call the parish office for more information.

**Reconciliation:** 3:00 to 3:45 PM each Saturday.

**Eucharist:** Please see mass schedule published in this bulletin. Call the parish office to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the sick and shut-in who are unable to attend Mass.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Each Friday from 11:00 am until 12:00 noon.

**Baptism:** Please pick up a Baptism Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.



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.



**The Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's and will re-open on Tuesday, 03 January. Telephone and email messages will be checked periodically throughout this time.**

### Scripture Readings: 26 DEC—01 JAN

Monday	Acts 6. 8-10; 7. 54-59; Matthew 10. 17-22
Tuesday	1 John 1. 1-4; John 20. 2-8
Wednesday	1 John 1. 5—2.2; Matthew 2. 13-18
Thursday	1 John 2. 3-11; Luke 2. 22-35
Friday	Sirach 3. 2-6, 12-14; Matthew 2. 13-15, 19-23
Saturday	1 John 2. 18-21; John 1. 1-18
Sunday	Numbers 6. 22-27; Galatians 4. 4-7; Luke 2. 16-21

## New Year's Schedule



Saturday, 31 December

4:00 PM Mass



Sunday, 01 January

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

11:00 AM Masses

(9:00 AM Mass Cancelled)



January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - the oldest feast of Mary celebrated in the Catholic Church.

This is the day where we honour Mary in the Octave of **Christmas for saying "yes" to Gabriel at the Annunciation** to become the Mother of Jesus.

Weekday Masses  
are Held at 12:05 PM

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, 26 December - Feast of St. Stephen, Martyr**  
**No Celebration on Mondays**

**Tuesday, 27 December - Feast of St. John, Apostle/Evangelist**  
Zofia and Wiktor Nowicki - Margaret Sroga  
Denis Amo - Katherine Amo and Family  
Deceased and Living Members of Gerald Scully Family

**Wednesday, 28 December - Feast of The Holy Innocents**  
**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Arthur Georgeneau - Gerald Georgeneau  
For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner  
Intention of Pat Gallardi - Anne Marie Seguin

**Thursday, 29 December - Fifth Day within the Nativity Octave**  
Geraldine and Clarence Lefebvre - Carol Lefebvre and Family  
Intention of the Veraldi Family - Myrtle Veraldi  
Intention of the Pro-Cathedral Sacristans - Pat Anderson

**Friday, 30 Dec. - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
Megan Umer - Clifford and Margaret Riopelle  
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu  
Intention of Jennifer and Brent Conley - Anne Marie Seguin

**4:00 PM Saturday, 31 December - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Terry and Dolores O'Connor - Vicki Doucette

**Sunday, 01 Jan. - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**11:00 AM** Intention of the Parishioners - Rev. Larry Rymes

**(Reminder—the 9:00 AM Mass is Cancelled)**

Heavenly Father,  
May our Christmas season be  
A time of reconciliation and  
peace  
May the love of Christ be with us  
May His Peace surround us.

May our Christmas be a time  
Of healing, giving and sharing  
May Your spirit be with us  
As we share and care in Jesus'  
blessed birth,  
Amen!

## Thank you to our Volunteers

Thank you to our many volunteers here at the Pro-Cathedral. Our parish is so grateful for how you have served so sacrificially this past year.

Whether it's leading groups; shepherding children; serving coffee; setting up for Mass; playing music and singing; serving the Eucharist; reading; counting the collection; ushering; serving funeral lunches; or any one of the countless other (usually unseen) tasks that keep our community running, we are grateful!



**Thank you so much for all you do!**  
**Have a very merry Christmas.**

## COLLECTION REPORT: 18 December

### Sunday Offering

**\$5,722.35**

### Building Fund

**\$1,122.00**

### ROOF CAMPAIGN (Second Collection)

**\$3,865.00**

### ROOF CAMPAIGN (Weekly Total Collection)

**\$9,824.00**

Gold Envelopes are in the pews for our weekly second collection for Roof Campaign Donations



## Baptism Preparation

Our next meeting for parents will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, January 3 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Those who wish to register for this meeting to have their child baptized are asked to call the parish office by Monday, January 2.

*Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*



## Catholic Women's League

Wishing you a warm  
and blessed Christmas!

May you have the Spirit of Christmas, which is PEACE;  
the Gladness of Christmas, which is HOPE;  
the Heart of Christmas, which is LOVE!  
And may this Christmas fill your home with JOY and  
your life with LAUGHTER!

The Catholic Women's League, Pro-Cathedral Council

### CWL MEMBERSHIPS

You may pick up your Membership Cards in the CWL Box at the entrance back Pew, Algonquin Side. It is never too late to Renew! We invite those not yet members to consider joining - Your Voice Matters.

We understand that the annual fee of \$40 can be cost prohibitive for some people. Please contact Annette in strict confidence if the \$40 membership provides a difficulty for you. We don't want to lose you — your membership is important! Members, if you are in a position to financially sponsor a membership fee for someone else, please contact Annette at 495-3584.

Memberships purchased by December 31 will be entered into our **EARLY BIRD DRAW**, winner to be drawn at our first General Meeting of 2023, March 8.



## Getting Married in 2023?

A Marriage Preparation Program Weekend will be held on Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11 hosted at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. The weekend includes dynamic speakers, enriching exercises designed to promote dialogue and discussion amongst the couples, plus an opportunity to celebrate Mass.

Friday session: 6:30 PM—9:00 PM

Saturday session 9:30 AM—5:00 PM (Lunch Provided)

Interested couples are asked to contact Samantha Briggs at 705-471-3284 to register for this preparation.

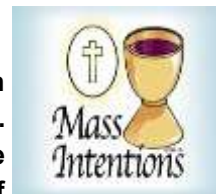
## Supporting our Priests

The priest in the North Bay Region are taking a course called Kick Start offered by Divine Renovations. The course helps develop a vision and the structures necessary for our priests to meet the needs of the Church today.

They are committed to doing this to better serve us.  
Would you like to help?

Join us on January 9 & 23 for one hour of prayer, intercession and adoration for our priests.  
Holy Name of Jesus Parish – 7:00 pm  
Come and bless your priest!

## OFFERING A MASS



Offering Mass intentions is a tradition of prayer, support, and community. You may request a mass for someone who is deceased; for the intentions of someone who is living; for those who are sick and suffering who need prayers; or in celebration of a special occasion. Contact the parish office if you would like to book a mass. Mass Stipends are \$15.00



The celebration of First Reconciliation will be held in March 2023 and First Eucharist will be held in June 2023.

Please pre-register your child now and correspondence will be sent to you at a later date regarding preparation gatherings. The on-line registration form can be found on our website under SACRAMENTS under both Eucharist & Reconciliation. The forms have the option to register for one or both of the sacraments and once completed, they can be emailed to: office@procathedral.ca

Children who have already celebrated Baptism are invited to participate in Reconciliation and Children who have received Baptism & First Reconciliation can register for First Eucharist.

As with all of our sacraments for children, the preparation process takes place “in the midst of the community” especially when it gathers at the Sunday assembly throughout the year. Children preparing for the reception of the sacraments are invited to participate in the Sunday Celebration of the Word with Children at the 9:00 AM Mass.

### Preparation Dates—All Gatherings in Parish Hall Sacrament Celebrations in Church

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation AND 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Meeting

Welcome Meeting Sunday, 22 January 10:00 AM

Meet and greet for all children celebrating either one (or both!) of these sacraments will be held.

#### First Reconciliation Preparation Dates

Gathering One	Thursday, 02 February	6:15 PM
Gathering Two	Thursday, 23 February	6:15 PM
Rehearsal	Sunday, 05 March	10:00 AM
<b>Celebration</b>	<b>Wednesday, 08 March</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

#### First Eucharist Preparation Dates

Gathering One	Wednesday, 10 May	6:15 PM
Gathering Two	Wednesday, 24 May	6:15 PM
Rehearsal	Sunday, 04 June	10:00 AM
<b>Celebration</b>	<b>Sunday, 11 June</b>	<b>9 or 11 AM Mass</b>

Please register soon so we will know you are preparing for your sacraments next year!

Fr. Petro Bodnar, Pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Sudbury will celebrate the **Christmas Divine Liturgy (Mass) on the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**, in Ukrainian/English on **Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Pro-Cathedral**. Come and pray for Ukraine! Everyone is welcome!

**Catholic Young Adults (Aged 18-35):** Meet other Catholic Young Adults looking to deepen faith, grow in relationship with Jesus, and make some Catholic friends. To receive updates on events that are planned, email [youngadultsnb@ssmd.ca](mailto:youngadultsnb@ssmd.ca) to get on the mailing list. Facebook and Instagram @youngadultsnb

**EDGE for students in grades 6, 7 & 8—Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 PM:** Students are welcome to join us for games, music, prayer, friends and faith at Holy Name of Jesus Church. [www.holynamestalphonesus.com/edge](http://www.holynamestalphonesus.com/edge)

**OVER THE EDGE for students in high school grades 9-12—Thursdays at Holy Name from 8:00 –9:30 PM.** Come to support one another in growing as young people who know and love our faith in Jesus. Nights include games, talks, prayer and socializing. Now more than ever, we need good friends to support our faith journey in life! [www.holynamestalphonesus.com/overtheedge](http://www.holynamestalphonesus.com/overtheedge)

**North Bay Pregnancy Help Resource Center:** We have a **Prayer Team** who are vital to this ministry—you are welcome to join! For more information contact Judy at [judynebphrc@gmail.com](mailto:judynebphrc@gmail.com) or call 475-9270.

**Family Enrichment Program**, a targeted resource program for parents and their children age birth to four is looking for volunteers. For more information on how you can help, call 472-2152

## CREATING A COMMUNITY

## WHY REGISTER?

PARTICIPATE \* BUILD UP \* CONTRIBUTE \* SHARE

**Parish life is about our experience of God in community. To create the community, the first step is getting to know one another. If you haven't yet registered, why not take a few minutes and complete the short registration form below? You can also complete the registration pamphlet found at the center church doors. Drop either form into the collection basket or to the office directly.**

### 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



I wish to donate using: Contribution Envelopes

VISA/MasterCard

Pre-Authorized Bank Donations

**St. Francis Table Community Meal:** Third Saturday of every month at Holy Name Church from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. All are welcome for free food and friendship. Call 495-1501 for more information.

**Regional Eucharistic Adoration** Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Holy Name. **We need adorers—can you help?** Please call Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.

**North Bay Right to Life Collects returnable bottles and cans—**drop off at 1498 Pinegrove Crescent under the carport. Thank you!

### Good Samaritan Corner

**The Gathering Place has, once again, stepped up to run a warming centre** over the winter months in North Bay. The warming centre will be run out of the at the Northern Pines transitional housing location on Chippewa Street from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting the first week in January.



**They are looking for volunteers.** The volunteers would be responsible for assisting with various administration duties (COVID screeners, referrals, and general support). There will be two shifts: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The facility will have two security guards, three staff and one volunteer per shift. Safety and first aid training will be provided.

For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bryan Eade at 705-358-9639 or at [bryaneade@gmail.com](mailto:bryaneade@gmail.com)

The City of North Bay will be home to three warming centres:

- 1) The Gathering Place is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will extend hours during extreme cold weather days.
- 2) The transit terminal on Oak Street offers another space available to anyone during the day from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekends.
- 3) Northern Pines transitional housing location on Chippewa Street from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting the first week in January 2023.

On behalf of the members of the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay, we wish you all a healthy, happy and blessed holiday season and a warm and safe New Year!

**For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/> or contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687 or at [compassionnorthbay@gmail.com](mailto:compassionnorthbay@gmail.com)**