

# MARY

*Mother of God*

Sunday  
01 January  
2023

Welcome  
to Your Father's House!



## Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

### 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.



### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday to Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 AM to 4:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON</b>

### Scripture Readings: 02 ~ 08 January

Monday	1 John 2. 22-28; John 1. 19-28
Tuesday	1 John 2. 29; 3. 1-6; John 1. 29-34
Wednesday	1 John 3. 7-10; John 1. 35-42
Thursday	1 John 3. 11-21; John 1. 43-51
Friday	1 John 5. 5-13; Mark 1. 4-5, 7-11
Saturday	1 John 5. 14-21; John 2. 1-12
Sunday	Isaiah 60. 1-6; Ephesians 3. 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2. 1-12



## 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.*



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!**

Weekday Masses  
are Held at 12:05 PM

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday, 02 Jan. - St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen**  
**No Celebration on Mondays**

**Tuesday, 03 January - Weekday in the Christmas Season**  
Barbara Reid - Frank and Ann Sherry  
Paul Smith - Robert and Judy

**Wednesday, 04 January - Weekday in the Christmas Season**  
**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

For a Special Intention - John and Carol Rowe  
Intention of the Veraldi Family - Myrtle Veraldi

**Thursday, 05 January - Weekday in the Christmas Season**  
Harry and Lottie Manary - Robert and Judy  
Intention of John Ireland - Richard Levesque

**Friday, 06 January - Weekday in the Christmas Season**  
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle  
Bob Brown - Sharon and Family  
Intention of Karen Beaulieu - Celine Meyer

**4:00 PM Saturday, 07 January - The Epiphany of the Lord**

Min Delguidice - Joe and Louise Defonzo  
Wendy Raycraft - Emilia and Michelle  
Manuel Lopez - The Lopez Family

**Sunday, 08 January - The Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00 AM Leo Morrissette - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic School Bld  
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

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



### Christmas Memorial Decorations

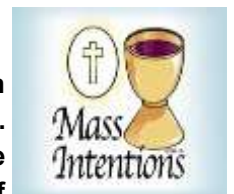
With the memorial donations received, we were able to decorate the church for the Christmas Season. The Christmas masses were offered in remembrance of all those whose names were received. *With apology, we neglected to publish the following:*

**Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.**

*Relatives of Rick and Jeannette Hamelin*

### 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



**Christmas and New Year's Collections**  
will be reported next week.



## Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

*In the reading from Numbers, God gives Moses the blessing that Aaron and his sons are to use in blessing the Israelites. The reading from Galatians reveals how God sent his Son to be born of a woman so that we might all be children of God. In the Gospel, shepherds arrive in Bethlehem after being told by an angel that a Savior has been born. Today, the Church honors the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was chosen by God the Father to be the mother of his Son. As Jesus was both fully human and divine, the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (CCC 495). So may we join together this day in adoring Mary, who is the Mother of God and our spiritual mother.*

## Sunday Liturgy Each Sunday With Children 9 AM Mass

Sunday Liturgy With Children is held every Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass from September until June for all children ages 4-12 years old. The focus of each group is to incorporate a variety of experiences that appeal to a young child's natural sense of wonder about God.



Children are welcome to start at anytime of the year, however, September is the appropriate time because there is a progression to their experiences and time is spent introducing the children to the Celebration of God's Word.



## Catholic Women's League

### 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.

**"For nothing will be impossible with God."**

**(Luke 1: 37)**



## Funeral Volunteers

Here at the Cathedral we have a wonderful service offered by a group of volunteers. It is a great help to the family of the deceased person, removing the stress of having to feed the friends and family who have come to help them grieve and bury a loved one.

**This ministry is open to anyone in the parish, men or women, who would like to help.**

Of course there is no way to determine the frequency of working. Sometimes there are two funerals in a week and then you may go for two months without one. You are not obligated to join a team. You can be on the spare list and could be called by any one of the four teams to help. Any way you can help would be welcomed. Please consider joining this very worthwhile group of volunteers. If you wish to be a spare, that's fine too. For further information contact Shirlene Condie-McVeigh at 493-0718.

## 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!**



## Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Today's readings remind us of the central role Mary plays in the story of Jesus and the story of our salvation. We may be tempted to place her on a pedestal – as well we should – she is the Mother of God! At the same time, today's Gospel reminds us she is not divine herself, but human – and she bore the incarnate flesh of the Son of God in his divine and human nature. She went through the sleepless nights and the uncertainties of parenting in all its stages. She learned early on what it takes many of us a lifetime to learn – often in fits and starts – absolute trust in God. As we celebrate this solemnity, we can bring our uncertainties, fears, and struggles to Mary our mother, asking for the grace to follow her faithful example.

Mary's reaction to the visit of the shepherds may strike us profoundly. The shepherds pay homage to Jesus and spread the word that God's Son has been born. Mary, Luke writes, "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." As we move into a new year, so rich with possibility, we might follow Mary's example and reflect before jumping headlong into this or that goal or New Year's resolution. Instead, perhaps we can take the day – or a week or a month – to prayerfully reflect on how we can best put our faith in Jesus into action. How can we witness to our faith in our daily lives? What changes might help us do that? We can ask God to help us draw up a list of ways that we can be more faithful to him.

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.holynamestalphonusus.com/edge](http://www.holynamestalphonusus.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.holynamestalphonusus.com/overtheedge](http://www.holynamestalphonusus.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 [judybnbphrc@gmail.com](mailto:judybnbphrc@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

**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)**

For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat;  
**I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink."**

