

01 December  
2024

First Sunday  
of Advent

# PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 2Z4

## Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, Jeremiah prophesies the coming of a promised messiah for the house of Israel and Judah. Saint Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to conduct themselves in a way pleasing to God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples to stay vigilant and be prepared for the day when they will see the Son of Man *coming in a cloud with power and great glory*. Advent is a season of preparation. It is easy to lose Advent in the swirl of Christmas lights and decorations. In this time of anticipation as we consider Christ's incarnation – his coming in the flesh – we also await his return in glory. Be ready: *stand erect and raise your heads*. Prepare your hearts to receive him. Don't miss the grace of Advent.

### 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 Westenlenk

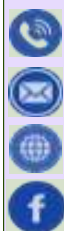
#### Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. Shirley Falconi  
Mrs. Norma Milligan  
Miss Ruth Godon

### IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools

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 Noon.

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

Monday to Thursday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

### READINGS: 02 ~ 08 DECEMBER

Monday	Isaiah 2. 1-5; Matthew 8. 5-11, 13
Tuesday	Isaiah 11. 1-10; Luke 10. 21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25. 6-10a; Matthew 15. 29-37
Thursday	<b>Isaiah 26. 1-6; Matthew 7. 21, 24-27</b>
Friday	Isaiah 29. 17-24; Matthew 9. 27-31
Saturday	Is. 30. 19-21, 23-26; Mt. 9. 35-10. 1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Baruch 5. 1-9; Philippians 1. 3-6, 8-11; Luke 3. 1-6

**What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week**  
**Monday to Sunday, 02 - 08 December**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Hall	Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Hall	CWL Christmas Dinner
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:20 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy

**Prepare Your Hearts**  
**Prepare the Way of the Lord**  
**Advent Sacrament of Confession**

**St. Peter the Apostle Church**  
**Tuesday, 10 December - 10 AM to 8 PM**

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas,  
take this opportunity to encounter God's mercy  
through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Dear Parishioners,

Boxed collection envelopes will be out  
in the church next weekend for those  
who wish to donate in this manner.

Please  
Consider

This year, we ask that you please consider donating  
through pre-authorized credit card or banking  
donations which helps us with our financial planning  
as it is a steady stream of revenue even when you  
can't attend Mass.

For your convenience, we have included forms in this  
weekend's bulletin to make it easy for you to sign up  
to donate using one of these two methods.

Thank you as always for your generous hearts!

**Sunday Collection - 24 November**

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
<b>\$3,080.25</b>	<b>\$4,197.76</b>

**ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 24 November 2024**

Roof Campaign Balance	\$158,093.44
<b><u>Sunday, 24 November Collection</u></b>	
Roof Loose	\$630.55
32 Receipted Donations	\$1,444.35
Orchard Gift Card Sales	<b>\$50.00</b>
10 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	<b>Profit to Date: \$3,310.00</b>
<b>NEW CAMPAIGN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$160,218.34</b>

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, 03 December: St. Francis Xavier, Priest - 12:05 PM**

Alison Milne - Karen-Anne McArthur and Family  
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

**Wednesday, 04 December: Weekday in Advent Season - 12:05 PM**

Intention of Mike Boudreau - Sue Boudreau and Family  
Int. of Living and Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League

**Thursday, 05 December: Weekday in Advent Season - 12:05 PM**

Intention of Doreen Primeau - Mary Lou Smith  
Intention of Sandra Truchon - Richard Levesque

**Friday, 06 December: Weekday in Ordinary Time - 12:05 PM**

Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle  
For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner  
In Memory of Rose - Johnson

**Saturday, 07 December: Second Sunday of Advent - 4:00 PM**

William Hogan - Margaret Anne Lafontaine  
Jean-Paul Ferlisi - A Parishioner

**Sunday, 08 December: Second Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 AM** Joseph Slattery - The Slattery Family  
Rolande Poulin - Henriette and Simone Potvin

**11:00 AM** Pauline and Donald Parks - Peter and Denyse Parks & Family  
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the  
Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, December 10 beginning  
at 6:30 PM. Call the parish office on Monday if you  
are not already registered. *Baptism Preparation is  
mandatory by Diocesan policy.*



**Help bring a smile to a  
Child this Christmas!**

This Advent, in partnership  
with one of our parish  
schools, Mother St. Bride,  
we are helping assist some

families with Christmas.

A Giving Tree with ornaments provided by the school  
will be in the church until December 15 with a  
requested purchase item on the reverse. If you can  
help, please pick an ornament from the tree and  
purchase the item listed on the reverse.

*All items should be new and returned to the parish  
office unwrapped with the ornament by December 16.*

**If you are unable to assist  
with gifts, please pray for  
the intention of the families  
who we are assisting.**



Please—no army/war themed items (toy hand guns, etc.)

## Pro-Cathedral Catholic Women's League Christmas Dinner Gathering

### **LAST OPPORTUNITY TO BUY YOUR TICKET!**

Our Pro-Cathedral Council invites you to our  
**CHRISTMAS DINNER GATHERING**  
**THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
**5:30 PM in the Parish Hall**

Dinner Tickets are \$10.00 per person.

**Yes, only \$10.00 per person!**  
**And there will be entertainment!**

**Sunday, December 1 is  
the Deadline to Purchase**

so call the following as soon  
as possible!:

Mary-Lynn Truchon at 705-474-3082 or Annette  
Dutrisac at 705-495-3584.

Tickets will also be sold this Sunday, 30 November-  
01 December (cash or cheque please).

**Guaranteed great food, fun, entertainment and  
celebration of our faith and sisterhood.**



## Respect for Life Mass



Our Respect for Life Mass celebrates the  
sanctity and dignity of each human life  
from conception to natural death.  
This mass is celebrated December 12 on  
the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and  
everyone is invited to this special mass followed by a  
reception.



**Everyone  
Welcome!**

**Pro-Cathedral  
of the Assumption  
12:05 Mass  
Thursday  
12 December**



**AT OUR  
CHRISTMAS  
MASSES**



A Secret Santa has generously  
offered to Match the Roof  
Loose Collection at our  
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
collections up to \$2,000.

**The challenge is to match the loose collection  
only - not donations for which people receive  
credit for so please be generous when donating  
to the Roof Loose Collection at Christmas.  
Thank you for your generosity!**

## Advent Week 1 ~ Prayer

*Light one candle on your advent wreath  
and sit for a moment in silence.*



*Prayer: Father in heaven, our hearts  
desire the warmth of your love and our minds are  
searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing  
for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in  
love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in  
his presence and welcoming the light of his truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.*



The Knights of Columbus, Council 1007,  
serves The Pro-Cathedral, St. Peter's  
Church, and St. Alphonsus's Church.  
We meet on the first Wednesday of each  
month at 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church.

As Knights, we perform acts of charity through our  
physical works and financial contributions to the Church  
and community.

If you would like to make a difference in your parish, by  
becoming a Knight, please email David Dunkley at:  
[ddunkley@gmail.com](mailto:ddunkley@gmail.com)



## Christmas Memorial Flowers & Decorations

A beautiful way to remember loved ones  
during this holy season is to donate memorial flowers and  
decorations in their memory. Your donation will help  
decorate the altar and sanctuary during the  
Christmas Season. Pre-printed envelopes are available  
for your donation at the entrance to the church. Please  
fill out the requested information as neat as possible  
(printing would be best!). Include your donation and  
return the envelope to the office or in the weekly  
collection. **Please have your names to the parish  
office by Monday, December 16.**

**Remember your loved ones this Christmas  
and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for  
this beautiful season!**



This year's Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference hosted by the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie is taking place **Saturday, February 22, 2025 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay.**



This event is open to all young people **aged 13-19** who will gather for a day of prayer led by International Catholic Speaker, Singer, Comedian and Social Media Icon **Paul J. Kim**. The day will also include time for socializing, recreation, personal reflection, prayer and reconciliation. This year's theme is **"AWAKEN – Live for More"** giving young people the chance to reflect on making Christ-centered choices in their life within the challenges of today's world.

**For details & registration, visit: [www.northerncatholic.ca](http://www.northerncatholic.ca)**

**In this special Jubilee Year, we will sponsor youth from REGISTERED FAMILIES OF THE PRO-CATHEDRAL. In order for us to take advantage of the early registration discount you must register by January 17, 2025.**

**Parents/Guardians: Contact the parish office soon to ensure you are registered as your child's registration fee will only be paid if you are a practising and registered family with the Pro-Cathedral Parish.**



**The Pro-Cathedral Prayer Line consists of 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**

**Call Lorraine or Sister Shirley if you would like to join our Prayer line and help pray for others.**

### The Good Samaritan Corner

For those who could not attend the information session held on Wednesday, November 20 at Trinity United Church entitled: **"What you need to know about helping people who are experiencing homelessness"**.

You can now watch the session on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/s6YEqrjH7Y?si=lzdTX-Yb6EDSNcv8>

Recently, our committee held its fourth annual **Winter Boot Campaign**. Thank you to the community of North Bay for your generosity and compassion as you donated beautifully knitted hats and scarves, new socks, hats, mitts and scarves, and sponsored winter boots. It isn't too late to sponsor winter boots! You can e-transfer us at [CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com](mailto:CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com)



For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless contact Leah Pierce at [compassionnorthbay@gmail.com](mailto:compassionnorthbay@gmail.com) or 705-472-5687 or <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/>

**The Rotary Club of North Bay recently honoured parishioner, Leo Deloyde "for his invaluable volunteerism with the North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre."**



The Unsung Hero Service Award honours deserving individuals, nominated by community members which exemplify the Rotary's motto "Service Above Self."

"Leo, was recognized for his involvement with the North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, going above and beyond what is expected. Over the past five years, Leo has dedicated countless hours of his time and experience as an urban planning professional, playing a key role in the concept, development and project management of Suswin House, North Bay's first major response to the homelessness crisis. A 30-unit transitional housing building, Suswin House delivers wraparound services for homeless Indigenous men, who comprise an estimated 44 per cent of the city's homeless population."

*(Excerpt from Bay Today Article by writer, Chris Dawson)*

For the full story, visit: [baytoday.ca](http://baytoday.ca) and search for "unsung heroes".

### \$25 Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards

**On Sale at all Masses until Christmas**

**These make great gifts and stocking stuffers!**

**What a treat for your loved ones.**



### Ministers of the Eucharist for Home Visitation

The Pro-Cathedral parish is committed to making sure that an encounter with the parish is an encounter with Christ. There are those who find themselves unable to attend Mass who can no longer gather to celebrate for the Eucharist. Ministers are called to be instruments of Christ's presence to them by bringing the Eucharist to their home



If you are interested in serving in this ministry to bring communion to those at home, we would love to speak with you. Please call the parish office for more information.

**Religious Christmas Cards:** North bay Right to Life has religious Christmas cards for sale. Each package has 10 cards. One package \$8.00 three packages \$20.00 To purchase call Lori 705 498-2241.

The next **Young Adult Social** is on December 6 at 7pm at Holy Name. Join us for a nice meal, a discussion on Advent and St Nicolas. Christmas theme mini games snacks and fellowship too!

**The Edge (Grades 6,7,8) at 6:30 PM and Over the Edge (Students Grades 9-12) at 8:00 PM** meet each Thursday night at Holy Name. each of our Youth Sessions includes time for prayer, games, socializing and getting to know Jesus more! All are welcome no matter what school or church you attend! For more information, visit [www.holynamestalphonsus.com](http://www.holynamestalphonsus.com)