

15 December  
2024

Third 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, Zephaniah foretells the restoration of Jerusalem when the King of Israel, the Lord, will be in their midst. Paul instructs the Philippians to rejoice in the Lord always, for *the Lord is near*. In the Gospel, John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus by baptizing and preaching the Good News. According to the prophet Zephaniah, the Lord rejoices – yes *rejoices* – over us in gladness, and Saint Paul says to have *no anxiety at all*. If we trust in the unconditional love God has for us, our hearts and minds will know the true peace that only he can give.

### 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: 16 - 22 DECEMBER

Monday	Numbers 24. 2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21. 23-27
Tuesday	Genesis 49. 2, 8-10; Matthew 1. 1-17
Wednesday	Jeremiah 23. 5-8; Matthew 1. 18-24
Thursday	<b>Judges 13. 2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1. 5-25</b>
Friday	Isaiah 7. 10-14; 8. 10d; Luke 1. 26-38
Saturday	Zephaniah 3. 14-18a; Luke 1. 39-45
Sunday	Micah 5. 2-5a; Hebrews 10. 5-10; Luke 1. 39-45

**What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week**  
**Monday to Sunday, 16 - 22 December**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Wednesday	1:30 PM	Church	SJ-SH Student Mass
Thursday	9:30 AM	Church	MSB-St. Alexander School Mass
	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	6:00 PM	Church	Ukrainian Mass—All Welcome
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy
	12:15 PM	Church	Baptism Celebrations

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, 24 December  
 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM

Christmas Day, 25 December  
 11:00 AM

## Website Donations November

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
<b>714.00</b>	<b>65.00</b>	<b>130.00</b>

## Credit Card Donations Nov & Dec

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
<b>\$7,291.00</b>	<b>\$2,842.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>

## Pre-Authorized Bank Donations November

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
<b>\$7,081.00</b>	<b>\$1,830.00</b>	<b>\$570.00</b>

## Sunday Collection - 08 December

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
<b>\$2,845.60</b>	<b>\$641.00</b>

## ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 08 December 2024

Roof Campaign Balance	\$162,164.18
<b>Sunday, 08 December Collection</b>	
Roof Loose	\$507.30
28 Receipted Donations	\$2,876.02
<b>Catholic Women's League Donation</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Orchard Gift Card Sales	<b>\$310.00</b>
62 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	<b>Profit to Date: \$3,995.00</b>
Twiggs Gift Card Sales	\$155.00
31 Card X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$385.00
<b>NEW CAMPAIGN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$167,962.50</b>

# MASS SCHEDULE

## Tuesday, 17 December: Weekday in Advent Season - 12:05 PM

Frances Agius - John Agius  
 Dianne Ross - The Family  
 Intention of Elspeth Atkinson - The Potluck Gang

## Wednesday, 18 December: Weekday in Advent Season - 12:05 PM

Dan Laplante - Pat Dinnes  
 Paul Smith - Jessica Costa  
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

## Thursday, 19 December: Weekday in Advent Season - 12:05 PM

Jeanne Hodgins - Philip Paquette  
 Lois Wishak - The Family  
 Intention of the Sacristans - Patricia Anderson

## Friday, 20 December: Weekday in Ordinary Time - 12:05 PM

Bill Balfour - Mary Ellen Balfour and Family  
 Solange Foucher - Mary Lou Smith  
 Memory of J. Rose - Johnson

## Saturday, 21 December: Third Sunday of Advent - 4:00 PM

Lloyd Voisin - The Voisin Family  
 Claudette St. Louis - Carole Valade and Family  
 In Thanksgiving - A Parishioner

## Sunday, 22 December: Third Sunday of Advent

**9:00 AM** Maria Spina - Maria Gosselin  
 Iris Vendetti - Nadine & Paul Condon, Terry & Denyse Vendetti  
 Tom and Helen Deacon - Mary-Ellen Balfour

**11:00 AM** Simon Boulanger - The Family  
 Intention of Tom Killoran - Karen-Anne and Family  
 Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

Thank you to our Catholic Women's  
 League, Pro-Cathedral Council members  
 for their donation of \$500 to the Roof  
 Campaign which was presented to Father  
 Larry at the CWL Christmas Dinner.  
 We appreciate your generosity to the parish!



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!**



**Winner of the NOVEMBER 2024 Draw  
of \$207.06**

**is JAMES FAVA (Ticket #D-1128)**

**Congratulations!**

Raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay, Ontario under License #RAF1438966. Each draw is generated by computer and the winner is chosen randomly. Rafflebox is a government regulated raffle provider.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT!**



Find out more about The Ordinary Jubilee Year in 2025 at our website at <https://procathedral.ca>

You will find links to our Bishop's Pastoral Letter "Entering into Hope", to "A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Program of Life" webinars, & More!

All things Jubilee on our website — check it out under the GREEN JUBILEE button on the home page - upper right.

**REMINDER:** To the children who attend the Children's Liturgy Program — if you didn't bring your Generosity Jar this weekend, please return it next Sunday. Thank you!



Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

**SYRO-MALABAR MASS**

**THIS SUNDAY, 15 December at 4:30 PM  
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**A time for Confessions before & after Mass**

A huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their recent donation of \$2,000 to our Catholic Charities Food Bank.



Financial supports allow for the purchase of much needed items that are not regularly donated.



## **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!**



**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: [ddunklev@gmail.com](mailto:ddunklev@gmail.com)**

## **\$25 Twigg's 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.**



## **Advent Week 3 ~ Prayer**

***Light three candles on your advent wreath  
and sit for a moment in silence.***



***Prayer:*** Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

**There are still Sunday Missals  
available for purchase  
in Sacristy - \$5.00 Each**





## FIRST GATHERING coming up January 26

The celebration of First Reconciliation will be held March 26, 2025 and First Communion will be held on June 1, 2025.

**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 and 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](mailto:office@procathedral.ca)

Children who have already celebrated Baptism are welcome to register. To register for First Communion, children should be baptized and have already celebrated First Confession.

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> Communion Meeting

**Welcome Meeting Sunday, 26 January 10:00 AM**

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

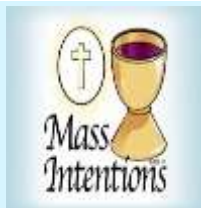
#### First Reconciliation Preparation Dates

Gathering One	Thursday, 12 February	6:15 PM
Gathering Two	Thursday, 26 February	6:15 PM
Rehearsal	Sunday, 23 March	10:00 AM
Celebration	Wednesday, 26 March	6:15 PM

#### First Eucharist Preparation Dates

Gathering One	Wednesday, 30 April	6:15 PM
Gathering Two	Wednesday, 14 May	6:15 PM
Rehearsal	Sunday, 25 May	10:00 AM
Celebration	Sunday, 01 June	9 or 11 AM 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 to book a mass. A Mass Stipend is \$15.00 and an income tax receipt is provided.**



**Have you moved? Have you changed your land line to a cell phone number? Do you have an email address now if you never had one or changed an email address recently? Help update your records by calling or emailing the parish office. Thank you!**

**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.

**Information Night at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School** on Wednesday, January 15. See what makes SJSH the school for you and your child(ren)! Tour the halls, speak with teachers and staff, and be entertained by their acclaimed Musical Theatre program, all while learning about their dynamic school programming. Discover what being an SJSH Bear is all about! Visit [sjsh.npsc.ca](http://sjsh.npsc.ca) for more details and to register!

**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)

**Young Women's Bible Study:** Enjoy faith and friendship within a group of women who are striving with you to learn and grow in relationship with Jesus and each other. Study, pray and visit with us on Thursday evenings from 6:45pm-9:00pm. Call or text Annabelle if you have questions or are interested in attending, at 705-303-5027.

**Christmas Day Dinner on December 25:** If you are interested in volunteering or if you have questions, all contact must be made through this email: [nbchristmasdinner@gmail.com](mailto:nbchristmasdinner@gmail.com)

### North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre

**Support available for women experiencing unexpected pregnancy - providing a safe place to make an informed decision. For support or to make a donation please call 705-475-9270 or email [nbphrc@hotmail.com](mailto:nbphrc@hotmail.com)**

### The Good Samaritan Corner

Winter weather is upon us! People experiencing homelessness are desperate no matter the season, however, cold temperatures can be especially difficult, contributing to hyperthermia and frostbite. Here is what you can do if you see someone experiencing homelessness in the cold:

- 1) Save a life – call 9-1-1
- 2) Buy them something hot to eat or drink
- 3) Make a handout care package – fruit, oatmeal packets, granola bars, pre-packaged cookies, pre-packaged cheese and crackers, packaged chocolates, warm socks and gloves, gift cards to a local grocery store, lip balm, a handwritten note with a message of kindness
- 4) Donate to a charity that supports people experiencing homelessness including local churches.



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/>