

29 December 2024

Feast of the Holy Family

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In today's first reading, Sirach writes of the proper relationship between parents and children. In the second reading, Paul instructs the community on how to conduct themselves as *God's chosen ones, holy and beloved*. In the Gospel, Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem as Mary and Joseph made their way home. They found him in the temple, and he said: *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?* Our readings today point to the importance of reverencing one another with respect and charity. We are to honor our parents and *let the peace of Christ control [our] hearts*. We are to *put on love* and strive always to live with gratitude.

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 Westenenk

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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Our usher ministry is an essential component of church hospitality.

They help to provide a welcoming atmosphere, creating a positive impression of our church and a sense of community for those who gather to worship.

We are in great need for new people to join this ministry!

Ushers assist by running the elevator, handing out literature, providing a warm welcome to visitors, direct people for communion, assist with seating and guide visitors. Ushers are a vital part of the church community ensuring that everyone who attends the Pro-Cathedral feels welcomed and at home.

If this sounds like something you can help us out with, we hope to hear from you soon.

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

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	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON
Wednesday	OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

READINGS: 30 DEC - 05 JAN	
Monday	1 John 2. 12-17; Luke 2. 36-40
Tuesday	1 John 2. 18-21; John 1. 1-18
Wednesday	Numbers 6. 22-27; Galatians 4. 4-7; Luke 2. 16-21
Thursday	1 John 2. 22-28; John 1. 19-28
Friday	1 John 2. 29—3. 1-6; John 1. 29-34
Saturday	1 John 3. 7-10; John 1. 35-42
Sunday	Isaiah 60. 1-6; Ephesians 3. 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2. 1-12

First Communion & Reconciliation

FIRST GATHERING coming up January 26

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation AND 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Meeting

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

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

Please pre-register by visiting our website at: <https://procathedral.ca> - under SACRAMENTS to complete the registration form and return by email to: [office@procathedral.ca](mailto:office@procathedral.ca)

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week Monday to Sunday, 30 December—05 January			
Date	Time	Location	Event
Thursday	10:00 AM	Church	Funeral: Florence Magalhaes
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word

Behold a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name

**Immanuel**

Good Shepherd Regional Atrium  
Annual Atrium Blessing and Social

Date: Saturday, 11 January 2025  
Time: 10:30 AM—11:30 AM (Doors open at 10:20 AM)  
Location: Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall Entrance

**All are Welcome!**

Bring your left-over Christmas foods & canned goods for our parish Catholic Charities Food Bank.



**PURCHASE BEFORE MIDNIGHT 31 DECEMBER**

**OUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP!**


**50/50 RAFFLE**

**To Purchase DECEMBER Tickets**

**VISIT:**  
**www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral**  
License #RAF1438966



Sunday Collection - 22 December	
Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$5,032.65	\$1,037.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 22 December 2024	
Roof Campaign Balance	\$182,860.51
<b>Sunday, 22 December Collection</b>	
Roof Loose	\$603.55
35 Receipted Donations	\$1,543.85
Purdys Christmas Chocolate Profit	<b>\$737.61</b>
Children's Liturgy Giving Jars	<b>\$22.00</b>
Special Donation: The Stockfish Foundation	<b>\$20,000</b>
Orchard Gift Card Sales 58 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	<b>\$290.00</b> <b>Profit to Date: \$4,425.00</b>
Twiggs Gift Card Sales 27 Card X \$5.00 Profit	\$135.00 Profit to Date: \$525.00
 CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$206,192.52
<b>YOU DID IT! With your tremendous support over the year, we have reached our 2024 goal of raising \$200,000! THANK YOU!</b>	

A tremendous amount of gratitude and thanks to The Stockfish Foundation for their very generous donation of \$20,000 to our Roof Campaign. This special donation was made in memory of their dearly loved family members, Dr. Karen Morris and George Stockfish. We are grateful for the support that the foundation has provided to our campaign.


# Mass Schedule

**Tuesday, 31 December: Weekday in Christmas Octave - 12:05 PM**  
Intention of Robert Manary - Jessica and Pedro Costa  
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu  
Bill Demarco - Darlene Truchon

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**Wednesday, 01 January 2025**  
**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
**11:00 AM Mass**

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is 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. It is a Day of Obligation in Canada as are all Sundays. *The 12:05 PM Mass is cancelled today.*




**Thursday, 02 January: Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**  
Frances Agius - John Agius  
Dan Laplante - Vince and Helen Zappala

**Friday, 03 January: Weekday in the Christmas Season - 12:05 PM**  
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle  
Aurel Boudreau - Jessica Costa  
Intention of Margaret Sroga - Richard Levesque

**Saturday, 04 January: Epiphany of the Lord - 4:00 PM**  
Intention of Mike Boudreau - Sue Boudreau and Family

**Sunday, 05 January: Epiphany of the Lord**  
**9:00 AM** Jack and Iris Vendetti - Paul and Nadine Condon and Terry and Denyse Vendetti

**11:00 AM** Grace Boudreau - Jessica Costa  
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



### Feast of the Holy Family

The Church is the place where we learn, as the Apostle Paul reminded the Colossian Christians, to "put on love, that is, the bond of perfection". (Col. 3:14) The Gospel of the Liturgy is taken from the presentation of Jesus in the temple account in St. Luke and the beautiful canticle of Zechariah. (Luke 2:22-40) However, upon leaving the temple to return to Nazareth, we read these words: *"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."*

The Holy Family is an icon of the domestic Church, which is called to pray together. The family is the first school of prayer where, from their infancy, children learn to perceive God thanks to the teaching and example of their parents. The Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, became one of us. He was born into a human family. That was neither accidental nor incidental. He teaches us how to live in His presence.

In our life within the Christian family Jesus Christ is truly present. However, we need the eyes to see Him at work, the ears to hear His instruction and the hearts to make a place for Him to dwell. Every moment of his time among us; from his conception, throughout His saving life, death and resurrection, Jesus was saving, redeeming, and re-creating the world. Making all things new. The Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary is not only our model, it is the beginning of the new family of the Church. We are invited today to imitate the Holy Family. To learn to love, pray and grow in holiness. To forgive one another. To put on love, that is, the bond of perfection as shown to us by the first Christian Family.

Thank you to the children from our Liturgy of the Word with Children program who donated in their Giving Jars through Advent. They did some pretty good things over the season earning funds for the Roof Campaign.

Here are a few: *“Helped Mom make supper; Helped Magnus put his clothes away; Took my vitamins; Acted as good hosts; Helped make beds; Helped brother put his toys away; Helped do dishes; Helped shovel the driveway; Made a Christmas donation to a charity; Held the door for my family; and Helped Mom make cookies.”*

Thank you to these special members of our parish!

