

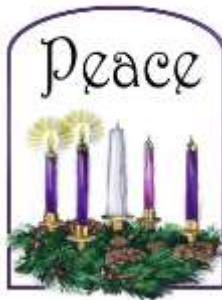
08 December
2024

Second Sunday
of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The first reading offers a vision of Jerusalem restored, proclaiming a day when mountains will be made low and God will lead Israel in joy. In the second reading, Paul says that the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it. In the Gospel, the word of God comes to John the Baptist who proclaims the words of Isaiah crying out in the desert. When the path to salvation appears rocky, we can be assured that God will lower mountains and level depths to lead the faithful into his glory. This holy season, we rejoice to be remembered by God because he draws near and unites himself to us through Emmanuel – God with us

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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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: 09 - 15 DECEMBER

Monday	Isaiah 35. 1-10; Luke 5. 17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40. 1-11; Matthew 18. 12-14
Wednesday	Genesis 3. 9-15, 20; Ephesians 1. 3-6, 11-12;
Thursday	Isaiah 41. 13-20; Matthew 11. 11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48. 17-19; Matthew 11. 16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48. 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17. 10-13
Sunday	Zephaniah 3. 14-18a; Philippians 4. 4-7; Luke 3. 10-18

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week

Monday to Sunday, 09 - 15 December

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	6:00 PM	Hall	CWL Bazaar Wrap-up Meeting
	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Tuesday	All Day	10:30 AM	SJ-SH Students Cookie Bake
	6:30 PM	Sacristy	Baptism Preparation
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Hall	Catholic Girls League
Thursday	12:30	Hall	Respect for Life Reception
	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:20 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	5:30 PM	Hall	Family Dinner & A Movie
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy
	12:15 PM	Church	Baptism Celebrations

Dear Parishioners,

Boxed collection envelopes are out in the church for those who wish to donate in this manner.

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.

Pre-authorized forms can be found on the bookcase behind the last pew. Thank you for your consideration in using this method of financial support for the parish.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the parish office.

Please Consider

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 10 December: St. Francis Xavier, Priest - 12:05 PM

Colleen Klein - The Family
Intention of Mike Boudreau - Sue Boudreau and Family
Intention of Maryanne Moreau - Cecile Robert

Wednesday, 11 December: Weekday in Advent Season - 12:05 PM

Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Alvin Anunciado - Alfea Anunciado

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

Please join us today for our Respect for Life Mass at 12:05 PM

Friday, 13 December: Weekday in Ordinary Time - 12:05 PM

Stephen Zimbalatte - The Family

Tommy Klein - The Family

Beatriz Barrios - The Barrios Family

Saturday, 14 December: Second Sunday of Advent - 4:00 PM

Serafim Carreiro - The Carreiro Family

For a Special Intention - A Parishioner

For the Special Intention of Ron Hincks - Mary Hanley

Sunday, 15 December: Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Sofia Glass - Nipissing-Parry Sound C.D.S.B.

Keith Ryan - Carol and John Rowe

Nancy Anne Link - The Barrios Family

11:00 AM Pauline and Donald Parks - Peter and Denyse Parks & Family

Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, 24 December

5:00 PM, 8:00 PM



Christmas Day, 25 December

11:00 AM

Sunday Collection - 01 December

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$5,022.45	\$1,755.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 01 December 2024	
Roof Campaign Balance	\$160,218.34
Sunday, 01 December Collection	
Roof Loose	\$490.75
30 Receipted Donations	\$805.05
November 50/50 Profit	\$205.04
Orchard Gift Card Sales	\$375.00
75 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$3,685.00
Twiggs Gift Card Sales	\$70.00
14 Card X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$385.00
NEW CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$162,164.18



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!

SYRO-MALABAR MASS

Sunday, 15 December at 4:30 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!

A time for Confessions before & after Mass



Bishop Dowd has released a Pastoral Letter titled "Entering into Hope" as we prepare to begin the Jubilee Year of Hope beginning December 29. In his letter, Bishop Dowd encourages all people of good will to rediscover the full meaning of salvation, turning our current crisis of hope into renewing our desire to find joy and meaning in life. This Pastoral Letter can be used as a prayerful help during the Season of Advent. Read the Pastoral Letter, complete with Reflection Questions and Group Discussion Starters at: <https://dioceseofsaultstmarie.org/jubilee>

For more information regarding the Jubilee Year in 2025, links to "A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Program of Life" webinars, the Jubilee Year Events Calendar and more, visit the Pro-Cathedral website at <https://procathedral.ca> and click on the green JUBILEE 2025 button on the upper right hand of our homepage. We will post Jubilee information there throughout the year.

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.



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.

Advent Week 2 ~ Prayer

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



Prayer: God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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

\$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.



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!

December Draw Tickets on Sale Now



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NEEDS
YOUR HELP!**

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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 & 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 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

1st Reconciliation AND 1st 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



The Good Samaritan Corner

Here is the toll-free Suicide Crisis Help Line in Canada. If you're in crisis, or worried about yourself or someone else call 9-8-8 and you will receive the help you need. All information will be kept confidential.



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

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.

POSADA NAVIDEÑA - A Traditional Latin American Celebration
Saturday, December 14 at 6pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church
Celebrated throughout Hispanic countries in Latin America, a Posada Navideña is celebrated in commemoration of the Nativity Story. Posada is Spanish for "inn", referring to Joseph & Mary's search for a place to stay before the birth of Jesus. The celebration begins with a short prayer service in the church with songs and a 'procession' re-enacting Joseph & Mary's search for shelter. Following the prayer service all are welcome to join in the Parish Hall for food, social and games! Please bring a dish or snack to share! All are welcome!

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

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. You would be so welcome to come study, pray and visit with us in North Bay 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

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

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 will be celebrated December 12 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Everyone is invited to this special mass followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.



Pro-Cathedral
12:05 Mass
Thursday, December 12
Reception Follows



Everyone Welcome!
25th Anniversary
of our Celebration!

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.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR TO HELP MAKE ADVENT MEANINGFUL

Each day add an item to a box. On the weekend of December 21-22, bring your donations to the church to be donated to the Catholic Charities Food Bank. Located in the



Pro-Cathedral parish rectory, our food bank distributes items on Tuesday mornings. Some ideas as you gather items: Box of cereal, peanut butter, school snacks, box of potatoes, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, tea bags, instant coffee, cake mix, applesauce, granola bars, canned beans and potatoes, crackers, packages of rice, box of toothpaste, pasta and sauce, bar of soap, dried milk, relish, mustard, ketchup, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, canned soup, vegetables, tuna, jar of jam, drinking boxes, etc. Sandwich sized baggies are always helpful too! Feel free to bring them anytime during Advent that you attend Mass or drop by the parish during office hours.

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

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.



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.)

Tickets on Sale at Mass This Weekend!

FREE MOVIE AND POPCORN SPONSORED BY
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THE STAR

THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS



COME FOR DINNER AND STAY FOR A FREE MOVIE

FAMILY PIZZA DINNER
December 14 - Pro Cathedral Hall

Dinner tickets: \$5 per person, children 3 and under are free.

Seating for the free movie is open to all parishioners on a
first come / first served basis as seating is limited.

Dinner will be served at 5:15 pm, arrive for the movie at 5:45 pm.