

02 February
2025

The Presentation
of the Lord

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Malachi prophesies about the coming of the Lord's messenger and his mission to purify the Lord's people. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews explains that Jesus shared in our humanity in order to free us from the power of death and intercede for us as high priest before God. In the Gospel, Mary and Joseph bring the child Jesus to present him to the Lord in obedience to Mosaic Law. We can imagine that Simeon and Anna might have been tempted to give up hope that the Lord would fulfill his promise. But they persevered and continued to trust in God – continued to listen to the promptings of the Spirit – until the day finally came when Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus and they recognized him as the Christ. Let us follow their example and trust in God on our own faith journey.

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 Westenank

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

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.



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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: 03 - 09 FEBRUARY

Monday	Hebrews 11. 32-40; Mark 5. 1-20
Tuesday	Hebrews 12. 1-4; Mark 5. 21-43
Wednesday	Hebrews 12. 4-7, 11-15; Mark 6. 1-6
Thursday	Hebrews 12. 18-19, 21-24; Mark 6. 7-13
Friday	Hebrews 13. 1-8; Mark 6. 14-29
Saturday	Hebrews 13. 15-17, 20-21; Mark 6. 30-34
Sunday	Isaiah 6. 1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11; Luke 5. 1-11



Blessed white candles are available immediately before and after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy to pick up and light a vigil candle. At that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of \$5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs.

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 03—09 February

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Thursday	6:00 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:30 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	12:15 PM	Church	Baptism

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

**With the postal increase this year,
mailing out income tax receipts
will cost the parish approximately \$1,000.**

**If you have the capacity to receive your income tax receipt
by email and are willing to receive it in this manner,
please email the parish office at: office@procathedral.ca
with the following information:**

Donor Name, Phone Number, Email Address

**Please have this information to the parish office
by February 10, 2025**

Thank you for your consideration!

Baptism of the Lord — 26 January

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$4,265.10	\$1,245.00

January "Match the Roof Loose Collection"

\$750.00

**Thank you to our anonymous donor who agreed to
match last weekend's collection up to \$750.00.**

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 26 January 2025

Roof Campaign Balance	\$27,736.55
<u>Sunday, 26 January Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$899.85
35 Receipted Donations	\$1,089.40
Orchard Gift Card Sales	\$150.00
30 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$180.00
Twiggs Gift Card Sales	\$5.00
1 Card X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$5.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$30,630.50

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 04 February: Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Judy Kelly-Manary - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Intention of David Parker - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, 05 February: Memorial of St. Agatha 12:05 PM

Frances Agius - John Agius
Walter Martin - Maria Gosselin
Intention of Living & Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 06 February: St. Paul Miki and Companions: 12:05 PM

Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, 07 February: Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Dan and Geoff Laplante - The Family
Glenna McAuley - Jean and June

Saturday, 08 February: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM

Intention of the Montgomery Family - Jessica Costa
For a Special Intention - A Parishioner

Sunday, 09 February: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Frank Toth - Aurelia Toth and Family
Carmela Campanaro - Barbara Hebert

11:00 AM Jack Alves - Pedro and Jessica Costa and Family
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

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.



**Thank you to our generous
parishioners for their outstanding
donations to our Catholic Charities
Food Bank last weekend!**
**Your donations allow us to re-stock our
shelves to help those less fortunate!**

**Thank you to everyone for
your generosity to the Roof
Campaign loose Collection
last weekend.**
**January can be a tough
month for everyone and
your amazing donations of \$899.85 are
truly appreciated! THANK YOU!!**





Catholic Women's League

Please note: The scheduled General Gathering on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 at 6:30 pm has been cancelled.

It's that time of year again when members of the CWL renew their memberships. Thank you to the 88 members who have already renewed their memberships thus far! Last year, at our membership peak, we had a total of 178 paid members. Let's see if we can beat that number in 2025!



We would like to take this opportunity to announce that our CWL Parish Council has 6 new and transferred members!! We look forward to seeing these new faces at our General Gatherings and wish them well on their journey as a member of the CWL at the Pro-Cathedral.

If you have new contact information, please contact Leah Pierce, Vice-President, at 705-472-5687 or at pn.thebay@gmail.com. From time-to-time we need to reach our members, such as in support of funeral services or our annual bazaar, and it is easiest if we have your updated contact information on file.



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



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Friday 11 AM - NOON**



Building Fund VS Roof Campaign

Roof Campaign donations specifically go to the expenses we will incur as we do the work on the tower and roof. We need to raise these funds to have on hand for this planned work.

The **Building Fund** is a collection for ongoing, regular maintenance of our facilities such as repairs, utilities, snow removal, etc.

We ask that people make a regular commitment to the building fund and view the roof campaign as an extra contribution specific to our fundraising goal.

For those who are currently not contributing to either of these funds, we ask that you consider donating to them in your planned giving. Thank you!

Vatican City (Agenzia Fides) – “Factores Verbi”, that is, he who “puts the Word of God into practice”, “translating it into deeds, flesh, life”. This expression, coined by the apostle James in his letter, well defines the figure and the entire existence of St. Joseph, the legal father of Jesus. This was underlined by Pope Francis during the general audience this Wednesday.

In his jubilee catechesis on the theme “Jesus, our hope”, Pope Francis reflected today on the figure of St. Joseph, highlighting his role in the history of salvation as a man who fully trusted in God. Drawing on the Gospel of Matthew, the Pontiff recalled the passage in which an angel appears to Joseph in a dream, revealing to him the mystery of Mary's conception. “Joseph does not utter a word” in the face of this divine manifestation. “He trusts in God and obeys”.

He, who “enters the scene in the Gospel of Matthew as Mary's betrothed”, when he “discovers Mary's pregnancy, and his love is put to the test”. Faced with a similar situation, “which would have led to the termination of the betrothal, the Law suggested two possible solutions: either a legal act of a public nature, such as the convocation of the woman in court, or a private action such as giving the woman a letter of repudiation”.

But Joseph, whom the Gospel defines as “righteous”, “following the Word of God, Joseph acts thoughtfully: he does not let himself be overcome by instinctive feelings and fear of accepting Mary with him, but prefers to be guided by divine wisdom. He chooses to part with Mary quietly, privately. And this is Joseph's wisdom, which enables him not to make mistakes and to make himself open and docile to the voice of the Lord”. And so he hears a voice that resonates in him through his dream, an element that “in this way, Joseph of Nazareth brings to mind another Joseph, son of Jacob, dubbed the “lord of dreams”, greatly beloved by his father and much loathed by his brothers, whom the Lord raised up by having him sit in the Pharaoh's court.”

Faced with this revelation, “Joseph does not ask for further proof; he trusts. Joseph trusts in God, he accepts the God's dream of his life and that of his betrothed. He thus enters into the grace of one who knows how to live the divine promise with faith, hope and love,” the Pope added, concluding: “Let us, too, ask the Lord for the grace to listen more than we speak, the grace to dream God's dreams and to welcome responsibly the Christ who, from the moment of our baptism, lives and grows in our life.”

FEBRUARY 50/50 Tickets on Sale Now
www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral

This raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption,
a charity in North Bay under License #RAF1438966

The Catholic Community of Volunteers ~ Hospital Ministry

The availability of the Eucharist to patients is on Wednesday, Friday and Sundays. In order to receive Eucharist, a patient must be identified as Catholic. *Privacy rules do not allow us to look at patient lists. The patient or family member must authorize the visitation of a volunteer.*



For more information, contact Carol Williams-Boegel at 705-495-7110 or Hospital Chaplain Services at 705-491-0318 to arrange to receive the Eucharist.



**Ministers of the Eucharist
are needed for this Ministry.
If you can help out, please call Carol.**

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!



Development and Peace Stamp Collection

Don't forget that your stamps affixed to the right corner of your envelopes can help fund Development and Peace projects as they sell them to stamp collectors. Please support this initiative by simply cutting off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging the perforations. **Save them in baggies/envelopes & drop them into the office mail slot.**

Our D & P Coordinator, Lorraine Atchison, will make sure they are sent to the Stamp Project. Thank you!

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

NORTH BAY AREA FAMILIES:

**HOSTED AT
ST. LUKE SCHOOL (FEB 18)
ST. HUBERT SCHOOL (FEB 27)
AT 5:30 P.M.**

**Visit www.npsc.ca
for more information
and to register.**



Purdys Easter Chocolate Campaign is Active!

Visit our Homepage at
<https://procathedral.ca>



Shalom Place, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph offering:

Scriptures for Everyday—Zoom presentation on Wednesday evenings facilitated by Janet Norman. Together we will explore the scripture stories and Psalms to glean hope, wisdom and new energy to be God's faithful, empowered people in our community. Held Wednesday evenings February 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Register by February 3

Walking with Jesus by the Sea, facilitated by Lorna Connolly: Do you seek some quiet time to explore your inner life? Would you like to imagine walking with Jesus by the sea? Join us on **Zoom** from 7:00 to 8:00 PM on the third Monday of each month beginning on Monday, February 17. You will have the opportunity to pause and go inward with spiritual music, a guided imagery meditation, personal reflection time and optional sharing. Register for one or more or all. Each session stands alone. Register by the Friday preceding the session, e.g., for the February 17 session, register by February 14.

The Anishinabe Spiritual Centre continues to offer Spiritual Series! Starting February 12 they will be offering an evening presentation called **St. Ignatius Loyola: A Spiritual Legacy**. This 5-part series will be led by Father Mark our inhouse Spiritual Director, and includes the viewing of St. Ignatius's life story, discussions and reflections on Ignatius's well-known Spiritual Exercises. This free event will be from 7pm-8:30pm and will offer light. Drop in for any or all the sessions at the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre. For more information call the Centre or check out the information in the bulletin. **Call 705-869-4994 for more information or go online to www.anishinabespiritualcentre.ca.**

GOOD SAMARITAN CORNER

Holy Name of Jesus in North Bay, and St. Alphonsus Liguori in Callander have combined efforts to create **Operation Mercy Relief Street Ministry**.

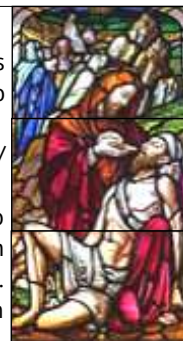
According to their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/holynametalphonsus>

'Our Street Ministry Food Trailer is getting ready to hit the streets of our community to provide both physical and spiritual nourishment around the city.

This is a joint ministry initiative between our Parish of Holy Name of Jesus and St. Alphonsus Liguori,

together with Sacred Way Ministries. The trailer and all its contents were donated by a generous benefactor! **We will be looking for volunteers** who would like to: 1) prepare food beforehand; or 2) serve food from the trailer; or 3) engage in prayer and conversation with those we minister to. You can also donate to the cause here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/holy-name-church/>

Visit their Facebook Page for updates and if you would like to support this much-needed service to address food insecurity.



Did you miss the Information Session held at Trinity United Church, hosted by the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay on Wednesday, November 20, 2024? Not to worry! Here is the link to the video on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6YEqrjHJ7Y> entitled The Compassionate Committee of North Bay Presentation.

Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay> or contact Leah Pierce at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com for more information about the Compassionate Committee of North Bay.