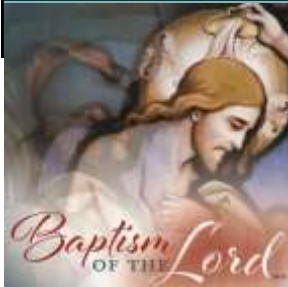


12 JANUARY
2025

The Baptism
of the Lord

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, the prophet Isaiah declares that God's servant will be a light for the nations and will bring forth justice for all. Peter, in the second reading, declares that God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power. In the Gospel, John announces one mightier than himself coming and baptizes Jesus. When Jesus is baptized, the Holy Spirit descends upon him. Today's feast is another "epiphany" – a revelation of who Jesus is. By submitting himself to John's baptism (a baptism of repentance), Jesus, who is sinless, draws near to sinners and joins himself with them. The voice of the Father saying, You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased consoles us, because we who are joined to Christ in baptism are made beloved children of the Father. These truths reveal God's goodness and his unconditional love for 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 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

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: 13 - 19 JANUARY

Monday	Hebrews 1. 1-6; Mark 1. 14-20
Tuesday	Hebrews 2. 5-12; Mark 1. 21-28
Wednesday	Hebrews 2. 14-18; Mark 1. 29-39
Thursday	Hebrews 3. 7-14; Mark 1. 40-45
Friday	Hebrews 4. 1-5, 11; Mark 2. 1-12
Saturday	Hebrews 4. 12-16; Mark 2. 13-17
Sunday	Isaiah 62. 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12. 4-11; John 2. 1-12

Pre-Authorized Bank Donations—DEC

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
\$7,849.00	\$3,180.00	\$722.00

Website Donations December

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
\$671.00	\$55.00	\$430.00

2024 Miscellaneous Postings

December 50/50 Profit	\$459.66
Sunday Collection	430.00
Building Collection	150.00
Roof Collection	115.00
Roof Tip Tap Pay Sales Nov- Dec	\$85.00
Christmas Roof Loose Matching	\$2,000

Roof 2024 Updated Total: \$266,189.00

**Thank you so much to our anonymous donator
who matched the Christmas Roof Loose Collection
up to \$2,000 - we are blessed!**

New Year's Collection - 01 January

<u>New Years</u>	<u>Initial Offering</u>
\$1,226.90	\$675.00

Epiphany of the Lord — 05 January

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$4,288.10	\$601.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 05 January 2025

Roof Campaign Balance	\$0
<u>New Year's 01 January Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$134.95
7 Receipted Donations	\$2,591.00
<u>Sunday, 05 January Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$917.50
24 Receipted Donations	\$605.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$4,248.45

The Roof Campaign began in 2023 and our goal is to raise \$1,000,000 in 5 years.

In order to reach our 2025 goal of \$200,000 we need your ongoing support!

You are helping every time you donate,
attend special events and by your purchase of
gift cards and 50/50 tickets.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 14 January: Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Oscar Paquette - Philip Paquette

Simon Boulanger - The Family

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, 15 January: Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Judy Kelly-Manary - Sophie Deharo

Intention of Jesse Boudreau - Sue Boudreau and Family

Thursday, 16 January: Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Roberte Rioux - Rolande Rioux

Intention of Richard Levesque - Levon Levesque

Friday, 17 January: Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot 12:05 PM

Jim Molnar - Vivian Molnar and Family

Ester Marroquin - The Barrios Family

Saturday, 18 January: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM

Addie and Laura Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Sunday, 19 January: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Judy Kelly-Manary - Barbara Laplante

11:00 AM Rita Storie - Margaret Anne Lafontaine

Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week

Monday to Sunday, 13—19 January

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Sacristy	Baptism Preparation Meeting
	7:00 PM	Hall	Right to Life Meeting
Thursday	6:00 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:30 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	5:30 PM	Church	Baptisms
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	4:30 PM	Church	Syro Malabar Mass



Syro Malabar Holy Mass
Pro-Cathedral Church

Join us on January 19 at 4:30 PM
Everyone Welcome!

Confession Available Before & After Mass



**OUR NEXT "MATCH THE
COLLECTION WEEKEND"
will be held January 26
for up to \$750.00**

**The challenge is to match
the LOOSE collection only - not donations for which
people receive credit. Please be generous!**



Our next Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 beginning at 6:30 PM. Those who wish to register for this meeting to have their child baptized are asked to call the parish office by Monday, January 13.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.



**FIRST GATHERING
coming up
January 26**

This gathering is an information meeting for all children and their parents for both Sacraments.

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

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.

**\$25 Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards
Available at the Parish Office Only
until Last Weekend of January**



Getting Married in 2025? Plan on attending the next Marriage Preparation Weekend:

January 31 - February 1, 2025 at St. Peter's Church. 6:30 PM Friday, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday.

To register or for more information, call or text Samantha Briggs at 705-471-3284 or email at samyehsilver@gmail.com to reserve your place. Material cost of \$75 is payable at registration. Register soon to guarantee your spot!



**JANUARY
Tickets
on sale
now!**



**PURCHASE TICKETS
BY VISITING
[www.rafflebox.ca/
raffle/procathedral](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral)**

**50/50
RAFFLE**

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

**We can set you up for the Parish Office
to purchase your monthly 50/50 tickets.**

**Call Karen at the Office to see how
she can do this for you!**

**Safe and reliable so you can enter
the draw each month**

PHONE OUTREACH



Social connection is essential to our well-being.

We have several parishioners who are isolated due to being homebound. We sometimes get calls from their families asking if there is anyone from the church who can reach out to them to maintain their parish connection.

Would you be interested in helping us to keep in touch with our parishioners who can no longer attend Mass? A simple call periodically to ask how they are doing, sharing news from the parish, an offer to pray for them, etc. can have a huge impact on their health.

If you are interested in being part of this very important ministry, please contact the parish office.



**Catholic Charities Food Bank
Open Tuesday Mornings
at the Pro-Cathedral**

Did you know that you can donate your PC Optimum points and our coordinator, Elaine Summers can use them to purchase much needed items? If you earn these points and would like to donate them, please let us know by calling the parish office.

FYI: Next Food Bank Sunday—26 January



The Prodigal Son - A Story of Homecoming

Lenten Book Study

Join us for a study of Henri Nouwen's work "The Prodigal Son — A Story of Homecoming" as he shares the deeply personal and resonant meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell.

Register by 21 February by contacting Parish Office
(705) 472-3970 or office@procathedral.ca

Five Tuesdays: March 18 ~ April 15

6:30 to 8:00 PM at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall

Cost: \$10/Book or Bring Your Own

Facilitator: Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR

Northern Ontario Catholic
Leadership Conference
Saturday, February 22, 2025
St. Joseph-Scollard Hall School.



This event is open to all young people **age 13-19** who will gather for a day of prayer led by International Catholic Speaker, Singer, Comedian and Social Media Icon **Paul J. Kim**.

For details & registration, visit: www.northerncatholic.ca

The Pro-Cathedral will sponsor 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.

GOOD SAMARITAN CORNER

Please consider providing help to the homeless in the cold weather. Here 's how you can make a difference:

→ **Contact Emergency Homeless Services** – helping the homeless in the cold can save a life. Hypothermia is a genuine concern for those on the streets. Contact the Mobile Crisis Unit, North Bay Police, at 705-472-1234, the 24-hour Crisis Intervention line at 1-800-352-1141, or True Self – Peer Outreach Support Team at (Cell) 705-498-9482.

→ **Volunteer your time** – you can make a big difference in the life of people experiencing homelessness. If you are looking for ways to volunteer consider The Gathering Place, the North Bay Food Bank, various church food shelves, Catholic Charities, or our very own Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay!

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



The Catholic Community of Volunteers is Back in the Hospital



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 Deacon Rick Hamelin at 705-476-8115 or Hospital Chaplain Services at 705-491-0318 to arrange to receive the Eucharist.

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 for more details and to register!

Life in the Spirit Seminar: You are invited to come and experience Life in the Spirit! With a focus on starting or deepening a personal relationship with Jesus through the Sacraments and Gifts of the Holy Spirit, this 7-week journey helps awaken the Holy Spirit within us, just like the day of Pentecost! Each Wednesday Evening starting January 15 at Holy Name, from 7pm - 9pm. More information and registration available at www.holynamestalphonesus.com/inthespirit

Catholic Young Adults: Join us for a delicious meal, a faith filled discussion and then outside for some sledding across the street at Lee park (weather permitting). January 17 at 7:00 PM at Holy Name. Bring your sleighs and join us for a fun night on Faith and fellowship

Shalom Place, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph offering a Zoom presentation on Wednesday evenings facilitated by Janet Norman entitled **Scriptures for Everyday**. When we are overwhelmed, we need inspiration and inspiring words. 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. Sessions held Wednesday evenings February 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Register by February 3: email - shalomssm@shaw.ca, telephone – (705) 254-4690 or at www.shalomplace.ca. Cost: Your gift allows the ministry of Shalom Place to continue. Thank you!