

05 JANUARY
2025

The Epiphany
of the Lord

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Isaiah calls Jerusalem to *rise up in splendor*, for their *light has come ... Nations shall walk by [it]* and all shall gather and *[proclaim] the praises of the Lord*. Paul writes to the Ephesians that *it has now been revealed ... by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ*. In the Gospel, the Magi arrive in Jerusalem seeking the newborn king of the Jews. They follow a star to where he lay, bringing him gifts and paying him homage. As we celebrate Epiphany, our readings today remind us of the power of God's revelation. Throughout history, God has promised salvation. Today we celebrate some of the first witnesses of this great event, the Magi. May we deepen our faith as we, too, journey to be closer to Christ.

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: 06 - 12 JANUARY

Monday	1 John 3. 22—4.6; Matthew 4. 12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 John 4. 7-10; Mark 6. 34-44
Wednesday	1 John 4. 11-18; Mark 6. 45-52
Thursday	1 John 4. 19—5.4; Luke 4. 14-22a
Friday	1 John 5. 5-13; Luke 5. 12-16
Saturday	1 John 5. 14-21; John 3. 22-30
Sunday	Isaiah 42. 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10. 34-38; Luke 3. 15-16, 21-22

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week

Monday to Sunday, 06—12 January

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Tuesday	4:30 PM	Hall	Sacramental Prep. Team Mtg.
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Hall	Catholic Girls League
Thursday	6:00 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	12 NOON	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	12 NOON	Church	Ukraine Mass
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	12 NOON	Church	Decorating Committee

Christmas Collection 24 & 25 DEC

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Christmas</u>
\$540.00	1,527.80	\$12,906.65

Feast of the Holy Family—29 December

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$4,482.50	\$1,294.00

Roof Campaign - Investment Shares

\$36,254.83
**Talk to your Financial Advisor about how you
 can make a similar donation.**

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 29 December 2024

Roof Campaign Balance	\$206,192.52
<u>Christmas Roof Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$2,134.20
24 Receipted Donations	\$16,409.00
<u>Sunday, 29 December Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$642.35
30 Receipted Donations	\$1,159.10
Orchard Gift Card Sales	\$45.00
9 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$4,470.00
Thank you!	CAMPAIGN BALANCE \$262,837.00

**Thank you to our generous donators
 for their amazing contributions over
 the past week! Donations have come in from shares,
 employee matching programs and the kind generosity of
 our parishioners who helped us reach our 2024 goal!**



**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.**

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 07 January: Memorial of St. André Bessette - 12:05 PM
 Bob Brown - Sharon Brown and Family

Wednesday, 08 January: Weekday in the Christmas Season-12:05 PM
 Intention of Mike Boudreau - Sue Boudreau and Family

Thursday, 09 January: Weekday in the Christmas Season - 12:05 PM
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, 10 January: Weekday in the Christmas Season - 12:05 PM
 Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Saturday, 11 January: The Baptism of the Lord - 4:00 PM
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Catholic Women's League

Sunday, 12 January: The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM Anne Baechler - Jessica Costa

11:00 AM 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.



\$25 Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards

**Available at the Parish Office Only
 until Last Weekend of January**



**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.**



Christmas Memorial Decorations

With the memorial donations received, we were able to decorate the church for the Christmas Season. The Christmas masses were offered in remembrance of all those whose names were received including the following additional people:



Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.

Members of the Priolo Family

Members of the Zappala Family

Livio and Lucy Cappadocia

Members of the Appleton and Worth Families

Members of the Berthiaume Family

Members of the Follis and Laplante Families



Today we celebrate the solemnity of Epiphany,

and in a most special way the day of the three kings who brought Jesus very costly and symbolic gifts of gold, myrror, and frankincense. The term Epiphany is of Greek origin, epiphaneia. It is a verb which means "to reveal," or "to manifest."



Epiphany celebrates the many ways through which Jesus has revealed himself to us and our world. These include the three events that bring to light his mission and divinity: the visitation of the three kings or Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the miracle at Cana.

Today's gospel is about the visitation of the three wise kings. This gospel has lots of lessons for us. First, the three kings offered a genuine worship to Christ, the King of kings. So, our worship must be sincere like theirs. It must not be like the false proposal of King Herod.

Second, we must be ready to offer Jesus something. We must not appear before the Lord empty handed. So, we must ask ourselves today, what will I offer the Lord for his goodness to me? The best gift to offer to God is the gift of oneself, the gift of love, the gift of obedience, the gift of humility, the gift of peace, and the gift of sacrifice. Also, we must learn to be generous to others as the three wise kings were to Jesus.

Another lesson that we must learn from the wise kings is that, we must continue to follow the star and light that Christ shows us. That is, we must not allow ourselves to be deceived or distracted on our journey by the many Herods of this world.

Trusting that God will not mislead us, we must continue to watch out for the star and light of Christ that will guide us to eternity. Any time we are confused, or come to the cross road of life, we must seek and wait until the star of Christ appears to show us the way we must follow.

This is simply what we may refer to as divine guidance and counsel in our lives. Today, we must ask God as the church prays: Father, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ in the Eucharist, and welcome him with love, for He is Lord forever and ever. Amen!

Pope Francis January Prayer Intention

For the right to an education: *"Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected."*



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.



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.



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



**Winner of the DECEMBER 2024 Draw
of \$620.00**

is MARY LOU SMITH (Ticket #D-1175)

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!

**Have a Credit Card but can't purchase
50/50 tickets on your own computer?**

Call Karen at the Parish Office

She can do this for you!

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

**JANUARY
Tickets
on sale
now!**



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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.

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



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.

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!



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.holynametalphonsus.com/inthespirit

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!

GOOD SAMARITAN CORNER

According to the **Rebuilt Resources** website at <https://rebuiltresources.com/> in December, they were able to help 9 families through agency referrals, give out 30 coats, and give out 20 clothing packages to those in need. **Drop off: Household Items:** Tuesday to Friday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.; **Clothing and Furniture:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebuilt Resources at 705-497-7878.