

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

Welcome to Your Father's House

Lord Jesus, awaken us to the light of your coming.

First Sunday of Advent
30 November 2025

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. Rick Hamelin
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenek

Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Miss Ruth Godon

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Schools



The 1st Sunday of Advent Year A is a time of waiting and hope. We look forward to Jesus coming again, and we remember His birth in Bethlehem. Advent reminds us to be ready, not just for Christmas, but

for the day when Christ will return. It is a season to pray, watch, and live in the light of the Lord.

The readings for the 1st Sunday of Advent Year A speak about peace, joy, and staying awake. Isaiah gives a picture of all nations coming to God's mountain to learn His ways. The psalm is a prayer for peace in Jerusalem. Paul tells us to wake up and live as people of the light. Jesus warns us to be ready because His coming will be sudden.

This first week of Advent calls us to turn to God with open hearts. We are invited to walk in His light and live with hope. Each day is a chance to love God and others as we wait for His coming. Advent is a gift to help us slow down, pray, and prepare for Jesus with joy.

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.



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.



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Advent Week 1 ~ Prayer

Light one candle on your advent wreath and sit for a moment in silence.



*Christ our Light,
Shine in our lives with hope and promise.
Give us right vision so that we remain attentive to this holy season.
Remind us to look for you in small acts of kindness and love.
We await your coming with wonder.*

Amen

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday to Thursday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

WEEKLY READINGS: 01—07 DECEMBER

Monday	Isaiah 4. 2-6; Matthew 8. 5-11, 13
Tuesday	Isaiah 11. 1-10; Luke 10. 21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25. 6-10a; Matthew 15. 29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26. 1-6; Matthew 7. 21, 24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29. 17-24; Matthew 9. 27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30. 19-21, 23-26; Mt. 9. 35-10.1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Isaiah 11. 1-10; Romans 15. 4-9; Matthew 3. 1-12

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 01 ~ 07 December

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	1:45 PM	Church	MSB Advent Stations
Tuesday	9:15 AM	Church	MSB Advent Stations
Wednesday	1:45 PM	Church	MSB Advent Stations
	5:30 PM	Hall	CWL Christmas Dinner
Thursday	9:00 AM	Hall	SJ-SH Outreach Team
	1:45 PM	Church	MSB Stations
	6:30 PM	Church	Choir—Call office for Information
	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday	9:20 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	5:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word

This weekend at the 11 AM Mass, is the day that Arthur Henry and Kevin McAllister celebrate the Rite of Admission to Candidacy on their journey to become a Permanent Deacon.



This celebration offers the candidate the opportunity to publicly express their intention to receive ordination as a Deacon.

As a community, we are asked to accompany and pray for these men as they continue their catechetical instruction, and learn to deepen their faith, hope, love and compassion.

Sunday Collection - 23 November

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$4,274.70	\$5,803.10

Pre-Authorized Bank Donations October

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
\$6,631.00	\$2,090.00	\$707.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 23 November

Roof Campaign Balance	\$248,917.57
<u>Sunday, 23 November Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$547.05
35 Receipted Donations	\$1,709.00
Anonymous Pledge Donation	\$5,000.00
Tip Tap Pay October Donations	\$150.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$257,030.62

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 02 December - Weekday in Advent 12:05 PM

Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
 Adrian Boudreau - Ben and Theresa Boudreau and Family

Wednesday, 03 December: St. Francis Xavier 12:05 PM

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
 Intention of Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 04 November: Weekday in Advent 12:05 PM

Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque
 Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
 Tom Bazinet - Jim and Ruth Jolley

Friday, 05 November: Weekday in Advent 12:05 PM

Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
 Michael Boudreau - Susan Boudreau and Family
 Ruth Pereda Wolford - The Barrios Family

Saturday, 06 December: Second Sunday of Advent 4:00 PM

For a Special Intention - A Parishioner
 Gerry Kolz - Don and Lorraine Shago
 Parents of Frank and Noreen Muto

Sunday, 07 December: Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Grace Boudreau - Susan Boudreau and Family

11:00 AM Jean-Paul Ferlisi - Emile, Cara, Emilie, and William
 Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



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 Friday, December 12 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 12.

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.)

Turn Debt into Hope
Development and Peace Campaign

In this Jubilee Year, we are calling for the cancellation of the unjust and unsustainable debts of the Global South. This campaign highlights the ecological debt that wealthy countries owe to many of the same countries in the Global South that are caught in debt traps.

Join the call to cancel the unjust debts of the Global South by visiting devp.org/debt and sign the petition. We aim to collect 60,000 signatures—please be part of this action.

**SIGN THE
 PETITION**



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 church 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 is best!). Include your donation and return the envelope to the office or in the weekly collection. A listing of names will be printed in the Christmas Sunday Bulletin.

Please have your names to the parish office by Friday, December 19.

Remember your loved ones this Christmas and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for this beautiful season!



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 find out more about the Knights of Columbus and make a difference in your parish and community by becoming a Knight, please email David Dunkley at: ddunkley@gmail.com

Longing-Watching-Waiting!

DRAW DATE MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

BY MIDNIGHT NOV 30

www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral



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

Catholic Women's League



REMINDER—The first Wednesday of the month (December 3), one of the intentions of the 12:00 Noon Mass is celebrated for our living and deceased members of our CWL council. If you can, plan to attend the Mass to remember our sisters.

2026 Memberships

It's that time of year again when members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada renew their memberships. Thank you to members who have already renewed their memberships!

In 2025, at our membership peak, we had a total of 169 paid members. Let's see if we can beat that number in 2026!

Membership dues are \$40 and envelopes can be found at the back of the church.

We accept cash, cheque, and e-transfer (480cwlpro@gmail.com). For more information please contact Leah Pierce, Vice President, at 705-472-5687 or at pn.thebay@gmail.com.

PARISH DONATIONS

Parish Contribution Envelopes for 2026 are now in the Church. We ask that you please consider pre-authorized methods for your contributions as it allows us to have a steady stream of income, even when you can not attend Mass.

Other ways you can support:

- E-transfer: music.finance@procathedral.ca
- Parish Envelopes
- Pre-authorized donations from your bank account
- Pre-authorized donations using Credit card
- Use our "Donate Today" button on our website at procathedral.ca
- Download the app Tithe.ly on your phone
- Text "GIVE" to 1-833-423-1163 and follow instructions
- Tip Tap Pay Machine in the church
- Support our Monthly 50/50 RAFFLE
- Purchase Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards
- Attend our Fundraising Events

**Sunday Liturgy
With Children**



**GATHERING
SUNDAYS
AT 9 AM MASS**

Sunday Liturgy With Children is held every Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass from September to June 2026 for all children ages 4-12 years old. The focus of each group is to incorporate a variety of experiences that appeal to a young child's natural sense of wonder about God.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR - WHY NOT MAKE ADVENT MEANINGFUL?

Each day add an item to a box. On the last Sunday of Advent (December 21) bring your donations to the Cathedral to be donated to the Catholic Charities Food Bank located right here at the Pro-Cathedral with distribution on Tuesday mornings.

December 1	Box of Cereal
December 2	Peanut Butter
December 3	School Snack
December 4	Box of Potatoes
December 5	Macaroni & Cheese
December 6	Canned Fruit
December 7	Canned Tomatoes
December 8	Canned Tuna
December 9	Cake Mix
December 10	Jar of Applesauce
December 11	Canned Potatoes
December 12	Granola Bars
December 13	Canned Beans
December 14	Box of Crackers
December 15	Package of Rice
December 16	Box of Toothpaste
December 17	Package of Pasta
December 18	Spaghetti Sauce
December 19	Can of Soup
December 20	Can of Corn
December 21	Drinking Box
December 23	Roll of Toilet Paper
December 24	Can of Green Beans



A Reverse Advent Calendar is different.
Instead of receiving something each day, you give something each day.
It is a way to focus on giving to others as Christmas approaches.



Feel free to make substitutions. Dried milk, coffee, tea bags, mustard, relish, ketchup, bar of soap, etc.

Thank you for your generosity!!



Call the parish office if you can help at any of our weekend Masses. Thank you!

Getting Married in 2026? Plan on attending the next Marriage Preparation Weekend:

December 5 & 6 at St. Alphonsus Church in Callander. 6:30 PM Friday evening and 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 a spot! Marriage Preparation is mandatory in our Diocese.**



Prepare Your Hearts
Prepare the Way of the Lord
Advent Sacrament of Confession
St. Peter the Apostle Parish
Wednesday, 10 December - 10 AM to 8 PM
Experience the Mercy & Forgiveness of God

St. Vincent de Paul Advent Confessions: December 1, 9:30–Noon, 1–5pm, 6:30–8pm; December 8, 9:30–Noon, 1–4:30pm; December 15, 9:30–Noon, 1–5pm, 6:30–8pm.

North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre Christmas Basket Fund-raiser: The goal is to raise \$7,000 to bless the families we serve with grocery gift cards and Christmas gifts—sharing love in a tangible way. Cash, cheques, e-transfer to nbphrc@hotmail.com (add Christmas Basket in message), and No Frills Gift cards accepted. In person and mail donations to 357 Ferguson St. North Bay, ON, P1B 1X1. Donations above \$20.00 receive a receipt. NBPHRC provides support for women experiencing unexpected pregnancy 705-475-9270 or email nbphrc@hotmail.com

Holy Name of Jesus Christmas Market, Saturday, December 6 from 10 am to 2 pm featuring bake sale with proceeds to Nipissing Serenity Hospice, Silent Auction with proceeds to CWL initiatives and Hot Apple Cider and Gingerbread Cookie for \$2.00.

That Man is You "Fight of Faith"! Join us for food, fellowship and faith. Every Saturday through to December 13 from 7:00am to 8:30am Holy Name of Jesus parish hall. Video Presentation with Dynamic Speakers & Small Group Discussions. Bring your breakfast, but hot drinks and limited food will be available. All men are welcome. Register online at tmiynorthbay.ca.



Keep Christ in Christmas
 The Knights of Columbus Council 12106 have for sale Religious Christmas Cards. Available by calling Roy Malette (will deliver) at 705-477-4084

The Good Samaritan Corner

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay would like to thank the parishioners and congregants from the local churches, and the community of North Bay who supported this year's Winter Boot Campaign. Because of your generosity we filled 8 trunks with hats, mitts, scarves, socks, and gloves, and we provided 105 pairs of new winter boots to the unhoused in North Bay.

The following frontline organizations will be able to support people experiencing homelessness because of your compassion: Cold Weather Response Program, AIDS Committee of North Bay, True Self, Catholic Charities, Open Arms Café, Children's Aid Society, Operation Mercy Relief Street Ministry, and Tracy's Heart and Hands.

Contact the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/> or Leah Pierce at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com

