

21 December
2025

Fourth Sunday
of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent brings us very close to Christmas. The readings help us focus on who Jesus is and why He came. We hear the name Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." This is the message we hold onto as we get ready to celebrate his birth.

Each reading gives us something to think about. Isaiah speaks of a sign — a child born to a virgin. Paul reminds the early Christians that Jesus was promised long ago. The psalm talks about who come into God's presence. And in the Gospel, Joseph listens to God and chooses to stay with Mary.

These are not just stories from the past. They speak to us today. Like Joseph, we are asked to trust. Like Paul, we are called to share the good news. And like the people in Isaiah's time, we are told that God will not leave us alone.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent invites us to quiet our hearts. It tells us that Jesus is near. We wait with hope and joy, knowing that God is coming to be with us.

PRAYER

(Light the fourth candle on your Advent Wreath)

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

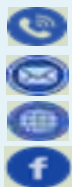
Hearing Aid System is available for use by the hearing impaired. Please ask an Usher or Sacristan to assist you upon entering the church.



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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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday & Tuesday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON
Thursday & Friday	OFFICE CLOSED

WEEKLY READINGS: 22—28 DECEMBER

Monday	1 Samuel 1. 24-28; Luke 1. 46-56
Tuesday	Malachi 3. 104; 4. 5-6; Luke 1. 57-66
Wednesday	Isaiah 9. 2-4, 6-7; Titus 2. 11-14; Luke 2. 1-16
Thursday	Isaiah 52. 7-10; Hebrews 1. 1-6; John 1. 1-18
Friday	Acts 6. 8-10; 7. 54-59; Matthew 10. 17-22
Saturday	1 John 1. 1-4; John 20-2-8
Sunday	Sirach 3. 2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3. 12-21; Matthew 2. 13-15, 19-23

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week Monday to Sunday, 22—28 December

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday	All Day	Hall	Christmas Dinner Preparation
Wednesday	All Day	Hall	Christmas Dinner Preparation
Thursday	11 AM to 1:30 PM	Hall	Christmas Dinner - All are welcome to attend—it's free!
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to everyone who selected ornaments off the Giving Tree to assist Mother St. Bride School help families to provide a nice Christmas for their children.



The gifts were beautiful, thoughtful and generous! Our parishioners are amazing!

Sunday Collection - 14 December

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$4,216.35	\$4,137.00

Credit Card Donations December

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
\$3,550.00	\$1,386.00	\$653.89

Pre-Authorized Bank Donations November

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
\$6,606.00	\$1,880.00	\$707.00

Website Donations November

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
\$725.75	\$55.00	\$235.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 14 December

Roof Campaign Balance	\$269,632.97
Sunday, 14 December Collection	
Roof Loose	\$586.45
30 Receipted Donations	\$2,320.69
Orchard Gift Card Sales	\$70.00
14 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$4,315.00
Tip Tap Pay November	\$115.00
November 50/50 Profit	\$128.85
22 Wing Band Concert Profit	\$10,934.24
Christmas Dinner Profit	\$3,223.81
Employee Charitable Matching	\$11,500.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$300,107.90

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 23 December - Weekday in Advent

12:05 PM

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
For Souls in Purgatory - Ella Lamothe

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, 24 December

5:00 PM & 8:00 PM Mass (12:05 PM Mass Cancelled)
11:30 PM Malayalam Holy Qurbana (Mass)

Christmas Day - Thursday, 25 December

11:00 AM (12:05 PM Mass Cancelled)

**Our Christmas Masses are Offered in Memory of those
Remembered on our Christmas Memorial List**

Friday, 26 December: Feast of St. Stephen

12:05 PM

Intention of Robert Manary - The Montgomery Family
Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque
Members of the Veraldi and Knight Families - Myrtle Veraldi

Saturday, 27 December: Feast of the Holy Family

Intention of Alexandra Van Stroe - Jessica Costa
Peter Burns - Judy and Dan Alexander
Katie and Lorne Brownson - Carol and John Rowe

Sunday, 28 December: Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 AM Clarence Lefebvre - Carol Lefebvre and Family
Earl Lagroix - Don and Lorraine Shago

In Memory of those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

11:00 AM

Leo Beaupre - Wilda Beaupre
Holly Greer - Nola Goulais and Family
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



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

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you!

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Thank you to McGuinty Funeral Home for offering to match the December Loose Roof Collection up to \$1,000.00 this month!

Please be generous when donating your loose change next weekend, December 27 & 28

We are looking for a January and February donator. You can agree to match the donations received or offer to match up to a certain amount. Donations can



Christmas Cheers!

Thank you so much to the organizing committee of David and Erin Dunkley, Cheryl Clayton, and Katie Laporte for planning such a lovely evening and venue for our Parish Christmas Dinner. Your meticulous planning allowed for a wonderful evening of great food and entertainment!

Thank you so much to Annette Dutriscac for coordinating the silent auction with assistance from her family and volunteers. Thank you also for creating the beautiful decorations that were raffled at the dinner. People were so happy to purchase your wonderful, creative centerpieces!

Thank you to Lisa Henry who assisted with organizing with our seating arrangements and greeting our guests—your ability to work well under pressure is a gift!

Thank you to our Secret Santa (you know who you are) who donated our Silent Auction items. Please know you are appreciated!

Thank you to the staff at the North Bay Golf & Country Club, led by Chef Jack Tennant. A delicious roast beef dinner with all the trimmings as well as butter chicken and rice, and beautiful desserts was served.

Last but certainly not least - many thanks to our families and friends who attended and supported this event and who also purchased silent auction items and decorations. All proceeds will be donated to the Roof Campaign.

** If you lost a pair of mitts that night—please call the office.*



Catholic Charities Needs Your Help!

We are desperately seeking someone who can assist in the pickup of food items each week to help re-stock our shelves. We would need someone to meet with one of our volunteers at No Frills on Lakeshore at 8 AM to help load and bring the food items back to the Pro-Cathedral. This is done on Wednesday morning or Thursdays if the weather is not suitable on the Wednesday. Please call the parish office if you can offer assistance.



The prayer line is a group of parishioners who pray for the needs of others. Concerns great and small are presented to the Lord on your behalf. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the group call Sister Shirley McNamara at 474-3800, Ext. 295 or Lorraine Atchison at 474-0613

Get your December tickets by the 31st!

www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral

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Catholic Women's League



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.

REMINDER—The first Wednesday of the month (January 7), 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.

Turn Debt into Hope Development and Peace End Unjust Debts



Pope Francis has declared 2025 the Year of the Jubilee, calling on us to be "Pilgrims of Hope." Echoing the Jubilee campaign of 2000, he asks us to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them" (*Spes non confundit*, 16).

We respond to his call by joining the Caritas Internationalis campaign **Turn Debt into Hope** to stop the debt crisis by cancelling or remedying unjust debts, and by preventing debt crises from happening again by addressing their root causes.



Together, we urge decision-makers to prioritise people and planet over mere profit and call to cancel the unjust debts of the Global South.

Your signature makes a difference! Visit: devp.org/debt for more information and to sign the petition.

OUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

50/50 RAFFLE



If you don't have a computer but do have a credit card, the parish office can help you purchase your tickets each month. Call or email us for more information!



Thank you so much to our generous parishioners for their huge donations to our Catholic Charities Food Bank. Your response to our Advent Calendar Giving was tremendous!

Your Journey with God Continues!

GRADE 2 & UP

THE PRO-CATHEDRAL IS NOW REGISTERING CHILDREN FOR
FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

THE first MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026
PRO-CATHEDRAL PARISH HALL
10:00 AM

For baptized children in grade 2 and up.

REGISTER by visiting our website (procathedral.ca) under "Sacraments" then select Eucharist or Reconciliation. Return the e-form to office@procathedral.ca or you can print a copy and drop off to parish office or in the collection basket.



SHALOM PLACE presents the O! Antiphons.

The O Antiphons refer to the seven antiphons that highlight a title for the Messiah referred to in the prophecy of Isaiah and are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat at Vespers during the Octave before Christmas.

Each day from **to December 23**, Shalom Place will celebrate the O Antiphons with a presentation on its website—<https://www.shalomplace.ca/>

**Knights of Columbus Council 8163
Lunch/Brunch
Sunday, January 11 from 9 AM to 1 PM
St. Vincent de Paul Church
Everyone Welcome!**



Don't be alone on Christmas Day

Come to a Free Christmas Dinner on December 25 at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Sit-down Dinner from 11 AM to 1:30 PM, Take-out available from 1:00 to 1:30 PM.

Caring for our Community



Social connection is essential to our well-being. **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 and upcoming events from the parish, an offer to pray for them, etc. can have a huge impact on their health.

Do you know of a fellow parishioner or family member who can no longer attend Mass? Notice a pew-partner no longer attending? Call the parish office to let us know so we can reach out to them to help us keep connected.

Please help us keep in touch with our parish family!

DID YOU KNOW? DONATING SECURITIES TO CHARITY SAVES YOU TAX

- Charitable donations of publicly listed securities are exempt from capital gains tax on gains triggered by the gift.
- The donor also will receive a charitable donation receipt for the value of the shares
- No tax on the capital gain and claim for a charitable donation receipt equal to the value of the shares.

If you have investments that you would like to donate to the Pro-Cathedral Roof Campaign, contact the parish office to find out more about this unique gifting.

The Good Samaritan Corner

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless and near homeless have urgent needs. If you would like to help but unsure what to donate or whom to donate to, please consider the following:

North Bay Food Bank 1016 Fisher St. 705-495-3290

Kleenex, bodywash, deodorant, sanitary pads, paper towels, baby wipes, baby shampoo, diapers (large sizes 4, 5, 6) granola bars, juice boxes, individual packets of crackers, and apple sauce, jam, Cheesewhiz, cookie mix, muffin mix, Mr. Noodles, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Sidekicks, oatmeal packets. Items for no-cook homeless care packages: cans with pull tabs, beans, prepared pasta, tuna, individual crackers with cheese or peanut butter.

When you donate items to Rebuilt Resources, the homeless and near homeless benefit. Donations allow them to offer low income and homeless people clothing and furniture at no cost. For more information, contact Rebuilt Resources at 705-497-7878 or visit them at 1356 Regina Street.

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

