

28 December  
2025

Feast of the  
Holy Family

# 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 Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that Jesus lived in a real family. He had a mother and a father who cared for Him and protected Him. Mary and Joseph did not have easy lives, but they trusted God and followed His plan. Their home was simple, but it was full of love.

This feast helps us think about our own families. Every home has struggles. But like

the Holy Family, we are called to listen to God and care for each other with patience. Love grows in quiet moments, hard choices, and daily kindness.

The readings for the Feast of the Holy Family show how God works through family life. They speak about honoring parents, caring for others, and choosing peace. These small acts shape a strong and faithful home.

This day is not only about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It is about how we can live with love and trust in our families today. God is with us in family life, no matter how ordinary it may seem.

## 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

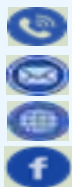
**Hearing Aid System** is available for use by the hearing impaired. Please ask an Usher or Sacristan to assist you upon entering the church.



### 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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**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.

**Children's Liturgy will begin again on Sunday, January 4—The Epiphany of the Lord!**

## OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

### WEEKLY READINGS: 29 December - 04 January

Monday	1 John 2. 3-11; Luke 2. 22-35
Tuesday	1 John 2. 12-17; Luke 2. 36-40
Wednesday	1 John 2. 18-21; John 1. 1-18
Thursday	Numbers 6. 22-27; Galatians 4. 4-7; Luke 2. 16-21
Friday	1 John 2. 22-28; John 1. 19-28
Saturday	1 John 2. 29; 3. 1-6; John 1. 29-34
Sunday	Isaiah 60. 1-6; Ephesians 3. 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2. 1-12

## ✦Christian New Year Message of Hope ✦

As we step into this New Year, may your heart be anchored in the unshakable truth that **God's mercies are new every morning**. Whatever the past year held—joys, trials, or lessons—know that the Lord is already in your tomorrow, preparing the way and filling it with His light.

May you walk forward with **faith that overcomes fear, peace that surpasses understanding, and hope that does not disappoint**. Trust that every closed door is God's protection, and every open one is His divine invitation.

"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." *Deuteronomy 31:8*



**Thank you to our anonymous donor, the January Loose Roof Collection will be matched on the weekend of January 24-25 up to \$1,000.00**

**If you would like to match the Roof Loose Collection in February or March call the office. You can match the full collection taken or up to a certain amount—whatever you decide is great!**

### PARISH DONATIONS

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

### **Sunday Collection - 21 December**

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
<b>\$5,553.30</b>	<b>\$1,000.25</b>

### ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 21 December

Roof Campaign Balance	\$300,107.90
<u>Sunday, 21 December Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$1,039.40
26 Receipted Donations	1,716.70
Orchard Gift Card Sales	\$445.00
89 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	<b>Profit to Date: \$4,760.00</b>
Investment Share Donations: \$23,566.19 Thank you to our anonymous donors for their generous donations!	
<b>CAMPAIGN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$326,875.19</b>

## Mass Schedule

### **Tuesday, 30 December - Weekday in Christmas Octave 12:05 PM**

Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary  
Emile Lamothe - Ella Lamothe  
Tom Killoran - Karen Anne McArthur

### **Wednesday, 31 Dec. - Weekday in Christmas Octave 12:05 PM**

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu  
Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi  
Lori-Ann Morin - Vivian Molnar and Family

### **New Year's Day ~ Thursday, 01 January 2026 ~ 11:00 AM Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated in the Catholic Church.

This is the day where we honour Mary in the Octave

**of Christmas for saying "yes" to Gabriel at the Annunciation to become the Mother of Jesus.**

It is a Day of Obligation in Canada as are all Sundays.

*The 12:05 PM Mass is cancelled today.*

### **First Friday, 02 January - Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen 12:05 PM**

Emilia Hlusek - Terry Campbell  
Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary

### **Saturday, 03 January: The Epiphany of the Lord 4:00 PM**

Diane Truchon - Gisele Ferguson  
Denis Thibault - Joe and Louise Defonzo

### **Sunday, 04 January: The Epiphany of the Lord**

**9:00 AM** Emile Lamothe - Jessica and Pedro Costa  
Fred Deforest - Maria Gosselin

**11:00 AM** Intention of David Lamothe - Karen Beaulieu  
Jack Eckensviller - David Plouffe  
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



Congratulations to the following family who recently celebrated the baptism of their child!

Mitchell McQuoid and Danielle (Giroux)  
on the baptism of their son,  
**GEORGE AIMÉ DAVID McQUOID**

*May your lives be filled with love and peace  
and may God bless and protect your child!*



**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**



During the Octave (eight days) of Christmas we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The significance of the Feast unfolds when we come to understand the deeper truths it reveals. It teaches us about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—and about each one of us and our own families.

Through our Baptism, we are invited to live our lives in Christ by living them in the Church - which is the Risen Body of Christ. The Church is the place where we learn, as the Apostle Paul reminded the

Colossian Christians, to "put on love, that is, the bond of perfection". (Col. 3:14) The Gospel of the Liturgy is taken from the presentation of Jesus in the temple account in St. Luke and the beautiful canticle of Zechariah. (Luke 2:22-40) However, upon leaving the temple to return to Nazareth, we read these words: "When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

The Holy Family is an icon of the domestic Church, which is called to pray together. The family is the first school of prayer where, from their infancy, children learn to perceive God thanks to the teaching and example of their parents.

The Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, became one of us. He was born into a human family. That was neither accidental nor incidental. He teaches us how to live in His presence. In our life within the Christian family Jesus Christ is truly present. However, we need the eyes to see Him at work, the ears to hear His instruction and the hearts to make a place for Him to dwell.

Every moment of his time among us; from his conception, throughout His saving life, death and resurrection, Jesus was saving, redeeming, and re-creating the world. Making all things new. The Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary is not only our model, it is the beginning of the new family of the Church.

We are invited today to imitate the Holy Family. To learn to love, pray and grow in holiness. To forgive one another. To put on love, that is, the bond of perfection as shown to us by the first Christian Family.

**Loving God, let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust you. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.**

**May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families. For this we pray, Amen.**



The current Jubilee of Hope, which began on Christmas Eve 2024 when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's will be coming to an end.

In Rome and across the world there will be a series of solemn ceremonies scheduled during the Christmas season and into the new year.

Pope Leo XIV will close the Holy Door at St Peter's on January 6, 2026 signifying the end of the Jubilee Year.

**In our Diocese, Precious Blood Cathedral and the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption will be having closing ceremonies on Sunday, December 28 at their regular 11:00 AM Mass. Bishop Dowd will be celebrating in Sault Ste. Marie and Bishop Colli here in North Bay.**

### **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.**



### **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!**

## **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](mailto:480cwlpro@gmail.com)). **Please provide your full name if paying by cash.** For information please contact Leah Pierce, Vice President, at 705-472-5687 or at [pn.thebay@gmail.com](mailto:pn.thebay@gmail.com).



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**OUR CHURCH  
NEEDS  
YOUR HELP!**

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RAFFLE**



**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.**



**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](http://procathedral.ca)) under "Sacraments" then select Eucharist or Reconciliation. Return the e-form to [office@procathedral.ca](mailto:office@procathedral.ca) or you can print a copy and drop off to parish office or in the collection basket.

**CREATED CHOSEN CALLED**

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?**

**VISIT**

**[WWW.BEAPRIEST.CA](http://WWW.BEAPRIEST.CA)**

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

**Shalom Place:** Do you ever wonder where you are going? Do you ever wonder who is your real self? Do you ever wonder if you are following God's desire for your life? You are invited to join others who also wander and wonder. Exploring Thomas Merton's prayer may help us trust that we are being led by the generous, loving and active presence of God. **Saturday January 17, 9:30 – noon. Facilitated by Janet Norman** Register by email at [shalomssm@shaw.ca](mailto:shalomssm@shaw.ca), by phone at 705-254-4690, or on our website at [www.shalomplace.ca](http://www.shalomplace.ca). **Deadline for registration is January 15.** Cost: Your gift allows the ministry of Shalom Place to continue. Thank you for your generosity.

**A Celebration of Song to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 2:00 PM**  
**Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption**  
**480 McIntyre Street West**

**Come and sing beautiful hymns and listen to church choirs sing inspirational anthems!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Social will follow in Parish Hall**

**One Body, One Spirit**

### The Good Samaritan Corner

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless and near homeless have urgent needs.

Did you know that the **Open Arms Café** located within St. John the Divine Anglican Church at 301 Main Street East, in the St. John's Parish Hall, feeds a hot meal to over 200 people each week on Wednesday evenings between 4 to 6 p.m.?

This year, New Year's Eve falls on a Wednesday. That means that volunteers with Open Arms Café will be feeding the marginalized in our community on that busy evening. Please say a special prayer for them.

If you are available to volunteer to prepare or serve food, or if you would like to donate food, please contact the St. John the Divine office at 705-472-6070 or visit <https://stjohndivine.ca/community-ministry/> for more information.

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

