

07 December
2025

Second 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

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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The 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A points us to something new. Isaiah speaks of a branch growing from Jesse's stump. It is a sign of hope. God is doing something fresh. The

old ways are ending. A peaceful king will come. Justice and harmony will grow again. Even nature will change.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist appears. He tells the people to repent. Turn around. Get ready. Someone greater is coming. He will bring the Holy Spirit and fire. John reminds us that real faith shows in our actions. We must bear good fruit. Paul reminds us that Scripture gives hope. God is faithful to His promises. Jews and Gentiles are both part of His plan. We are called to live in peace with one another.

The 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A is about getting ready in the right way. It is not just about waiting. It is about turning back to God with open hearts and open hands.

PRAYER

(Light the second candle on your Advent Wreath)

**Lord, help us to prepare our hearts for Your coming.
Guide us to live with justice, peace, and repentance.
Give us courage to follow true leaders and to be leaders
who bring hope. May we bear good fruit and reflect
Your love in all we do. Amen.**

ADVENT

- Advent is the church's way of saying, "Not yet, but very soon."
- Advent is the opposite of our culture's incessant demand for instant gratification.
- Advent is our wake-up call to the fact that the Messiah who came is also coming, and is already here!

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

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

WEEKLY READINGS: 08-14 DECEMBER

Monday	Genesis 3. 9-15, 20; Ephesians 1. 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1. 26-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 40. 1-11; Matthew 18. 12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40. 25-31; Matthew 11. 28-30
Thursday	Isaiah 41. 13-20; Matthew 11. 11-15
Friday	Zechariah 2. 10-13; Luke 1. 39-47
Saturday	Sirach 48. 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17. 10-13
Sunday	Isaiah 35. 1-6a, 10; James 5. 7-10; Matthew 11. 2-11

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 08-14 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
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Wednesday	1:45 PM	Church	MSB Advent Stations
Thursday	9:30 AM	Church	MSB/St. Alexander School Mass
	6:30 PM	Church	Choir—Call office for Information
Friday	6:00 PM	Golf Course	Parish Christmas Dinner
Saturday	9:20 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word

Respect for Life Mass

The Respect for Life Mass celebrates the sanctity and dignity of each human life from conception to natural death.



**This Mass will be celebrated on
 Friday, December 12
 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

**Everyone is invited to this celebration held
 at 12:05 PM in the Cathedral.**

Sunday Collection - 30 November

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$5,258.85	\$1,781.65

Website Donations October

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
\$750.00	\$265.00	\$135.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 30 November

Roof Campaign Balance	\$257,030.62
<u>Sunday, 30 November Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$887.80
28 Receipted Donations	\$2,347.00
Orchard Gift Card Sales 67 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	\$335.00 Profit to Date: \$4,090.00
Twiggs Gift Card Sales 15 Cards X \$10.00 Profit	\$75.00 Profit to Date: \$405.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$260,810.42

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 09 December - Weekday in Advent 12:05 PM

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
 Members of the Veraldi and Knight Family - Myrtle Veraldi
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary

Wednesday, 10 December: Weekday in Advent 12:05 PM

Colleen Klein - Karen-Anne McArthur
 Frances Agius - John Agius
 Christopher Lamothe - Ella Lamothe

Thursday, 11 December: Weekday in Advent 12:05 PM

Dan and Geoff Laplante - The Family
 Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque

Friday, 12 December: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 12:05 PM
RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS— PLEASE JOIN US

Saturday, 13 December: Third Sunday of Advent 4:00 PM

Stephen Zimbalatte - The Family
 Tommy Klein - Karen-Anne McArthur
 Serafim Carreiro - The Carreiro Family

Sunday, 14 December: Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Judy Kelly-Manary - Jessica Costa
 Marilyn Campbell - Dawn Waltenbury and Family

11:00 AM Leo Morrisette - Rita Morrisette and Family
 Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

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

Turn Debt into Hope
Development and Peace
End Unjust Debts Campaign

SIGN THE
PETITION

More than 3.4 billion people live in countries that are spending more on debt payments than on health or education, standing in the way of sustainable development. In many countries, debt repayments far outweigh spending on climate action and addressing the impacts of the climate crisis. For heavily indebted countries, public debt has grown so large that repayment is impossible, burdening future generations.

Meanwhile, wealthy countries, including Canada, and corporations exploit resources from heavily indebted countries and from Indigenous communities human rights violations and severe ecological harm. This creates an “ecological debt” owed to those countries and to Indigenous peoples. This can change. 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.

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Eve, 24 December
5:00 PM, 8:00 PM

Christmas Day, 25 December
11:00 AM



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Thursday, 01 January 2026 at 11:00 AM



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!**



Don't forget to head to the North Bay Museum to check out the Knights of Columbus Display that recognizes the men who have served our churches for over a century! Display is there for all of December.

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

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.

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.

**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.

Pro-Cathedral Parish Christmas Dinner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 ~ 6:00 PM

At the Scenic North Bay Golf Course

Beautiful Prime Rib Dinner, with all the Fixings
Salad, Dessert, Tea & Coffee

**ONLY
18
Tickets
Left!**

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\$65/Person

Tickets Available at the Parish Office and at Mass

LIMITED SEATING

BAR - DEBIT AND CREDIT CARD ONLY



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR - WHY NOT MAKE ADVENT MEANINGFUL?

Don't forget each day to add a non-perishable food item to your Advent Box to donate to our Catholic Charities Food Bank.

On the last Sunday of Advent (December 21) bring your donations to Mass. You can also bring donations to the parish office through Advent. Catholic Charities Food Bank is located right here at the Pro-Cathedral with distribution on Tuesday mornings.



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

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 have Religious Christmas cards for sale.

To order and have your cards delivered, please call Roy Malette at

705-477-4084



**REJOICE
Christ Is Born**

St. Vincent de Paul Advent Confessions: 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

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.

Find the right Catholic Youth Night for you! Faith, friends, fun, and games - every Thursday Night for all students no matter what school or church you attend! Held at Holy Name of Jesus - Visit www.holynamestalphonsus.com

The Good Samaritan Corner



Here is the toll-free Suicide Crisis Help Line in Canada. If you're in crisis, or worried about yourself or someone else call 9-8-8 and you will receive the help you need. All information will be kept confidential.

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

