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
29 November 2020



The prophet Isaiah speaks of the longing of the people of Israel for God's return and help in times of trouble: *That [he] would rend the heavens and come down*, such that mountains would quake and *awesome deeds* take place. Paul gives thanks for the grace of God bestowed on the Corinthians, and assures them that they *are no t lacking in any spiritual gift*. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, *Be watchful! Be alert!* For they *do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.* Perhaps, like Isaiah, we long for God to perform a breath-taking miracle that would make us sit up and take notice. Yet, as people of faith, we are called to see God in the ordinary. Advent gives us the opportunity to take time to pray – to sharpen our vision of God's presence in our daily lives.

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.

PASTOR **Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, D.D.**
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

RECTOR
Msgr. Dave Tramontini

ASSISTANT
Rev. Rex Lumine

PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons	***Diocesan Order of Women***
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi	Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago	Mrs. Norma Milligan
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin	Miss Ruth Godon
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk	

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



Due to the coronavirus new directives are in place for the preparation and celebration of our sacraments. Please call the parish office if you require more information for:
Marriage, Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick.

Reconciliation from 3:00 to 3:45 PM. Cathedral opens at 3:00 PM.

Please see our **Eucharist** schedule on next page of this bulletin.

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 12:45 PM. 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.

MONDAY to THURSDAY 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
(Closed 12:00 Noon to 12:30 PM)
FRIDAY 8:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

OFFICE HOURS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
30 November - 06 December

Monday	Romans 10. 9-18; Matthew 4. 18-22
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 40. 1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3. 8-14; Mark 1. 1-8

Advent is Here!

Celebrate the season by watching the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Journey through Advent Video Series These short videos will be posted each Monday for the upcoming Sunday and can be viewed on our website homepage procathedral.ca under LINKS



"Your Father's House"

The date is June 23, 1956 as young and vibrant newlyweds, Colin (22) and Noreen (20) Vezina exit the Pro-Cathedral. Msgr. Frank Devine officiated the joyous occasion. Noreen's sister, Jeannette Brisson was the Bridesmaid, while Colin's brother, Bob was the Best man. Additionally, Michael Vezina and Larry Brisson, brothers of the newlyweds, served as altar-servers. In 2021 Colin & Noreen will have been married 65 years! Congratulations!

Thank you to Colin & Noreen for sharing these pictures of our beloved cathedral. **If you have pictures you would like to share, please send them to us. procathedral-files@gmail.com or drop them off at the parish office for safe copying/scanning.**

✝ MEMORIAL FUND ✝

The following name has been received at the request of donors in memory of our deceased friends and relatives:

JACK SULLIVAN

Cell Phone? Move Recently?



Have you changed from a land line to a cell phone in the past few years? Maybe you have moved and never let us know? Please send us an email or call us with your updated contact information so we can keep our records current.

Women Alone in Friendship



Just a note to let you know that our gatherings are temporarily postponed due to COVID-19. Hopefully we will gather again in the New Year!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 30 November - Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle
Frank Falconi - Louise and Joe Defonzo
Vern Chapman and Deceased Family Members - Doris Chapman

Tuesday, 01 December - Weekday in Advent
Parents of Katherine and Lloyd Voisin - Katherine Voisin
Dolores O'Connor - Norma Milligan

Wednesday, 02 December - Weekday in Advent
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Janet Faulds - Mike and Sandra McCormick and Family
Intention of Florence Friel - Bill de Grosbois
Int. of Living and Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 03 December - Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Sam Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
Ernie and Marie Follis - The Family

First Friday, 04 December - Weekday in Advent
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Betty Moseley-Williams - Karen-Anne McArthur

4:00 PM Saturday, 05 December - Second Sunday of Advent
Eugenio and Maria Gerbasi - The Family
Sandie Mattina - Linda and John O'Neil
Amparo Alegre - Maria Haro and Greg McGuinty

Sunday, 06 December - Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Sheila Flannery - Catholic Women's League
Jack Sullivan - Dino and Jean Dottori
Betty Moseley-Williams - Nipissing-Parry Sound C.D.S.B.

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Msgr. Dave Tramontini

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.

What do we do to Prepare and Celebrate Advent?
What are the Advent Symbols?
What does Gaudete Sunday Mean?
What do the Candles of the Advent Wreath Represent?
& Much More!!

Celebrate by Watching and Reading
Selected Advent Programming & Readings

Also Watch Father Joseph's Advent Reflection Videos

VISIT ewtn.com/advent/
(Eternal Word Television Network)

2021 Parish Envelopes are being distributed in the Cathedral.

They will be handed out individually to those requesting them from an usher. ***We will do this each weekend so if we run out one weekend, please know that we will have more available the following weekend.***
You can also drop by the parish office to pick up your parish offering envelopes. *Have you thought about changing to pre-authorized donations through your bank or credit card?* It's a safe and reliable way of supporting the Cathedral while allowing us to better budget!

First Sunday of Advent

Sometimes we can grow nostalgic for the laid-back Advents of childhood: making a list for Santa, digging into the perforated cardboard Advent calendar for chocolate for breakfast, and lighting the Advent wreath (fire!) each Sunday. We all know, however, that the season can quickly become usurped by things to do – shopping, family, cleaning, etc. Today's readings remind us that this is not what Advent is about. The tone in our Scriptures which begin the Advent season is not subtle. Isaiah asks God to return, to "rend the heavens and come down" – to save and deliver his people. The psalm is equally adamant: "Lord, make us turn to you." We, as a Church, are waiting for the fullness of the Kingdom on earth, and we must prepare.

We Christians are waiting for Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Jesus reminds us in the Gospel, "You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming." And while this is true, it's not something to fear, but something to prepare for and look forward to! We wait in joyful hope, asking for the grace to remain faithful to our baptism and to live in a way that makes Christ's presence known to others.

✞ Remember the pre-pandemic holidays? Chances are, you've got some extra time on your hands this season. Why not use it to take a deeper dive into Advent this year, by watching the Advent videos posted on our website under LINKS or reading and praying with the Scriptures each day of Advent.

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 ***www.Sadlier Religion***



PRAYER LINE

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

COLLECTION REPORT: 22 NOVEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,216.00	**$844.00**

Catholic Women's League

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, decorations are going up everywhere and colourful lights are already being lit in many neighbourhoods. Shopping, baking, wrapping, so tiring but every bit a pleasure none the less! Now that all that is on the go there is something else left to prepare for...Jesus!



This Sunday marks the start of Advent which is a time of reflection and renewal, a time to recollect the hope for the future. Let our faith come together to bring brightness and happiness into our lives and push aside all the darkness that surrounds us. Pope Francis' message states, "For the great human family, it is necessary to renew always the common horizon toward which we are journeying. The horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because the Lord never disappoints! He is Faithful!"

Did You miss our Bazaar this year?

We sure did. Bazaar is an event that helps us support all our charities throughout the year!

The Pro-Cathedral CWL wishes to continue their good works and assistance through their programs such as offering scholarships to students; supporting the school lunch programs, Right to Life, Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre, Gathering Place, Catholic Charities, and many other community initiatives.
Due to the pandemic, we have been prohibited from hosting our annual parish bazaar and as a result unable to raise needed funds for our activities.

We are asking if members of our community could make a onetime CWL donation though our regular collection contribution system on Sunday.

If you could possibly help we would be most grateful. We invite donations of any amount placed in the collection boxes at the back of the church or dropped into the mail slot at the parish office. Please be sure to mark your envelopes CWL and make cheques payable to Pro-Cathedral CWL.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

CWL MEMBERSHIPS

Many members often pay their memberships at the Bazaar which we are unfortunately, unable to host this year. I am sure that you will agree that maintaining memberships is important and in order to facilitate this, we will be accepting memberships by mail this year.

Please send your $25 renewals to Vicki Doucette, Treasurer, at 387 Princess Street West, North Bay, ON, P1B 6C7. **Make your cheques payable to the CWL Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Parish**, *not to the parish directly*.
You can also place your membership in an envelope and drop it through the mail slot at the parish office. Just write "Vicki Doucette" on your envelope and be sure to include your name and address and the $25 membership fee.
If you have questions please call Brenda Passmore, Membership Chairperson, at 474-0447.



Because COVID-19 has impacted the way we do things, this year we are preparing for and celebrating the sacraments in a different way.

First Reconciliation: There will be no common classes or common celebration. Upon registration a book concerning this sacrament will be mailed to you. Once you have gone through the material with your child, contact the Cathedral and a private time will be arranged with you for your child to celebrate with myself or Fr. Rex.

First Eucharist: In January, our team will meet to take into consideration new developments and decide how to proceed with this Sacrament. We will keep you informed as to our plans at that time.

Baptism is the pre-requisite to all the other Sacraments.

If your child has not been baptized *please contact our parish office.*

We want to work with you to have your child receive this sacrament in order to enter the Christian community.

Now is the time to register your child if they are in Grade 2 or 3 or older.

Please know that should you decide not to have your child prepare for sacraments this Fall we will joyfully welcome them to do so next year.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or email the parish office. We are looking forward to working with you as your child prepares to celebrate the sacraments.

Yours in Christ,

Msgr Dave Tramontini

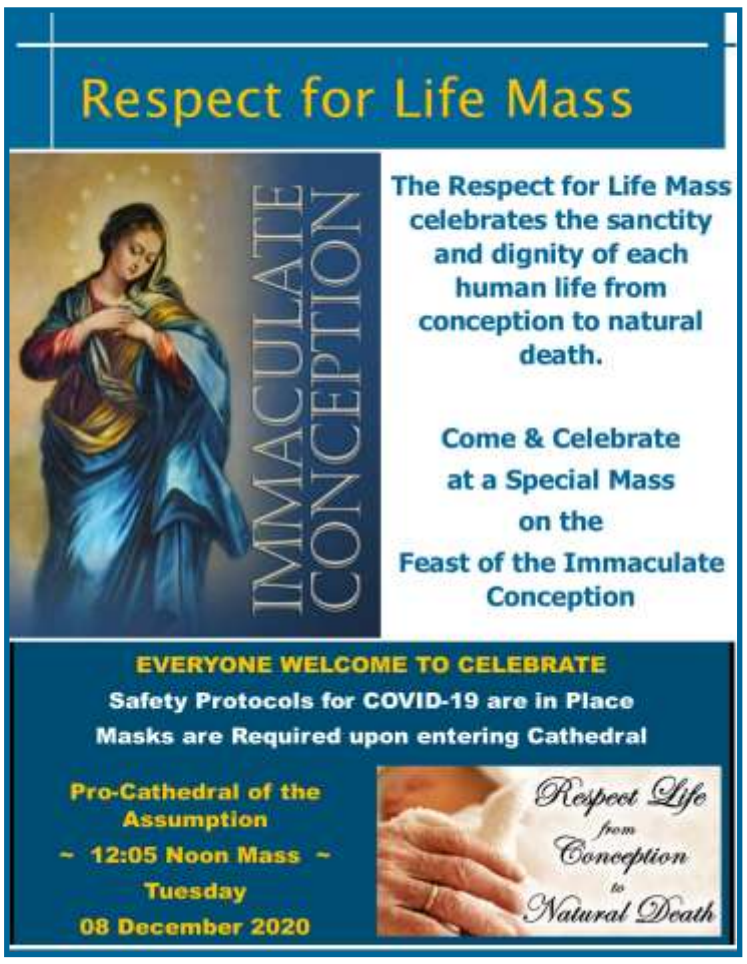
Visit our Website to Register: procathedral.ca

Select Sacraments / Reconciliation and scroll down to "Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the 1st Time"
Complete the Form & Return to Parish
(Instructions are included on Form)



Catholic Charities

Our Food Bank runs every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. ***If you can help, we are looking for donations of CLEAN grocery store bags for distribution of food items.***



WATCH LIVE

Bishop Thomas Dowd's Installation

at the Pro-Cathedral ~ December 17 ~ 2:00 PM

Live Salt & Light Television
Salt & Light Website: saltandlighttv.org



Have you Donated to our Catholic Women's League Sock Basket Yet? Please help so we can help others!

During this time of anxious waiting and confusion amid a global pandemic, let us redirect our attention to the Lord's coming, which will help us welcome him with abundant joy at Christmas!

Lord Jesus, dispel the gloom created by worldly power and awaken us to the light of your coming. Amen

Parish Donations 2021

Please think of using an automated donation method for your 2021 financial contributions as it helps provide the parish with an even cash flow throughout the year.

If you are already using one of these methods, please take the opportunity to revisit your donation amounts.

How to Support the Cathedral Financially

Please download the Banking Pre-Authorized Form or Credit Card form from our website at procathedral.ca under About Us, Stewardship/Contributions. Complete the form and mail or drop it off back to us at in the mailbox to the left of the rectory office door (480 McIntyre Street West).

You can also simply email the parish office at office@procathedral.ca or call us at 472-3970 and we will figure out how best to get the documentation to you.

Other ways you can contribute:

- We continue to accept **envelopes** at the parish door through the mail slot—you can drop off current and postdated cheques.
- Use our "**Donate Today" button** on our website. Just click and fill in the blanks and you can make a donation to the Cathedral.
- **E-transfer from your bank account through interac e-transfer** to music.finance@procathedral.ca Put in the message of the e-transfer how you would like your funds disbursed (i.e. Sunday, Building, Easter, etc.)

Again, as long as it does not cause hardship to you, we are grateful for your continued support.

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 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.

Free Children's Liturgy of the Word Videos

Free 25 minute Children's Liturgy videos every week. This interactive programming encourages children to participate, appeals to various learning styles, and helps young children understand the Gospels and their faith more fully! You can access this free catechetical resource by visiting Children & Youth under Ministries on our website at procathedral.ca

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

EDGE Youth Nights for all students in Grade 6, 7 & 8 from any school or church. Held Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Includes time for music, games, prayer, teaching and social time led by Catholic high school students, Fr. Daniele Muscolino and a team of volunteer adults. A safe, fun place for youth to find solid friendships and learn more about our Catholic faith. EDGE presents Catholic teachings in a way that young people can understand and develop in their spiritual lives. For more information visit www.holynamestalphonsus.com/edge or call 495-1501. Masks are mandatory and all safe protocols will be strictly followed.

Free Christmas Dinner: Due to Covid-19, the Community Christmas Day Dinner will be served at Memorial Gardens (Gate 2) Friday December 25 from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. We can sit 50 people at time and take out service (Gate 3) will be offered from 10:30 AM until 2:30 PM as well. There will be entertainment and gifts for everyone. Masks must be worn and social distancing protocols will be in place. Email: nbchristmasdinner@gmail.com if you have any questions. **Note: Volunteer Roles have been filled**. Event hosted by The Christmas Day Dinner Committee 2020

North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre: We have reopened and appointments can be made to see clients/visitors by calling 475-9270. Along with guidance and support, did you know that we provide layettes to new moms and also have a baby clothes closet? Donations of diapers, unscented wipes, baby wash, soothers, bibs, bath towels, receiving blankets, & much more would be greatly appreciated. Please call to see what our requirements are. We are also looking for volunteers for graphic design, reception at the office, fundraising, client care advocates and a retired nurse to help us with our pre-natal course. If you would like to be part of our prayer ministry, send an email to judyproulx@icloud.com and let her know.

Catholic Kids Link

Looking for a great resource to support your faith in the home? Visit the diocesan website at dioceseofsaultstemarie.org and select OUR FAITH, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Under Diving into the Mass there are videos on the parts of the mass to help children learn more about their faith. You can also type the following link into your browser: https://dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd





Imagine a World

Where everyone was honest.
Where everyone had a home.
Where there are no unkind words.
Where everyone had a roof over their heads.
Where everyone had a full belly and clean water to drink.
Where no one abused animals.
Where there was no fighting.
Where there are no bullies.
Where everyone paid it forward.
Where everyone recycled.
Where there was no pollution.
Where habitats were not destroyed.
Where everyone respected each other.
Where everyone thinks before they speak.
Where everyone prayed for someone else.
Where there is no hunger.
Where everyone was kind.
Where everyone assisted others.
Where everyone loved someone.
Where everyone was loved by someone.
Just imagine.