Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

Welcome to Your Father's House

Waiting in Joyful Hope for the Coming of the Lord!

Third Sunday of Advent
13 December 2020



In the first reading, Isaiah rejoices as he brings glad tidings of God's vindication for his people. In the second reading, Paul encourages rejoicing as God prepares his people for the return of the Lord. In the Gospel, John testifies to the light and cries out in the desert to make straight the way of the Lord. *Gaudete* Sunday affirms the value of rejoicing and gives reasons for our rejoicing: God has given hope to his people waiting for redemption. We wait with rejoicing for what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ.

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
14 ~ 20 December

Monday	Numbers 24. 2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21. 23-27
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3. 1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21. 28-32
Wednesday	Isaiah 45. 6b, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7. 19-23
Thursday	Genesis 49. 2, 8-10; Matthew 1. 1-17
Friday	Jeremiah 23. 5-8; Matthew 1. 18-24
Saturday	Judges 13. 2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1. 5-25
Sunday	2 Samuel 7. 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16. 25-27; Luke 1. 26-38

WATCH LIVE



The Installation Celebration
of
Bishop Thomas Dowd
to
The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

Held at the
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
17 December 2020 ~ 2:00 PM

Brought to you by Salt & Light Television

Salt & Light Website: saltandlighttv.org

Advent Week 3 ~ Prayer



Light three candles and sit for a moment in silence.

Christ our Joy,
Brighten our homes with your presence.
Clarify our vision so that we might see you in the people we cherish.
Make every holiday activity an opportunity to spread your light and love.
We await your coming with delight.
Amen

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION!

Students in Grade 7, 8 or 9 are invited to register now to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation! Our preparation program begins in January 2021!

Our preparation program brings everyone from across our region to prepare together. Due to the special circumstances of the pandemic, there will be three simultaneous celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, February 13, 2021. Youth will celebrate at the parish where they are registered and attend.

Registration for <u>all</u> Candidates is available online only at: www.holynamestalphonsus.com/confirmation
A complete list of preparation dates and confirmation procedures can be found here as well.

Our preparation sessions will adhere to all safety protocols and are designed to inspire, have fun, deepen faith and build new friendships.

Registration Deadline is January 13, 2021.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 14 December - St. John of the Cross, Priest/Doctor
Sam Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
Noah Dugas - Frank and Barb Gurini
Msgr. Norm Clement - Bill de Grosbois

Tuesday, 15 December - Weekday in Advent
Maria and Eugenio Spina - Maria Gosselin and Family
Jack Sullivan - Joseph and Ri MacAskill
Noah Dugas - Karen Lafontaine

Wednesday, 16 December - Weekday in Advent
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Mike and Lidia Rossi - The Family
Dianne Ross - Gary and Suzanne Wishak and Family
Jack Sullivan - Colleen McGuinty

Thursday, 17 December - Weekday in Advent
No 12:05 PM Mass Today
2:00 PM Watch Installation Celebration of our new bishop, His Excellency Thomas Dowd at saltandlighttv.org

Friday, 18 December - Weekday in Advent
Lloyd Voisin - Katherine Voisin
Sheila Flannery - Ann Sullivan

4:00 PM Saturday, 19 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Jeanne Hodgins - Philip Paquette
Sue McMartin - Emilia Hlusek
Cecelia McKenzie - Joyce Brooks

Sunday, 20 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Jack Sullivan - Colleen Klein
Intention of Msgr. Dave - Dino and Jean Dottori

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

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.



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

Parish Donations 2021

God endows each of us with personal gifts, talents and material possessions. Stewardship is acknowledging that God is the source of each gift that has been received and each possession that has been accumulated. Stewardship also means to give a portion back to God, as a direct way of expressing our thanksgiving to Him for these gifts.

In this stressful year where many are affected by the coronavirus we are grateful for the support we have received that allowed us to meet our operating budget and to progress our Church in its mission to share the Gospel, support our ministries, and assist our community.

If you are currently not contributing financially we ask that you prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to the parish.

Ways You can Help Support our Parish

2021 Parish Envelopes: Currently being 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!

NOTE: If you are already donating through pre-authorized bank account or credit card donations your deductions will continue the same into 2021 unless you would like to revise the amounts deducted. Contact the parish office if you would like to revise your contribution amounts. If you donate through automatic withdrawals, you do not need to take parish envelopes.

Pre-Authorized Bank & Credit Card Donations

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.

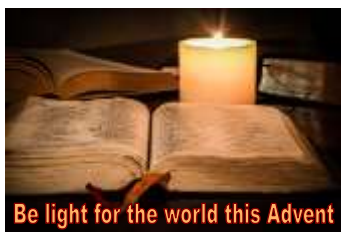
Other ways you can contribute:

- 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.)

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

Third Sunday of Advent

The prophet's words in the Book of Isaiah are bursting with hope: "The Lord ... has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord." As we enter the third week of Advent, these words may resonate more deeply for many of us as we look back on 2020. We know that for many of the world's people, struggle can be an everyday reality; however, after this year marked by pandemic, mourning, racial injustice, and mounting unemployment, the prophet's hope-filled words may hit home more acutely. Regardless of what 2020 has been like for us, Advent is a reminder that we have reason for hope: in Emmanuel, God with us. Let us prepare our hearts and our minds for Christ's coming through prayer, confident that the Lord will fulfill the promises of the prophet.



As predicted by John the Baptist and the prophet, Christ came to dwell among us, and remains within us through the Eucharist and the working of the Holy Spirit. We, like John the Baptist, can "testify to the light" by sharing Christ's presence through our witness to others.

This week, let our witness focus on testifying to the light in our digital presence and encounters. Make your words be those that foster hope and promise rather than incite division.

PICTURES NEEDED

Be part of this historical walk down memory lane!



"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! 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. procathedralfiles@gmail.com or drop them off at the parish office for safe copying/scanning.



Because COVID-19 has impacted the way we do things, this year we are preparing for 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.

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.

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)

COLLECTION REPORT: 06 DECEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,347.95	**$11,860.15**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Shalom Place presents "Dear Heart Come Home: The Path to Midlife Spirituality" by Joyce Rupp an on-line small group opportunity. Midlife is a summons to grow and a challenge to discover our authenticity. We evaluate our goals, hopes, dreams, beliefs, behaviours, experiences, all that has marked us and contributed to the person we have become. We ask ourselves: "Is this the person I want to be in the future?" Using Joyce Rupp's book as the source of input, private journaling and group sharing during our sessions we will meet with facilitator Sister Stephanie Romiti, CSJ on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:00 PM January 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; and March 3, 10. A free-will offering is appreciated. Participants are asked to obtain their own copy of the book. Meet from the comfort of your own home—we will meet using zoom. To register contact shalomssm@shaw.ca or call 705-254-4690. You can also complete the contact form at www.shalomplace.ca

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

Rejoice! Shout and sing for joy!

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid,
for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy
which will be to all people."

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Please help keep our records up-to-date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place in the collection.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ P/C: _____ Cell Phone: _____

☐ I am new to the parish and I wish to register

☐ I am unsure if registered, please check

☐ I have recently moved, please update



I wish to donate using:

Contribution Envelopes ☐

VISA/MasterCard ☐

Pre-Authorized Bank Donations ☐

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve—Thursday, 24 December

5:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM ~ 12:00 MIDNIGHT

Incense will be used at 8 PM & Midnight Masses

Doors Open 1 Hour Prior to Masses

A simultaneous mass will be celebrated in the parish hall at all mass times. The 5:00 PM mass will be live-streamed as well as being made available afterwards on our website for viewing at your convenience.

Please arrive as a family unit if you wish to sit together.
Seating can not be "saved" for others.

Once the Cathedral and Parish Hall are full, due to social-distancing protocols, all others will be gently turned away. We cannot add additional seating or have people standing in the Cathedral or Hall.

We apologize in advance and ask that you extend your usual courtesy towards our ushers during this difficult time.

** Please see note about Spiritual Communion Below **

Christmas Day – Friday, 25 December

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

Holy Family Weekend

Saturday, 26 December & Sunday, 27 December

Regular 4:00 PM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

Monday, 28 December—Thursday, 31 December

Regular 12:05 PM Masses

New Year's Day

Friday, 01 January

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

11:00 AM Mass

(12:05 PM Mass Cancelled)



Did you know that Christmas Day and New Year's Day are Holy Days of Obligation?

December is a Giving Month!
Why not Give the Gift of Food?

Get into the true spirit of Christmas and help our Catholic Charities Food Bank provide food to those in need in our community.

Drop off your donations of non-perishable food items to the parish office during business hours all through the month of December.

Thank you!



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 altar and sanctuary during the Christmas Season.

Please print the name of the person(s) you wish remembered and your name and address on a paper and insert it into an envelope marked Christmas Flower Donation.

Drop the envelope in the collection or to the parish office by December 21.

A listing of remembrances will be published on our website and emailed to everyone who is subscribed to receive the bulletin on-line (358 people and counting!)

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

A dispensation from mass is still in place if you are unable to attend mass.

If you are unable to receive the Eucharist physically, Pope Francis invites us to make a Spiritual Communion—that is to invite Christ in to our hearts, and ask that Christ come close to us, and that we come close to Christ.

You can join Pope Francis for Spiritual Communion at:

https://youtu.be/5LNjJaWuidw

This link is also posted on our website under LINKS at procathedral.ca

You can pray An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

This week we would like to tell you more about the Coady Institute which we support.

Education and Health Message

The League has been a supporter of Coady since 1969. Ongoing support from councils is still needed. Due to COVID-19, Coady is offering online courses open to anyone, not just international participants. For course information, visit coady.stfx.ca/education/.

According to the website, the COADY International Institute 'ignites leadership that inspires collaborative effort to address challenges, discover opportunities and create sustainable development at the community level. Established by St. Francis Xavier University in 1959, Coady Institute is a world-renowned centre of excellence in community-based development and leadership education.' Online education programs for 202/2021 applications are now open for the following: Climate Change Basics for Community Resilience, Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding for Community Development and Introduction to Social Enterprise.

Please contact Leah Pierce, Education and Health Chairperson at 705-472-5687 for more information.

Our Mission

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

Wouldn't you want to be part of this beautiful ministry?



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



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.

2021 CWL MEMBERSHIPS

- Membership fees of $25 can be dropped into the parish collection or dropped off at the parish office.
- If you currently use parish envelopes, a membership envelope is included inside. Put your name and address on the envelope, include the $25 membership fee and drop it into the collection basket.
- You can put your name and address on any envelope you have, include the membership fee, and drop it into the collection basket.
- You can mail your $25 membership fee to Vicki Doucette, Treasurer, at 387 Princess Street West, North Bay, ON P1B 6C7.
- **Please make all cheques payable to CWL Pro-Cathedral.**
- **Questions? Contact Brenda Passmore, Membership Chairperson at 474-0447.**

