28 November 2021

First Sunday of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, Jeremiah prophesies the coming of a promised messiah for the house of Israel and Judah. Saint Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to conduct themselves in a way pleasing to God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples to stay vigilant and be prepared for the day when they will see the Son of Man *coming in a cloud with power and great glory.* Advent is a season of preparation. It is easy to lose Advent in the swirl of Christmas lights and decorations. In this time of anticipation as we consider Christ's incarnation – his coming in the flesh – we also await his return in glory. Be ready: *stand erect and raise your heads*. Prepare your hearts to receive him. Don't miss the grace of Advent.

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.

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	*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



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: Saturdays from 3:00 until 3:45 PM.

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: On the First Friday of each month from 10:00 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 12:45 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.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

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

READINGS: 29 NOV—05 DEC

Monday	Isaiah 2. 1-5; Matthew 8. 5-11, 13
Tuesday	Romans 10. 9-18; Matthew 4. 18-22
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	Is. 30. 19-21, 23-26; Mt. 9. 35-10. 1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Baruch 5. 1-9; Philippians 1. 3-6, 8-11; Luke 3. 1-5

Bishop's Mission & Pastoral Visit

Bishop Thomas Dowd will be in the parish for a week beginning Saturday, December 4 and will be leading a Mission for four evenings in the Cathedral.
The evenings will consist of different 45 minute talks followed by a question and answer session.

Everyone is invited to come out on these evenings.

MISSION DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, December 5	7:00 PM
Monday, December 6	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 7	7:00 PM
Wednesday, December 8	7:00 PM

During the week, he will visit the schools in our parish, parish committees and community groups. Bishop Dowd will also be celebrating and preaching at all Masses.





For all you early planners, here is our
Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, 24 December
5:00 PM, 8:00 PM and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day, 25 December
11:00 AM



MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Celebrations are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 29 November - Weekday in Advent Season
COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, 30 November - Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle
Denis Beaulieu - Karen and Family
Tom Atchison - Lorraine Atchison
Jane Doyle - Suzanne Lukasik

Wednesday, 01 December - Weekday in Advent Season
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prior to Mass

Harriett Gagnon - Maureen and Kevin O'Connor
Mildred Puddister - The Family
Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 02 December - Weekday in Advent Season
For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner
Lise Hudebine - Pierrette Levesque and Family
Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

First Friday, 03 December - St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Georgiana Levesque - Richard Levesque
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

4:00 PM Saturday, 04 December – Second Sunday of Advent
Eugenio and Maria Gerbasi - The Family
For Family of Renata Dolata
For a Special Intention - Carol and John Rowe

Sunday, 05 December - Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Joy Valencik - Suzanne Lukasik
Dr. Rocci Zimbalatte - Connie Zimbalatte
Intention of Henscelle Laylay Amid

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Rev. Larry Rymes



SUNDAY MISSALS!
Scripture readings, reflections, calendar of saints, papal prayer intentions & more.
$5.00/Each - Available at the Parish Office



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. 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 would be best!). Include your donation and return the envelope to the office or in the weekly collection. ***Please have your names to the parish office by Monday, December 20.***

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

Catholic Women's League

General Meeting Wednesday, 01 December

Parish Hall — 7:00 PM



Please come out to this meeting!

Come and vote on the proposed changes put forward by our National office. An informative Power Point presentation will give you all the information needed to make an informed decision for your vote.

It is unfortunate that we cannot have our special Christmas dinner again this year but there will still be a social with social distancing in mind after the meeting! Please bring proof of vaccination!

Christmas is a time of giving and caring! **Let's remember and help** others where we can ! Please consider bringing to the general meeting some warm socks hats and mitts, or toiletries: soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc. and hair brushes. Remember men's products too! Donations for our Catholic Charities Food Bank will also be welcomed!

Please RSVP to Shirlene Condie-McVeigh 493-0718.
There are still only 25 people allowed in the hall!

ELECTIONS!



It is time to choose your new executive! Last chance to nominate someone to help guide us through the next two years! The vote for the new team will also take place at the General Meeting on December 1.

MEMBERSHIPS

It is that time of year ~ Membership Renewal Time! Many of you often pay your memberships at the Bazaar. Unfortunately, and sadly we were unable to host our special event again this year! Oh, how I pray we get back to days gone by where there is a real buzz in hall and it looks so lovely with all our decorations.



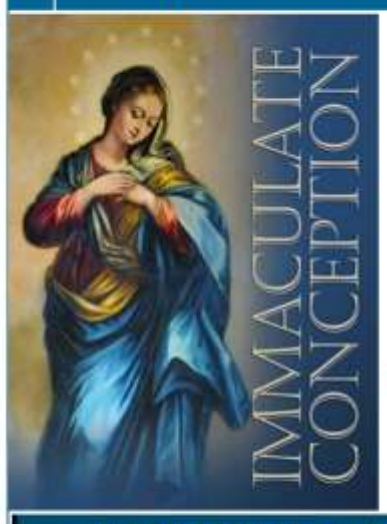
There are a few ways to pay your memberships. Drop a clearly marked envelope off in the office mail slot; pay when you pick up your cookie orders on Dec. 3 or 4; or put an envelope in the collection at mass. ***Please make sure your envelopes are clearly marked CWL MEMBERSHIP.***

You can also call Brenda Passmore at 705-474-0447

Collection Report: 21 NOVEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,070.35	$570.00

Brick Fundraiser: $20,500.00
Accumulative Total ~ Goal: $56,000

Respect for Life Mass



Come & Celebrate at a Special Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
~ 12:05 Noon Mass ~
Wednesday
08 December 2021

EVERYONE WELCOME TO CELEBRATE
Safety Protocols for COVID-19 are in Place
Masks are Required upon entering Cathedral

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





The Pro-Cathedral Prayer Line consists of 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

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

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Congratulations to our families who recently celebrated the baptism of their children!

James Sroga and Sara Parker on the baptism of their son Venn Witold Sroga and on the baptism of their daughter, Freya Z. Sroga.

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

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR
TO HELP MAKE ADVENT MEANINGFUL

Each day add an item to a box. On the weekend of December 18-19, bring your donations to the church to be donated to the Catholic Charities Food Bank. Located in the Pro-Cathedral parish rectory, our food bank distributes items on Tuesday mornings.

December 1	Box of Cereal
December 2	Peanut Butter
December 3	School Snack
December 4	Box of Potatoes
December 5	Macaroni & Cheese
December 6	Canned Fruit
December 7	Canned Tomatoes
December 8	Tea Bags
December 9	Cake Mix
December 10	Jar of Applesauce
December 11	Canned Potatoes
December 12	Granola Bars
December 13	Canned Beans
December 14	Box of Crackers
December 15	Package of Rice
December 16	Box of Toothpaste
December 17	Package of Pasta
December 18	Spaghetti Sauce
December 19	Can of Soup
December 20	Can of Corn
December 21	Canned Tuna
December 22	Jar of Jam
December 23	Drinking Box
December 24	Canned Vegetable



Feel free to make substitutions.
Dried milk, coffee, mustard, relish, ketchup, bar of soap, tooth brush, toilet paper, etc.

You may also drop donations to the parish office all through December.
You don't have to wait until the end of December to bring everything.

Thank you for your generous heart!

PRO-CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES

'Tis the Season to be *Generous* ... Fa, la, la, la, la ....."

Each Tuesday when Catholic Charities is open, we have been distributing food items to our community. The volunteers have also been trying to ensure that our clients are also warm and dressed properly for the winter season. If you can donate boots, coats, mitts, scarves, hats, warm sweaters, etc. we would appreciate your donation. We are always in need of men's clothing and casual footwear.

Due to Storage Space ~ Seasonal Donations Only

REGIONAL NEWS

Christmas Day Dinner will again be held this year at Memorial Gardens on Christmas Day, December 25 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please note that all volunteer positions have been filled. Don't be alone or hungry this Christmas - everyone welcome!

Marriage Preparation Program: 6:30—9:30 pm on Friday, January 28, followed by 9:30 am—5:00 pm on Saturday, January 29. Interested couples should call Samantha at 705-471-3284 for more information or to sign up.

North Bay Roman Catholic Cemeteries Tree of Lights Campaign: Your donation in memory of a loved one will benefit lane repairs to be completed next year. Lights are $10/each or $25/three. They can be in memory of a loved one, or for a special intention. A campaign list can be viewed on the website at www.nbrcc.ca or you can remain anonymous. Cheques can be mailed and made payable to North Bay Roman Catholic Cemeteries, 132 Golf Club Road, North Bay ON P1B 9T8. Contact the office at 495-8986 or email manager@nbrcc.ca if you have questions. The lighting of the tree will be on December 3 at St. Mary's Cemetery.



The Good Samaritan Corner: The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs.

How can you provide help to the homeless in the cold weather?

1) Donate winter clothing – winter coats, heavier jackets, boots, hats and gloves to Rebuilt Resources at 1356 Regina Street.
2) Contact Emergency Homeless Services – helping the homeless in the cold can save a life. Hypothermia is a genuine concern for those on the streets. Contact the 24-hours crisis line 474-1031.
3) Volunteer your time – you can make a big difference in the life of a brother or sister. Consider volunteering at The Gathering Place, the North Bay Food Bank, or our very own Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay!

Too often those struggling with addiction, mental health issues and ultimately homelessness have been unjustly accused of crimes in our community. Show compassion for our brothers and sisters who are homeless and are at the lowest point in their lives. Be the change!

Please call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency and 2-1-1 to access support services.