11 December 2022

Third 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, Isaiah describes how the earth will rejoice when the Lord comes to save his people. In the second reading, James encourages patient hearts, for the return of the Lord is at hand. In the Gospel, Jesus praises John the Baptist as God's messenger and assures John's disciples that he is the one John has been seeking. On Gaudete Sunday we rejoice with all the earth in anticipation and preparation for Jesus' birth and the coming of his kingdom. We, like John the Baptist, are blessed and included in the kingdom of heaven, not because of what we do but what Jesus does for us.

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: 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 12:45 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 to Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

Scripture Readings: 12—18 December

Monday	Zechariah 2. 10-13; Luke 1. 39-47
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3. 1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21. 28-32
Wednesday	Isaiah 45. 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7. 19-23
Thursday	Isaiah 54. 1-10; Luke 7. 24-30
Friday	Isaiah 56. 1-3a, 6-8; John 5. 16-17, 33-36
Saturday	Genesis 49. 2, 8-10; Matthew 1. 1-17
Sunday	Isaiah 7. 10-14; Romans 1. 1-7; Matthew 1. 18-24

Rejoice in the Lord always!



Today many of us light a rose Advent candle as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice," and today's readings hint at the joy of Christ's coming. Who among us can't relate to the concrete examples from the prophet Isaiah that give us many reasons for hope and joy as we anticipate Christ's birth. Those of us who have experienced fear or doubt find reassurance: "Be strong, fear not!" During the holidays when many will grieve those who have died this past year, we hear that "sorrow and mourning will flee." In today's Gospel, John the Baptist points us to the source of our joy in the person of Jesus Christ. As we continue to prepare for his coming, we can take comfort knowing that God is with us now and for eternity. As we hear in today's Psalm, "The Lord God keeps faith forever."

Membership is Priceless!
December is a
CWL Membership Month

It is time to purchase or renew your membership in The League. Dues are $40.00 per year.

We understand that the annual fee of $40 can be cost prohibitive for some people. Please contact Annette in strict confidence if the $40 membership provides a difficulty for you. We don't want to lose you — your membership is important! Members, if you are in a position to financially sponsor a membership fee for someone else, please contact Annette at 495-3584.

Membership envelopes can be found at the back of the church and you can place your envelope in the collection basket or the mail slot at the parish office. Memberships purchased by December 31 will be entered into our *EARLY BIRD DRAW*, winner to be drawn at our first General Meeting of 2023, March 8.

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. A listing of remembrances will be printed in the Christmas Sunday Bulletin. ***Please have your names to the parish office by Monday, December 19.***

Remember your loved ones this Christmas while helping to decorate for this beautiful season!

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Liturgies are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 12 December - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 13 December - Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin/Martyr
Marilyn Campbell - The Waltenbury Family
Leo Morrissette - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Intention of the Veraldi Family - Myrtle Veraldi

Wednesday, 14 December - St. John of the Cross, Priest/Dr.
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

For Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
In Thanksgiving - Theresa Drake
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 15 December - Weekday of Advent
Glenn Slinger - Suzanne Lukasik
Bill Balfour - Mary Ellen Balfour
Leo Morrissette - Mary Lou and Paul Smith

Friday, 16 December - Weekday of Advent
Beatriz Barrios - Sergio Barrios
Qian Xiangxiang - David Murdoch
Intention of Deacon Rick Hamelin - Jeannette

4:00 PM Saturday, 17 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dianne Ross - The Family
Deborah Kennelly - Al and Diane Orlando
In Thanksgiving - John and Carol Rowe

Sunday, 18 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner
Intention of the Donors and those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Friday 11 AM - NOON

DID YOU KNOW? DONATING SECURITIES TO CHARITY SAVES YOU TAX

- Charitable donations of publicly listed securities are exempt from capital gains tax on gains triggered by the gift.
- The donor also will receive a charitable donation receipt for the value of the shares
- No tax on the capital gain and claim for a charitable donation receipt equal to the value of the shares.

If you have investments that you would like to donate to the Pro-Cathedral Roof Campaign, contact the parish office to find out more.

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve—Saturday, 24 December
5:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM ~ 12:00 MIDNIGHT
(4:00 PM Mass Cancelled)

Christmas Day—Sunday, 25 December
11:00 AM Christmas Mass
(9:00 AM Mass Cancelled)



Saturday, 31 December ~ 4 PM Mass

Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God
Sunday, 01 January ~ 11 AM Mass
(9:00 AM Mass Cancelled)

Did you know that New Year's Day is a Holy Day of Obligation?

OFFERING A MASS



Offering Mass intentions is a tradition of prayer, support, and community. You may request a mass for someone who is deceased; for the intentions of someone who is living; for those who are sick and suffering who need prayers; or in celebration of a special occasion. Contact the parish office if you would like to book a mass.



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

COLLECTION REPORT: 04 December	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,025.85	**$612.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN (Second Collection)	ROOF CAMPAIGN (Weekly Total Collection)
$970.75	**$3,200.30**

Gold Envelopes are in the pews for our weekly second collection for Roof Campaign Donations





The celebration of First Reconciliation will be held in March 2023 and First Eucharist will be held in June 2023.

Please pre-register your child now and correspondence will be sent to you at a later date regarding preparation gatherings. The on-line registration form can be found on our website under SACRAMENTS under both Eucharist & Reconciliation. The forms have the option to register for one or both of the sacraments and once completed, they can be emailed to: office@procathedral.ca

Children who have already celebrated Baptism are invited to participate in Reconciliation and Children who have received Baptism & First Reconciliation can register for First Eucharist.

As with all of our sacraments for children, the preparation process takes place "in the midst of the community" especially when it gathers at the Sunday assembly throughout the year. Children preparing for the reception of the sacraments are invited to participate in the Sunday Celebration of the Word with Children at the 9:00 AM Mass.

Preparation Dates—All Gatherings in Parish Hall
Sacrament Celebrations in Church

1st Reconciliation AND 1st Eucharist Meeting

Welcome Meeting Sunday, 22 January 10:00 AM

Meet and greet for all children celebrating either one (or both!) of these sacraments will be held.

First Reconciliation Preparation Dates

Gathering One	Thursday, 02 February	6:15 PM
Gathering Two	Thursday, 23 February	6:15 PM
Rehearsal	Sunday, 05 March	10:00 AM
Celebration	Wednesday, 08 March	6:00 PM

First Eucharist Preparation Dates

Gathering One	Wednesday, 10 May	6:15 PM
Gathering Two	Wednesday, 24 May	6:15 PM
Rehearsal	Sunday, 04 June	10:00 AM
Celebration	Sunday, 11 June	9 or 11 AM Mass

Please register soon so we will know you are preparing for your sacraments next year!

Food Bank Sunday ~ Next Weekend

Our next Food Bank Collection will be held NEXT WEEKEND! Please be generous in helping to stock our shelves for our neighbours in need!



Development & 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. If you have stamps without damage to the perforations, put them in envelopes & drop them into the collection or into the office mail slot.

Getting Married in 2023?

A Marriage Preparation Program Weekend will be held on Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11 hosted at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. The weekend includes dynamic speakers, enriching exercises designed to promote dialogue and discussion amongst the couples, plus an opportunity to celebrate Mass.

Friday session: 6:30 PM—9:00 PM
Saturday session 9:30 AM—5:00 PM (Lunch Provided)

Interested couples are asked to contact Samantha Briggs at 705-471-3284 to register for this preparation.

Supporting our Priests

The priest in the North Bay Region have decided to take a 6 series course called Kick Start offered by Divine Renovations. The course helps develop a vision and the structures necessary for our priests to meet the needs of the Church today. They are committed to doing this to better serve us. Would you like to help? Join us every second Monday night, for one hour of prayer, intercession and adoration for our Priests
December 19, January 9 & 23
Holy Name of Jesus Parish – 7:00 pm
Come and bless your priest!

Fr. Petro Bodnar, Pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Sudbury will celebrate the **Christmas Divine Liturgy (Mass) on the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**, in Ukrainian/English on **Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Pro-Cathedral**. Come and pray for Ukraine! Everyone is welcome!

2022 Advent Mission at St. Peter's Church with Father Allan MacDonald, CC of the Companions of the Cross. Father Allan will lead us in a journey with the theme: "Give God Permission". What better way to prepare our hearts for Christmas! Every night – December 12, 13, & 14. 6:30pm Confessions, 7:00pm Mass with extended homily, 8:15pm Social. Invite a friend—we look forward to spending the evening with you!

Family Enrichment Program, a targeted resource program for parents and their children age birth to four is looking for volunteers. For more information on how you can help, call 472-2152

St. Francis Table Community Meal: Third Saturday of every month at Holy Name Church from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. All are welcome for free food and friendship. Call 495-1501 for more information.

Regional Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Holy Name. ***We need adorers—can you help?*** Please call Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.

North Bay Right to Life Collects returnable bottles and cans—drop off at 1498 Pinegrove Crescent under the carport. Thank you!

Good Samaritan Corner



Thank you to Trinity United Church, our guest speakers and to those who attended our first information session on homelessness.

Also, a big thank you to our parishioners/ congregants and the community of North Bay who supported the second annual **Soles for Souls** campaign. Your generosity made it possible to provide warm clothes and footwear to the homeless in North Bay.

OUTLoud North Bay supports the health and wellbeing of the 2SLGBTQA+ youth and allies of North Bay through workshops, professional services, collaborations, and a safe space? OUTLoud is celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas. Please consider donating after school snacks, personal hygiene items, pencil crayons, fidget toys, crossword puzzles etc. For more information contact Seth Compton at 705-840-6209 or visit them at https://outloudnorthbay.com/

For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/ or contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687 or at compassionnorthbay@gmail.com

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: _____

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☐ I am unsure if registered, please check
☐ I have recently moved, please update



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