18 December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Isaiah prophesies that the Lord will give his people a sign: A virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son and will name him Emmanuel. Paul introduces himself to the Romans as one called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, specifically among the Gentiles. In the Gospel, Matthew recounts how the birth of Jesus Christ came to pass, in accordance with Isaiah's prophecy. Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord reaffirms the promise of a savior for his people, a savior born under unusual circumstances who would clearly be God's chosen one. After many years had passed since that promise – years in which the Lord continued to guide and prepare his people – we hear of its fulfillment in Matthew's Gospel. In this final week of Advent, let us rejoice and praise God for he is faithful and keeps his promises.

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**

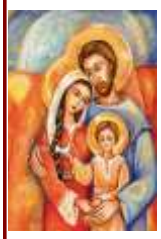
Scripture Readings: 19—25 December

Monday	Judges 13. 2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1. 5-125
Tuesday	Isaiah 7. 10-14; 8. 10d; Luke 1. 26-38
Wednesday	Zephaniah 3. 14-18a; Luke 1. 39-45
Thursday	1 Samuel 1. 24-28; Luke 1. 46-56
Friday	Malachi 3. 1-4; 4. 5-6; Luke 1. 57-66
Saturday	Is. 9. 2-4, 6-7; Titus 2. 11-14; Luke 2. 1-16
Sunday	Isaiah 62. 11-12; Titus 3. 4-7; Luke 2. 15-20

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)



Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God
Saturday, 31 December ~ 4 PM Mass
Sunday, 01 January ~ 11 AM Mass
(9:00 AM Mass Cancelled)

All Sundays and New Year's Day
are Holy Days of Obligation

Christmas Memorial Flowers & Decorations

Just a reminder to have your names to the parish office by Monday for our Christmas Memorial Listing to be published in the Christmas bulletin.

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.

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



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

WWW.BEAPRIEST.CA



Baptism Preparation

Our next meeting for parents will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, January 3 beginning at 7:00 PM. Those who wish to register for this meeting to have their child baptized are asked to call the parish office by Monday, January 2.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgies are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 19 December - Weekday of Advent
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 20 December - Weekday of Advent
Jeanne Hodgins - Philip Paquette
Linda Jamieson - Peter and Family
Katheryn and Al Boudreau - High School Friends

Wednesday, 21 December - Weekday of Advent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Lloyd Voisin - The Voisin Family
Mildred Puddister - The Family
Barbara Reid - Geri Reid

Thursday, 22 December - Weekday of Advent
Iris Vendetti - Nadine and Paul Condon
Linda Jamieson - Peter and Family
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, 23 December - Weekday of Advent
Serafim Carreiro - The Carreiro Family
Teresa and Frank Piekarski - Trudy Lang-Flumerfelt
For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

4:00 PM Saturday, 24 December - The Nativity of the Lord
For those Remembered on the Christmas Memorial List

Sunday, 25 December - The Nativity of the Lord
9:00 AM For those Remembered on the Christmas Memorial List

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

Mother Mary, pray for us, that we might be inspired by the way you received your life and God's. Draw us close to your Son, that we might trust Him with our lives, as He learned to trust His Father by His trust in you. Amen

COLLECTION REPORT: 11 December

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$4,446.45	$1,780.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN (Second Collection)	ROOF CAMPAIGN (Weekly Total Collection)
$948.65	$2,019.15

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

Pre-Authorized November Bank Account Donations

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$6,916.00	$1,977.00

Catholic Women's League

Our CWL Pot Luck Dinner Gathering was a great success! Thank you Ladies for a wonderful Banquet table. I counted seven tables of various delicious offerings. Thank you all for participating in evening's activities. It was wonderful greeting our parish ladies who joined us!

Ladies, a sincere Welcome Back to you who have renewed your Membership for the year 2023. You may pick up your Membership Cards in the CWL Box at the entrance back Pew, Algonquin Side. It is never too late to Renew! We invite those not yet members to consider joining - Your Voice Matters.

Annette Dutrisac, President

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.

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.



Thank you to some amazing people our Social Sunday last weekend was so much fun! Thank you to Michelle Chew for her coordination of the food and decorating and to Tom Boyd for setting up and cleaning. Also, thank you to Art and Lisa Henry who provided music and for staying to clean up after the social. A very special thank you to our little buddy-helper, Mason, who was a joy to be around and a great help!









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 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!

Supporting our Priests

The priest in the North Bay Region are taking a 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!

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.

WHY REGISTER?

CREATING A COMMUNITY

PARTICIPATE * BUILD UP * CONTRIBUTE * SHARE

Parish life is about our experience of God in community. To create the community, the first step is getting to know one another. If you haven't yet registered, why not take a few minutes and complete the short registration form below? You can also complete the registration pamphlet found at the center church doors. Drop either form into the collection basket or to the office directly.

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!

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

There is no doubt about it, winter is here. And with the change in season, the temperature drops in North Bay. The homeless are desperate no matter the season, however, cold temperatures can be especially difficult. Here is what you can do if you see someone that is homeless in the cold:

1) Save a life - call 911
2) Buy something hot to eat or drink
3) Make a handout care package – fruit, oatmeal packets, granola bars, pre-packaged cookies, pre-packaged cheese and crackers, packaged chocolates, warm socks and gloves, gift cards to a local grocery store, lip balm, a handwritten note with a message of kindness
4) Donate to a charity that supports the homeless such as Low Income People Involvement of Nipissing https://lipinipissing.com/

For more information visit https://www.fredvictor.org/2019/11/11/lets-help-homeless-this-winter/

*The **Gathering Place** provides the following programs: drop-in meals, a community garden, a community kitchen, food rescue, extreme weather centre, community clinics and a place to volunteer. They* feed, on average, 111 people each day for lunch Monday to Friday, and, therefore, is always looking for donations such as: coffee, tea, sugar, pasta, pasta sauce, cheese strings, jam, peanut butter, toiletries, and cleaning supplies. Please drop off your donations at 1181 Cassells St, North Bay. For more information call 474-7687 and visit them online at https://www.thegatheringplacenorthbay.ca/

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

REGISTER NOW

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VISA/MasterCard ☐
Pre-Authorized Bank Donations ☐