04 December 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Isaiah foretells the advent of the Messiah: Upon him will rest the Spirit's gifts, and with him will come knowledge of the Lord. Saint Paul challenges the community to live in harmony with one another and to *glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*. In the Gospel, John the Baptist preaches a message of repentance. In the waters of baptism, we have been claimed for Christ. As we gather on this Advent Sunday, we recall and celebrate our rebirth in grace and our mission to prepare the way for the Lord. At the heart of this celebration is our repentance and our desire to be renewed with the spirit of the Lord.

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

Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Mrs. Norma Milligan
Miss Ruth Godon

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: 05—11 December

Monday	Isaiah 35. 1-10; Luke 5. 17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40. 1-11; Matthew 18. 12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40. 25-31; Matthew 11. 28-30
Thursday	Genesis 3. 9-15, 20; Ephesians 1. 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1. 26-38
Friday	Isaiah 48. 17-19; Matthew 11. 16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48. 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17. 10-13
Sunday	Isaiah 35. 1-6a, 10; James 5. 7-10; Matthew 11. 2-11

Respect for Life Mass



Our Respect for Life Mass celebrates the sanctity and dignity of each human life from conception to natural death. This mass is celebrated December 8 on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone welcome to attend this special Mass.

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
~ 12:05 Noon Mass ~
Thursday, 08 December



Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!



Baptism Preparation

Our next meeting for parents will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, December 6 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, December 5.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.



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, 05 December - Weekday of Advent
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 06 December - Weekday of Advent
Pauline Taylor - Suzanne Lukasik
Barbara Reid - Geri Reid
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, 07 December - Weekday of Advent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Deborah Kennelly - Diane and Al Orlando
Intention of Joanne and Michael O'Shea - Mary Ellen Balfour
Intention of Living & Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 08 Dec. - Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop/Doctor
12:05 PM Please Join us for the Respect for Life Mass

Friday, 09 December - Weekday of Advent
Claudette Barry - Cecile Robert
Leo Morrissette - The Liturgy of the Word Team
For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

4:00 PM Saturday, 10 December - Third Sunday of Advent
Mike and Lidia Rossi - The Family
John McGale - Myrtle Veraldi

Sunday, 11 December - Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Anita Foisy - Simone and Henriette Potvin
Tom Marcotte - Robert and Judy

Social Sunday after the 11 AM Mass

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Friday 11 AM - NOON

The December 7th CWL Dinner will joyfully be celebrated with an old-fashioned potluck dinner!
All ladies of the parish are invited to come out and bring one item to share for the buffet table.



Cocktails at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM



In the spirit of giving, please bring a warm item to be donated to Catholic Charities which runs out of the Pro-Cathedral rectory basement. Hats, warm socks, mitts, scarves - all are welcome to help our neighbours in need.

Come out to our dinner and bring a friend to join in the fun!

ADVENT PRAYER

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to heart the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.



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: 27 November	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,984.65	**$1,068.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN
$3,813.35

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

If you are not already making financial contributions to the parish — we need your suppport!





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—8 PM
Gathering Two	Thursday, 23 February	6—8 PM
Rehearsal	Sunday, 05 March	10:00 AM
Celebration	Wednesday, 08 March	6:00 PM

First Eucharist Preparation Dates

Gathering One	Wednesday, 10 May	6-8 PM
Gathering Two	Wednesday, 24 May	6-8 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!



Get your Christmas Jingle on at our December Social Sunday!
Next Sunday, 11 December in the Parish Hall after the 11 AM Mass
Come out and enjoy some "down-time" before everyone runs in different directions with the hustle and bustle of Christmas.



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 5 & 19. January 9 & 23 Holy Name of Jesus Parish – 7:00 pm Come and bless your priest!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every gulley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. (Lk 3:1-6)

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



The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay has partnered with Trinity United Church to offer an information session entitled **"What you need to know about helping people who are experiencing homelessness?"** Frontline organizations attending will include: Canadian Mental Health Association of North Bay and District (Healthy Community Ambassador Program); District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board; True Self; AIDS Committee of North Bay. Please join us on Friday, December 2, at Trinity United Church in the Sanctuary, doors open at 6:30 p.m. *You will learn from frontline organizations how they support people experiencing homelessness in North Bay, what they observe, and have an opportunity to ask questions.* Those attending the information session are encouraged to donate hats, mitts, warm socks, scarves, or monetary donations for the purchase of boots and shoes in support of the **Soles for Souls Campaign** which will take place on Saturday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pro-Cathedral. For more information, please contact Leah at 472-5687 or at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.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