03 December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Isaiah laments that the people have wandered from the ways of the Lord and pleads that God rend the heavens and come down. Paul gives thanks for the gifts Christ has bestowed while the Corinthians wait for the revelation of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts his disciples to be watchful like servants waiting for the return of the lord of the house. Hope is a theological virtue: "We desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC 1817). Hope is an active state of being, not passive. During this Advent season we must be fully alive and fully engaged. We must be committed in our pursuit of the Lord; we must be people of hope!

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	

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools

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**

READINGS: 04 ~ 10 DECEMBER

Monday	Isaiah 2. 1-5; Matthew 8. 5-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 11. 1-10; Luke 10. 21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25. 6-10a; Matthew 15. 29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26. 1-6; Matthew 7. 21. 24-27
Friday	Genesis 3. 9-15, 20; Ephesians 1. 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1. 26-38
Saturday	Isaiah 30. 19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9. 35—10.
Sunday	Isaiah 40. 1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3. 8-14; Mark 1. 1-8

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday, 04 December to Sunday 10 December

Date	Time	Location	Event
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Hall	CWL Christmas Dinner
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium & Hall	Level I, II, III Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sunday	1 PM	Church	Christmas Sing-a-long Everyone Welcome!

NEXT WEEKEND — DECEMBER 9 & 10
DONATE TO THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
& HAVE YOUR DONATION MATCHED!

This is the time to donate to our Roof Campaign! *Whatever is donated in next weekend's SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE ROOF CAMPAIGN, will be matched by The Knights of Columbus* who will be provided with the total amount collected.

Dig to the bottom of your purse, clean out your junk drawers, and empty your piggy banks! This is a great way for us to have your donations matched!

Sunday 26 November 2023	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$2,850.04	**$637.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	**$168,983.72**
Sunday, 26 November	
Roof Loose	$ 329.25
64 Receipted Donations	$ 8,093.15
Orchard Gift Card Sales	
31 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$ 155.00
Total Profit to 26 November	**$ 4,468.00**
Twiggs Gift Card Sales	
53 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$ 265.00
Total Profit to 26 November	**$ 265.00**
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$177,826.12**

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 04 December - Weekday in Advent
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 05 December - Weekday in Advent
Consuelo Gutierrez - Amanda Barrios
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, 06 December - Weekday in Advent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Eugenio and Maria Gerbasi - The Family
For Living and Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League
Intention of Sarah Jack - Ray and Marlene Walter

Thursday, 07 December - Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop/Dr.
Parents of Ben and Theresa Boudreau
Norm Lundvall - Kevin and Maureen O'Connor

Friday, 08 December - The Immaculate Conception of Mary
Connie Zimbalatte - Catholic Women's League
Angie McGuinty - Colleen Klein

4:00 PM Saturday, 09 December - Second Sunday of Advent
Kathy Belcourt - Art and Lisa Henry
In Thanksgiving - Carol and John Rowe

Sunday, 10 December - Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Marilyn Campbell - Dawn Waltenbury and Family
Jean Lukasik - Rich and Irene Olech

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Friday 11 AM - NOON

Parish envelopes are now in the church for 2024. Please do not use any of these envelopes until the New Year. Why not consider signing up for pre-authorized donations through your bank account or by using your credit card—it helps the parish have a consistent, reliable offering even when you are away.

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL MASS TIMES FOR LAST SUNDAY OF DECEMBER
(4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve)

Dec 23	4th Sunday of Advent Mass at 4:00 PM
Dec 24	**MORNING: 4th Sunday of Advent** **9 & 11 AM Mass CANCELLED** **Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM ONLY** ***No Children's Liturgy Program Today*** **EVENING: Nativity of the Lord** 5 PM and 8 PM Christmas Eve Masses *12:00 Midnight Mass available at Holy Name of Jesus*
Dec 25	**11 AM Christmas Day Mass will be Celebrated** Free Christmas Day Dinner from 11 AM to 1:30 PM held in Parish Hall for all who would like to attend.



A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, December 12 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 11. *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 Tuesday, December 19.***

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



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ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Prepare your heart, prepare the Way of the Lord!



Thursday, 14 December

St. Peter the Apostle Church
10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Priests will be available for individual confession. As we prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, take this opportunity to encounter God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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 12 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and everyone is invited to this special Mass.

Pro-Cathedral
~ 12:00 Noon Mass ~
Tuesday, 12 December









New to the Pro-Cathedral?

Please Register so we can get to know you better!
Email: office@procathedral.ca



The celebration of First Reconciliation will be held in March 2024 and First Eucharist will be held in June 2024.

Please pre-register your child now. Preparation Dates as well as the on-line registration form can be found on our website under SACRAMENTS under both Eucharist and 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.

The Good Samaritan Corner



Thank you to Trinity United Church, our guest speakers and to those who attended our second information session entitled:

"What you need to know about helping people who are experiencing homelessness?"

Also, a big thank you to our parishioners and the community of North Bay who supported the third annual Winter Boot campaign. Your generosity made it possible to provide warm clothes and footwear to the homeless in North Bay.

The Unsheltered Hub, also known as the warming center, is now open? It is located at 579 Fraser Street, during the hours of 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, any day of the week.

If you are able, please consider donating folding chairs, cleaning supplies, coats, blankets, dried soup, oatmeal packets, tea and coffee, puzzles, books and games to the Unsheltered Hub.

They are also looking for volunteers. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bryan Eade at 494-0850 or at bryaneade@hotmail.com or at bryaneade@thegatheringplacenorthbay.onmicrosoft.com

For more information about the Compassionate Committee or how you can help, visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/ or contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687 or at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com

Loving God,

I sense that all is your creation and everything, and all of us, are being drawn back toward your loving heart.
Help me to be a person of peace, to speak about it in an uneasy world, and to live it among the people you have put into my life every day.
Light in me a desire to prepare for your coming to stand in the darkness, waiting, eager and filled with joy.





Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

Fr. Peter Bodnar, pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Sudbury, will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Mass) in Ukrainian/English on

This Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 PM at the Pro-Cathedral.

Traditional visit by St. Nicholas follows. Everyone welcome.
For more information, please reach us at stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca or 705-665-2869.

North Bay Right to Life Religious Christmas Cards for sale. One package of ten cards $8.00, three packages $20.00 To purchase call Lori Jean at 498-2241

Free Community Christmas Day Dinner—December 25 at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Takeout from 1:00 to 1:30 PM only. Everyone welcome. Contact email: nbchristmasdinner@gmail.com to volunteer or if you have questions.

Holy Name Ring the Bell Raffle Lottery — Win $25,000: All proceeds to bell tower restoration. Main Prize Draw of $25,000 on Easter Sunday 2024. Early Bird Draw of $1,000 this coming New Year's Eve. Tickets are $20 available at Holy Name or call 495-1501. Must be 18+ to purchase a ticket. Lottery License M853216.

Christmas Gift Fundraiser for our clients of North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre. Goal is to raise $4,500.00 to provide a grocery gift card, goodies and a toy for the baby. Follow on Facebook as we colour in the Christmas Tree as donations are raised! Donations can be made in person at our office, 357 Ferguson Street North Bay or by e-transfer at nbphrc@hotmail.com

EDGE for students in Grades 6, 7 & 8 - Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8pm beginning November 9! Students are welcome to join us for games, music, prayer, friends and faith at Holy Name of Jesus Church Visit for more info: www.holynamestalphonsus.com/edge

OVER THE EDGE for students in high school Grades 9-12 -Thursdays from 8pm - 9:30pm beginning November 9! Come to support one another in growing as young people who know and love our faith in Jesus. Nights include games, talks, prayer and socializing and take place at Holy Name of Jesus Church or visit for more info: www.holynamestalphonsus.com/overtheedge

Community Living North Bay looking for compassionate host families to open their hearts and homes to an adult with an intellectual disability. Reach out to familyhomje@clnb.org or 476-5117 ext. 225 for more information about renumeration, support and relief.

CLAY is a fun, faith-filled youth group led by parent volunteers, for grades JK-grade 5. Join us Thursdays 6:30- 8pm at St. Joseph's Parish, Powassan. Contact Jessica Shepherd 497-6219 for info.