26 NOVEMBER 2023

Christ the King Sunday

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Today's Solemnity of Christ the King lauds Jesus as the King of the Universe and Lord of all creation. Through his death on the cross, rising from the dead and ascension into heaven, he won our salvation and opened the way to eternal life. So in gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us, may we give of ourselves more fully in love and service to others. The first reading reminds us that God looks after his flock with tenderness — the lost are brought back, the injured are bound and the sick are healed. The second reading describes the kingship of Jesus as being the one who reigns over all. Today's Gospel parable exhorts us to care for those who are in need so that we might be judged worthy of eternal life.

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: 27 NOV - 03 DEC

Monday	Daniel 1. 1-6, 8-20; Luke 21. 1-4
Tuesday	Dan 2. 3, 9a, 10a, 27a, 31-45; Luke 21. 5-11
Wednesday	Dan 5. 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk. 21. 12-19
Thursday	Romans 10. 9-18; Matthew 4. 18-22
Friday	Daniel 7. 1-14; Luke 21. 29-33
Saturday	Daniel 7. 15-27; Luke 21. 34-36
Sunday	Isaiah 63. 16b-17; 64. 1, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9; Mark 13. 33-37

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday, 27 November to Sunday 03 December

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday	2 PM	Hall	CWL Executive Meeting
Tuesday	1 PM	Sacristy	The Divine Will Gathering
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium & Hall	Level I, II, III Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sunday	2 PM	Church	St. Nicholas Ukrainian Mass

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.

Thank you so much to the staff and students at St. Alexander School who had a "Dress Down Day" in support of our Roof Campaign. The school recently presented the Pro-Cathedral with a $120.00 donation. Thank you!

REMINDER: For those using envelopes, VISA, or Pre-authorized bank donations — put your name and/or envelope number on your second collection envelopes (the gold envelopes found in the pews) and this amount will be added to your income tax receipt.

Pre-Authorized Bank Donations OCT

Sunday	Building	Roof
$7,284.00	$2,085.00	$500.00

Sunday 19 November 2023

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$4,361.86	$835.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	**$164,683.30**
Sunday, 19 November	
Roof Loose	$ 473.20
50 Receipted Donations	$ 2,631.50
October 50/50 Draw Profit	**$ 525.72**
Orchard Gift Card Sales	
10 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$ 50.00
Total Profit to 26 November	**$ 4,313.00**
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$168,983.72**

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 27 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 28 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Joanna Holowchak - Ray and Marlene Walter
Aurelia Skebo - Kevin and Maureen O'Connor

Wednesday, 29 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Clarence Lefebvre - Carol Lefebvre and Family
Connie Zimbalatte - Paul and Nadine Condon
Ray Zuback - Betty Zuback

Thursday, 30 November - Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle
John Deviveiros - Maria and Family
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

First Friday, 01 December - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
For the Families of Joe and Louise Defonzo

4:00 PM Saturday, 02 December - First Sunday of Advent
Anita Van Empel - Lisa Henry
Connie Zimbalatte - CWL Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Executive Council
For a Special Intention - Carol and John Rowe

Sunday, 03 December - First Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Lynda Smits - The Boudreau and Milligan Families
Annie Boutilier - Don and Lorraine Shago
For the Family of Renata Dolata

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



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.*

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



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!



NOVEMBER DRAW THIS WEEK!

Visit our Homepage: procathedral.ca

Tickets Amount

1 for $5, 4 for $10, 20 for $20, 100 for $50

Purchaser must reside in Ontario.

This raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay under License #RAF1286202

Did you pick up your Lector Workbook from the Sacristy?

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** **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.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Once again, the CWL held another incredible Christmas Bazaar & Tea. It was truly fun. A big thank you to all our volunteers, bakers, knitters, donors and those who bought items, bid on the Silent Auction, bought Penny Sale tickets and Raffle Tickets. We will announce the overall amount raised in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, we are very excited to announce the winners of the Raffle Tickets whose winnings will be mailed to them:

1st prize	$1,000	Ticket #0051	Marie Robbins
2nd prize	$750	Ticket #2074	Diane Jamieson
3rd prize	$250	Ticket #1714	Cathy Hogan

All proceeds from the Bazaar are going to enhance the lives of the marginalized in North Bay.

Presidents Message ~ Bazaar

Congratulations to Conveners Leah Pierce and Louise Defonzo on another wonderfully successful Bazaar! A sincere "Thank You" to the Members of the Catholic Women's League and to the ladies and gentlemen of the Parish, who so generously contributed their time and talents, we are so grateful.

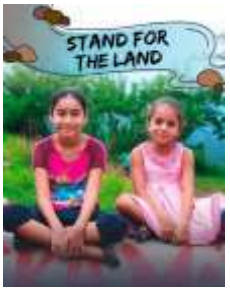
Thank you to the families, who shared their loved ones with us.

As President and Official Greeter, it was my pleasure to chat with our guests, some of whom advised that they marked their calendar yearly for the visit to the Bazaar, to look for special items, perhaps start early Christmas shopping and to enjoy the wonderful lunch in the Tea Room, in a warm, welcoming and joyful atmosphere. This Bazaar, our only fundraising event, once again will enable the League to assist the various organizations, in their endeavors to meet the needs of the marginalized members of our Community.

Watch for a message from our Conveners, regarding the Bazaar.

Annette Dutrisac, President
Catholic Women's League, Pro-Cathedral Council

Thousands of Canadians have signed! The Create Hope- Stand for the Land Campaign is looking for 32,000 signatures by February 25, 2024. A delegation of Development and Peace—Caritas Canada members and staff will be meeting with the Honduran ambassador to Canada to show our support and solidarity in Standing for the Land. To sign the petition and to continue supporting this campaign, visit devp.org/act





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



The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay has partnered with Trinity United Church to offer our second annual information session entitled ***"What you need to know about helping people who are experiencing homelessness."*** Please join us on Wednesday, November 29 at Trinity United Church in the Sanctuary, doors open at 6:30 pm. You will learn from frontline organizations and those who experienced homelessness how they support people experiencing homelessness in North Bay, what they observe, and an opportunity to ask questions.

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay will be holding a **Winter Boot Campaign**. We will be collecting essential items and looking for sponsors for winter boots and shoes to ensure the homeless survive the cold winter months. Help us fill a trunk with NEW thermal socks, hats, mitts, and scarves!



We will be accepting drop offs on Saturday, December 2, from 10 am until 2 pm at the Pro-Cathedral parking garages across from 480 McIntyre Street West.

Sponsor a pair of winter boots! In addition to the NEW mitts, hats, scarves, and socks drive, you can help people experiencing homelessness by sponsoring winter boots for $50. We will do the shopping for you and ensure that frontline organizations provide the right sized boots or shoes to people experiencing homelessness in North Bay. Cash, cheque, or e-transfer using CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com is accepted.

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

Contact the Parish Office if you would like to Book a Mass



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 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.

Holy Name of Jesus Bake Sale: December 2 from 10 AM to 2 PM - all proceeds to Nipissing Serenity Hospice.

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

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

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.

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Food, fellowship and faith Saturdays at 7:00 AM at St. Peter's. For more information or to register visit: tmiynorthbay.ca

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

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.

Pray During the Day! Holy Name of Jesus Church is open daily Tuesday to Friday from 11:30am to 4:30pm for prayer in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You can pop in at any time, for how long or how short you would like. Take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to spend time with our Lord Jesus! We need adorers—call Karen at 495-6675 if you can help.

North Bay Roman Catholic Cemeteries has a wide Urn selection. Visit or call to discuss— 132 Golf Club Road, 705-495-8986.