10 December 2023

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 offers words of comfort and hope that the time of exile is coming to an end and the Lord is preparing to reveal his glory to all people. Peter exhorts his community to live *in holiness and devotion* in anticipation of the day of the Lord. Mark begins his Gospel describing the ministry of John the Baptist who proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and that one greater than he would come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. Today's readings speak to us of preparing for the coming of the Lord through repentance. Repentance requires us to be honest about the times we have fallen short in loving God and our neighbor as the Lord commands. Knowing that we are sinners is a necessary step in recognizing our need for the forgiveness God has graciously offered us through his Son, whose coming into the world we prepare to celebrate.

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	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Tuesday	**8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**
Wednesday & Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

READINGS: 11 ~ 17 DECEMBER

Monday	Isaiah 35. 1-10; Luke 5. 17-26
Tuesday	Zecharia 2. 10-13; Luke 1. 39-47
Wednesday	Isaiah 40. 25-31; Matthew 11. 28-30
Thursday	Isaiah 41. 13-20; Matthew 11. 11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48. 17-19; Matthew 11. 16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48. 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17. 10-13
Sunday	Isaiah 61. 1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24; John 1. 6-8, 19-28

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday, 11 December to Sunday 17 December

Date	Time	Location	Event
Tuesday	12:05 PM	Church	Respect for Life Mass
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Friday	6:00 PM	Davedi Club	Christmas Dinner—***get your ticket by Wednesday!***
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium & Hall	Level I, II, III Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sunday	11:45 AM	Hall	Social Sunday after Mass

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



Know and experience the peace of Christ this Advent. Inner peace and peace with others, stirs the curiosity of those who do not yet believe.

Sunday 03 December 2023

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$5,551.75	**$597.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	**$177,826.12**
Sunday, 03 December	
Roof Loose	$ 602.50
57 Receipted Donations	$ 3,911.20
Orchard Gift Card Sales	
39 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$ 195.00
Total Profit to 03 December	**$ 4,663.00**
Twiggs Gift Card Sales	
21 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$ 105.00
Total Profit to 03 December	**$ 370.00**
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$182,639.82**

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 11 December - Weekday in Advent
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 12 December - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Respect for Life Mass Today - 12:05 PM
Please join us - Everyone Welcome!

Wednesday, 13 December - Memorial of St. Lucy, Martyr
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Monica and Bob Deslauriers - Ben and Theresa Boudreau
Teresa and Frank Piekarski - Trudy Lang-Flumerfelt
Intention of Frances, John & Sandra Agius -
Weekday Mass & Rosary Attendees

Thursday, 14 December - Memorial of St. John of the Cross

9:30 AM Mother St. Bride & St. Alexander Advent School Mass

Mafalda Valente - Amanda Barrios
Intention of Sarah Jack - Ray and Marlene Walter
Intention of Pro-Cathedral Sacristans - Pat Anderson

Friday, 15 December - Weekday in Advent
Angie McGuinty - Karen-Anne McArthur
Deacon Romeo Delguidice - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

4:00 PM Saturday, 16 December - Third Sunday of Advent
Serafim Carreiro - Maria Carreiro
Norm Lundvall - Kevin and Maureen O'Connor
Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi

Sunday, 17 December - Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Dianne Ross - The Family
Angie McGuinty - Catholic Women's League
Linda Lessard - Clifford and Margaret Riopelle

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

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.



Pope Francis December Prayer Intention

"That people with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions offer inclusion programs that enhance their active participation."



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!



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.



Winner of the NOV 2023 Draw of $440.00 is Helen Adams (Ticket #D-1833)

Congratulations!

Raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay, Ontario under License #RAF1286202. Each draw is generated by computer and the winner is chosen randomly. Rafflebox is a government regulated raffle provider.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT!





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.

$25 Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards Available at Mass or Parish Office





If you have an item or gift card to return to the parish office for the Mother St. Bride Family Giving Tree, please drop it into the parish office this week. We need to have everything returned to provide to the school by Friday, December 15.

Food Bank Sunday ~ Next Weekend

NOTE: SPECIAL DATE! Instead of the last Sunday in December—our Food Bank Sunday will be held on Sunday, December 17 — NEXT WEEEKEND!



Please be generous in helping to stock our shelves before Christmas to help 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.

The Catholic Community of Volunteers is back in the hospital.



The availability of the Eucharist to patients is on Wednesday, Friday and Sundays.

Those who identify as a member of the Catholic Community and wish to receive Eucharist must authorize the visitation as volunteers ***do not have access to patient lists to determine what patients are Catholic.***

If someone is not already on the visitation list, they or a family member can contact Deacon Rick Hamelin at 705-476-8115 or Hospital Chaplain Services at 705-491-0318 to arrange to receive the Eucharist.

The Good Samaritan Corner



There is a new toll-free Suicide Crisis Help Line in Canada. If you're in crisis, or worried about yourself or someone else call 9-8-8 and you will receive the help you need. All information kept confidential.

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

Feast of Theophany (Jordan) Fr. Peter Bodnar, pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Sudbury, will celebrate the Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian/English on Saturday, January 6 at 12 Noon at the Pro-Cathedral. Great water blessing will follow after the service. Everyone is welcome. Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River. For more information inquire at stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca



St. Francis Free Hot Meal: December 16 at Holy Name 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM (Third Saturday of Every Month)

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 Bake Sale at Marina Point Village (225 Oak Street W.) Saturday, December 16 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Sweet treats and penny sale. Call Vanessa at 474-9494, Ext. 802 for more information.

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.

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.