SUNDAY
31 DECEMBER
2023

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

In the first reading, Abram puts his faith in God's promise of a child despite his and Sarah's old age. In the second reading the author emphasizes all that Abraham did was by faith. In the Gospel, Joseph and Mary present Jesus at the temple, and meet Simeon and Anna who prophesy about the child. Even in their holiness, Mary, Joseph, and their child Jesus were not exempt from suffering, and the difficulties of life. Yet they never wavered in their commitment to God or to each other. Theirs was a home where *the child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him*. Let us strive to make our homes a haven for others to grow in love, virtue, and favor.



A very Happy Birthday to Fr. Larry who is celebrating his 60th birthday on January 4th. May your year be filled with abundant blessings and much joy. Thank you for your ministry!



The celebration of First Reconciliation will be held in March 2024 & 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.

Register soon - thank you!

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday, 01 ~ Sunday, 07 January 2024

Date	Time	Location	Event
Saturday	12 Noon	Church	Divine Liturgy/Mass in Ukrainian/English Feast of Theophany

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Tuesday - Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

UPCOMING MASSES



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2024 - 11:00 AM

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated in the Catholic Church. This is the day where we honour Mary for saying "yes" to Gabriel at the Annunciation to become the Mother of Jesus. It is a Day of Obligation in Canada as are all Sundays.

Tuesday, January 2 - 12:05 PM
Angie McGuinty - Karl and Lilianne Spanner
Bill Warren - Mary Lou Smith

Wednesday, January 3 - 12:05 PM
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
Emile Lamothe - Jessica and Pedro Costa
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, January 4 - 12:05 PM
Veraldi-Knight Family Members - Myrtle Veraldi
Intention of Robin MacDonald - Elsbeth Dillig
Intention of Noreen Kelly and Family - Judy and Robert

First Friday, January 5 - 12:05 PM
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Colleen Klein - Mary-Ellen Balfour
Susan Levesque - Richard Levesque

Saturday, January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord - 4:00 PM
Bob Brown - Sharon and Family
For a Special Intention - John and Carol Rowe

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord - 9:00 AM
Paul Smith - Mary Lou Smith
Colleen Klein - Rosemary Conlon

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord - 11:00 AM
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

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You have until Midnight - Sunday, 31 December to Purchase your 50/50 Tickets!

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Tickets Amount: 1 for $5, 4 for $10, 20 for $20, 100 for $50

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2024 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference

Calling all youth aged 13-19! The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie will once again host the 2024 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference!

The event will be held Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay, Ontario. See all the details at our new website: www.northerncatholic.ca

This event is for ages 13-19 and includes a day full of prayer, music, workshops, games, Catholic vendors and presentations form our Keynote Speaker, David Patterson. David has led the way in youth ministry, high school chaplaincy and most recently through social media by founding Yes Catholic, an organization that calls young people to the Catholic faith by sharing real life stories that have the power to change hearts.

Young people from all over Northern Ontario and beyond are welcome to attend this conference. This day will build up faith and personal gifts and talents to form young Catholic leaders in our communities. Registration opens January 2, 2024.

Today, as we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, let us take a moment to remember that all families are called to be holy. Families are meant to be refuges of unity and peacefulness in an imperfect, sometimes harsh world. As members of a family, we are called to be patient and kind with one another. Let us pray for the grace to emulate the Holy Family. Like us, they certainly faced their challenges and disappointments, and yet they listened to God's voice in their lives and followed his will.
Pray to Mary and St. Joseph for their intercession, and trust in the presence of God in your family.



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



Readings for the Week	
Monday	Numbers 6. 22-27; Galatians 4. 4-7; Luke 2. 16-21
Tuesday	1 John 2. 22-28; John 1. 19-28
Wednesday	1 John 2. 29; 3. 1-6; John 1. 29-34
Thursday	1 John 3. 7-10; John 1. 35-42
Friday	1 John 3. 11-21; John 1. 43-51
Saturday	1 John 5. 5-13; Mark 1. 4-5, 7-11
Sunday	Isaiah 60. 1-6; Ephesians 3. 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2. 1-12

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