



# Monday Memo

Diocese of Thunder Bay

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December 18, 2023

**Fourth Sunday of Advent: HOUSE:** For the last Sunday of Advent, December 24th, and before the celebration of Christmas, we look again at how we have shared in the Advent season. We are grateful for the steps we have taken to deepen our spiritual lives and prayer. We know that only true happiness can be found in Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for us. As we reflect on the prayers and readings of this last Sunday, let us remember that we are welcoming Jesus into our houses, and He is welcoming us into the house of our Heavenly Father. We pray: Lord Jesus, help me to use my gifts to build up your Church. Amen.

**Celebrating Christmas:** Next Monday we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord or Christmas Day. As we gather in prayer with our families and parish communities at Mass, may we be reminded that the Risen Lord is always with us, as He promised, and that He will continue to lead us in goodness and compassion in our relationships with one another as we follow His teachings and example. May the Prince of Peace bring His peace into our hearts, into our families and into our world.

**Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign:** As this year comes to a close, our Annual Bishop's Ministry Campaign ends on December 31st. If you have not already donated to this campaign, we ask you to please do so through your parish community, directly to the Pastoral Centre or on-line at [www.dotb.ca](http://www.dotb.ca). Your contributions assist the bishop in his work of evangelization and support throughout our diocese in northwestern Ontario. This campaign is especially important to our small struggling parish communities. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

**Holy Cross Church:** An evening of Christmas Caroling on Monday December 18, 2023 @ 6:30 pm 415 Victoria St W. If able, please bring canned goods for the Thunder Bay Food Bank. Refreshments & baking will be served. Hope to see you there to enjoy the Christmas spirit.

**Knights of Columbus Spaghetti & Meatballs Take-Out:** December 21, 2:00pm – 5:30pm, 301 May Street, 807-623-3252

**4 Seasons Gift Shop Hours:** December 22 Closed at 12:30pm, December 25 & 26 Closed, December 27, 28, 29 Regular Hours (8:30 am – 4:30pm)

**January 2024 Hours, Open Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm**