



Monday Memo

Diocese of Thunder Bay

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December 16, 2024

The Jubilee Year 2025 – a Holy Year of Hope: On Christmas Eve, 2024, Pope Francis, like Pope John Paul II in 1999, will open the Holy Door to begin a Jubilee Year in 2025. It will be an ordinary holy year — in accordance with the tradition of the Church to celebrate such a year every 25 years, to give every generation a chance to experience that special time of grace and mercy in their life. The Holy Father Francis wants the coming Jubilee Year 2025 to be lived as a “year of hope,” very symbolic in times when the world’s wars seem to be unending and multiplying.

In recognition of the start of the Jubilee Year a special mass will be held here in Thunder Bay at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on **December 29, 2024** at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Knights of Columbus-- Columbus Centre Take-out -- 301 S. May St.

THURSDAY , December 19th

Spaghetti & Meatballs \$16, Meatballs in Sauce \$16 Spaghetti Sauce 1 Litre \$12

Roasted Chicken Thigh \$2.50 Perogies \$7 Tossed Salad \$4

Please leave a message, we will return your call. 807-623-3253

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with General Absolution: Please join Holy Family Church, 2055 Rosslyn Road, for this celebration on Wednesday, **December 18th** at 7:00 PM. This is an opportunity, prior to Christmas, to receive the mercy and forgiveness of the Lord. Individual confessions will also be heard, following the service.

Knights of Columbus: Jackpot Draw 5050, **December 31, 2024** call Louis at 807-767-6533 for tickets. 10 for \$10, 40 for \$20, 125 for \$50, 300 for \$100. Or you can go to

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/231> Payment Mastercard, Visa, American Express.

The Catholic Pastoral Center & St. Andrews Cemetery : will be closed **December 23rd – 27th** will re-open **December 30th 8:30-4:30.** Merry Christmas to all.



Christmas/New Year's Masses for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Thunder Bay



St. Patrick Cathedral, 211 S. Archibald St., Dec 24, 5 p.m., 8 p.m. & 11 p.m.; Dec 25, 10:30 a.m.; Dec 31, 5 p.m.; Jan 01, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, 479 Oliver Rd., Dec 24, 5 p.m. Spanish & Midnight English.; Dec 25, 9:00 a.m. English & 11 a.m. Croatian.; Dec 31, 5 p.m. Spanish & 6:30 p.m. English.; Jan 01, 9 a.m. English & 11 a.m. Croatian

Corpus Christi, 664 Red River Rd., Dec 24, 5 p.m., 8 p.m. & 11 p.m.; Dec 25, 10 a.m.; Dec 31, 5 p.m.; Jan 01, 10 a.m.

St. Agnes, 1019 Brown St., Dec 24, 5 p.m., 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.; Dec 25, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Dec 31, 5 p.m.; Jan 01, 11 a.m.

St. Andrew, 292 Red River Rd., Dec 24, 5 p.m. & 8 p.m.; Dec 25, 10 a.m.; Dec 31, 5 p.m.; Jan 01, 10 a.m.

St. Anne, 128 Mission Rd., Dec 24, 8 p.m. & 12 a.m. (Midnight); Dec 25, 10:30 a.m.; Jan 01, 10:30 a.m.

St. Anthony, 123 Hilldale Rd., Dec 24, 5 p.m. & 11 p.m.; Dec 25, 9 a.m. (Italian & English), 11 a.m.; Dec 31, 5 p.m.; Jan 01, 11 a.m.

St. Casimir, 613 McKenzie St., Dec 25, 10 a.m. (Polish); Jan 01, 10 a.m. (Polish)

St. Dominic, 130 Redwood Ave., Dec 24, 5 p.m., & 10 p.m.; Dec 25, 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.; Dec 31, 7 p.m.; Jan 01, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Family, 2055 Rosslyn Road, Dec 24, 5 p.m. & 10 p.m.; Dec 25, 10 a.m.; Dec 31, 12 p.m.; Jan 01, 12 p.m.

St. Benedict's, Neebing, ON, Dec 25, 12 Noon

St. Elizabeth, 766 Sprague St., Dec 24, 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. (French); Dec 25, 10:30 a.m.; Dec 31, 5 p.m.; Jan 01, 10:30 a.m.

Kitchitwa Kateri Church, 451 Syndicate Ave. N., Dec 24, 8 p.m.; Dec 25, 12:30 p.m.; Jan. 01, 12:30 p.m.

St. Margaret, 88 Clayte St., Dec 24, 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.; Dec 25, 10 a.m.; Dec 31, 5 p.m.; Jan 01, 10 a.m.

St. Mark's Chapel, RR #13, Terry Fox Hwy.; Dec 24, 8 p.m.;

St. Mary Our Lady Queen of Poland, 93 Algoma St N, Dec 24, 10 p.m.; Dec 25, 11:30 a.m. (Polish), 5p.m. (English); Dec 31, 7p.m.; Jan 01, 11:30 a.m. (Polish), 5p.m. (English)

Our Lady of Loretto, 290 Grenville Ave., Dec 24, 5 p.m.; Dec 25, 10 a.m.; Dec 31, 5 p.m.; Jan 01, 10 a.m.

St. Peter, 615 Connolly St., Dec 24, 5 p.m. Family Mass & 9 p.m.; Dec 25, 10 a.m.; Dec 31, 9 a.m.; Jan 01, 10 a.m.

St. Augustine, 5045 Townline Rd, Murillo, ON, Please check with parish

St. Theresa, 10 Porter St., Kakabeka Falls, ON; Please check with parish

Our Lady of the Snow - Armstrong – Please check with parish

St. Patrick – Atikokan – Please check with parish

St. Francis Xavier – Balmertown Dec 24, 5 p.m.,; Dec 25, 9:00 a.m.; Jan 01, 9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph – Dryden – Please check with parish

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus – Ear Falls: Dec 25, 1:00 p.m.; Jan 01, 1:00 p.m.

St. Patrick – Emo – Please check with parish

St. Mary – Fort Frances Dec 24, 5 p.m., & 11 p.m.; Dec 25, 11:00 a.m.; Dec 31, 9:20 a.m.; Jan 01, 11:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes – Couchiching Dec 24, 8 p.m.; Jan 01, 9:00 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier – Heron Bay - Please check with parish

Immaculate Conception – Ignace – Please check with parish

St. Louis – Keewatin Dec 24, 10a.m.& 7 p.m.; Dec 25, 10:30 a.m.; Dec 31, 5:00 p.m.; Jan 01, 10:30 a.m.

Notre Dame du Portage – Kenora Dec 24, 5 p.m., & 7 p.m.; Dec 25, 10:00 a.m.; Dec 31, 5pm; Jan 01, 10:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes – Manitouwadge – Please check with parish

Holy Saviour – Marathon – Please check with parish

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Nipigon

– Please check with parish

Our Lady of the Way – Pinewood – Please check with parish

Our Lady of Good Counsel – Rainy River – Please check with parish

St. John the Apostle – Red Lake; Dec 24, 7 p.m.; Dec 25, 10:30 a.m.; Jan 01, 10:30 a.m.

St. Hilary – Red Rock – Please check with parish

Holy Angels – Schreiber – Please check with parish

Sacred Heart – Sioux Lookout – Please check with parish

St. Martin of Tours – Terrace Bay – Please check with parish

Our Lady of Fatima – Vermilion Bay – Please check with parish



Jesuits concluding their mission in the Diocese of Thunder Bay

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

On January 5, 2025, we will be saying to the Jesuits “*Thank you and come again!*”

It is with much sadness, we would like to inform you that the Jesuits will be concluding their mission in the diocese of Thunder Bay on Sunday, January 5, 2025. The Jesuits had to make such a painful decision due to lack of members.

The Jesuits arrived in the diocese of Thunder Bay in 1893. They served a number of parishes in the diocese. We would like to thank them for their service and commitment to the Church in the Diocese of Thunder Bay. Their mission among the First Nations is really commendable.

We remember their commitment with a sense of gratitude. In a special way, we thank Fr. Gerry McDougall S. J. who rendered his service at St. Anne, Fort William First Nations; Kitchitwa Kateri, Thunder Bay; Our Lady of the Snows, Armstrong and Sacred Heart of Jesus, Gull Bay.

The Jesuits have faithfully sown the seed of faith in the hearts of the People of God. Their service and commitment will be remembered forever. Let us keep them in our prayers so that they may continue to proclaim the good news of salvation wherever the Lord leads them.

In order to express our sense of gratitude to the Jesuits, we are having a Thanksgiving/Farewell Mass Presided by the Jesuit Provincial Minister on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at St. Peter’s Parish at 12:30 pm. There will be a Reception after Mass at St. Peter’s Parish Hall. Please come and join the Jesuits in the Thanksgiving/Farewell Mass.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joseph Arockiam
Diocesan Administrator
Diocese of Thunder Bay