



# Monday Memo

Diocese of Thunder Bay

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December 2, 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 5th**

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

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

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**The Thunder Bay Diocesan CWL Council** is pleased to present an Advent Service at St. Dominic Church on Saturday, **December 14** from 10:00am to 12:00pm facilitated by Father Terry, the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor. The theme is “Mother of the Americas, Mother of New Hope: Exploring the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Everyone is welcome! It will be a faithful and enriching way to spend a morning!

**The Knights of Columbus** invites all men of faith to the next COR PROGRAM Session to be held on Saturday, **December 14th** at 8:30 a.m. at the Holy Family Church, 2055 Rosslyn Road. (please note the time and location change). This program offers men an opportunity to explore their faith and enter into a deeper relationship with Christ by focusing on the three elements of prayer, formation and fraternity. Breakfast will be available. For further information contact Bruce Sutton at **807-632-3120**

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with General Absolution:** Please join Holy Family Church, 2055 Rosslyn Road, for this celebration on Wednesday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>** 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.



## 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