Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

02 AUGUST 2020
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.



The Lord speaks through Isaiah, exhorting his people to come to the water and be renewed by the *everlasting covenant*. Paul tells the Romans that nothing can separate them from the love of Christ. In the Gospel, after hearing of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus heals the sick and feeds the 5,000 abundantly. Today's readings call us, like the disciples, to feed others – but only after having been nourished ourselves. We are invited to delight in rich fare, feasting on the love of God that is stronger than death. In responding to God's call, we can trust that Christ will give us all we need to carry out his commands.

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.

RECTOR
Msgr. Dave Tramontini

ASSISTANT
Rev. Rex Lumine

PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Mrs. Norma Milligan
Miss Ruth Godon

Our faith community dates back to 1886 when we were **originally located on Main Street West and called St. Mary's of** the Lake and 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



Due to the coronavirus new directives are in place for the preparation and celebration of our sacraments. Please call the parish office if you require more information for:
Marriage, Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick.

Reconciliation from 3:00 to 3:45 PM. Cathedral opens at 3:00 PM.

Please see our **Eucharist** schedule on next page of this bulletin.

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	OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY	OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON
THURSDAY	9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON
FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED



READINGS: 03 - 09 AUGUST

Monday	Jeremiah 28. 1-17; Matthew 14. 22-36
Tuesday	Jer. 30. 1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt. 15. 1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31. 1-7; Matthew 15. 21-28
Thursday	Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14; Matthew 17. 1-9
Friday	Nahum 1. 15c; 2. 2; 3. 1-3, 6-7; Mt. 16. 24-28
Saturday	Habakkuk 1. 12—2.4; Matthew 17. 14-20
Sunday	1 Kings 19.9, 11-13; Romans 9. 1-5; Matthew 14. 22-33

Thank you for being kind to our ushers as they lead you into the Cathedral and to your seats while helping us maintain our safety protocols.

Just a few reminders when attending mass:

UPDATE—REGARDING MASKS

We must wear masks
to protect the people we encounter.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of Canada does not recommend the use of face shields as a substitute for masks. In view of this recommendation, we err on the side of caution and ask that all persons wear a mask.

1) **Seating:** A mass will be simultaneously celebrated in the parish hall *if required* once we fill all available seats in the Cathedral.
2) **Sign up to receive the bulletin** at our website at procathedral.ca You will automatically receive the bulletin and current, up-to-date information as it is issued from the Diocese, parish, etc.
3) **Dispensation** from attending mass is still in place if you do not feel comfortable attending mass at this time. Links to many websites offering televised masses is available on our website under LINKS at procathedral.ca
4) **Confession:** Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 PM. Cathedral opens at 3:00 PM. Confessions are done standing. There is no kneeler inside and masks must be worn to visit the confessional.
5) **Hearing System:** It would be helpful if you could bring your own headphone as we have a limited supply of the type that can be sanitized properly.
6) **Rosary:** There will be no recitation of the Rosary before masses.
7) **Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers:** These prayers will be celebrated on Wednesdays just prior to the 12:05 PM mass. As there can be no paper material in the Cathedral a deacon will respond on behalf of the assembly.
8) **Candles & Mass Cards:** No one will be allowed into the Sacristy other than the Priest, Deacon and Sacristan. Candles can now be purchased at our weekday or weekend masses. An usher will be available to assist you. Mass cards can be ordered by contacting the parish office by phone or email and they can be mailed on your behalf.

For more details please view the document
"What you can Expect/Guidelines"
on our website at procathedral.ca

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 03 August - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Rose Lafleur - Paul and Nadine Condon
Joe & Martha MacIntyre - Teresa & Denis Daoust & the MacIntyre Family

Tuesday, 04 August - Memorial of St. Jean Marie Vianney, Priest
Deloris Nelson - Brian and Erin Tayler
Josephine Falconi - Giulia Vitelli

Wednesday, 05 August - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Euphemia Roy - Ray and Marlene Walter
Intention of Living & Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 06 August - The Transfiguration of the Lord
Pearl Vrebosch - Maureen Marchildon
Intention of Victor and Priscille Truchon - Richard Levesque

Friday, 07 August - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Rosanne Lafleur - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board

4:00 PM Saturday, 08 August - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jim Boegel - Carol Boegel
Zita Tramontini - Katherine Voisin

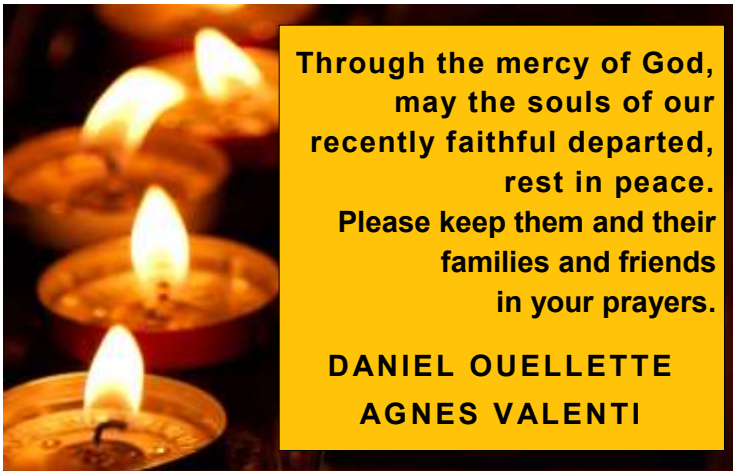
Sunday, 09 August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Gale Lefebvre - Bonnie and John Bailey
Intention of Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse -
Pro-Cathedral Catholic Women's League Members

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Msgr. Dave Tramontini

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.

BANNS FOR ORDINATION

Rev. Mr. Michael Francis Coyne is to be sacred Order of Presbyter for the Diocese of Pembroke on September 8, 2020 at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew, ON. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor. Please call St. Augustine's Seminary at 416-261-7207 if you have any concerns.



Through the mercy of God, may the souls of our recently faithful departed, rest in peace.
Please keep them and their families and friends in your prayers.

DANIEL OUELLETTE
AGNES VALENTI

Christ Life North Bay - The Genesis Mission

The Genesis Mission helps Catholics overcome their fear of evangelization by offering practical tips on how to overcome obstacles that may prevent them from sharing the Gospel.

We have the opportunity to take part in a 7-week Genesis Mission program this summer.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information please complete the online form by visiting the website: http://northbaycatholic.com

North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre

705-475-9270

The North Bay Pregnancy Help and Resource Centre is a safe place for women to come who are facing an unprepared for pregnancy. Here they will be welcomed and find a listening ear, as well as the information, resources and support they need to plan their future.

Although our office is closed to the public during this pandemic, we are still available to our clients, both existing and new, by phone. The Director is working in the office and meets our clients' needs by delivery. Intake of new clients is also done by phone. This is a hard time for some, as many of the places they went to for support and fellowship have had to close. We call and text our clients to make sure they are ok and let them know that we are available anytime.

Please share this information with anyone who may be in need of assistance.

COLLECTION REPORT: 19 & 26 JULY	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$8,522.50	**$751.00**

Pre-Authorized Credit Donations: July	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,865.67	**$810.00**

On August 6 and 9, 1945, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were ravaged by atomic bombs. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the bombings, the first, and one hopes the last, times that atomic weapons are employed in war.

The 21st century continues to witness political conflicts throughout the world with increasingly sophisticated weapons and the erosion of international arms control frameworks.

Please pray for a world of justice and for the 300,000 people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki who died as the result of the atomic bombs. May they rest in peace.

In a spirit of joy-filled thanksgiving, the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie announces the Ordination of Mr. Chadwick Franklin to the Transitional Diaconate.



The Sacrament of Holy Orders of a Deacon will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Marcel Damphousse at Christ the King Church, Sudbury on Friday, August 14. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, attendance at the ordination, for both clergy and laity, will be by invitation only.

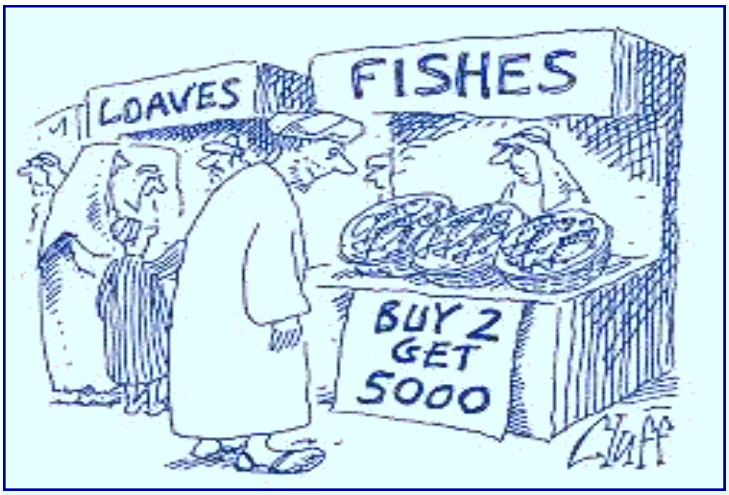
Please remember Chad in your prayers as he prepares to be ordained to the Ministry of Deacon.

The ordination will be live-streamed on August 14 at 12:00 Noon at: www.christthekinglive.com

This is a public announcement requirement of Canon Law 1051 §2. Catholics are obliged to reveal any impediments or circumstances that would prevent Chad Franklin from receiving Sacred Orders and should contact their parish priest or the Diocesan Administrator with information as soon as possible.

The word *deacon* derives from the Greek *diakonia*, meaning "service," thereby indicating that a deacon is called like Christ to be a servant. The Order of Deacon has three essential functions: the proclamation of the Gospel, the service of the liturgy, and the administration of charitable works. In particular, the deacon may assist the bishop and the priests in a variety of liturgical functions: Deacons may baptize, witness the exchange of vows and bless marriages, distribute Holy Communion, impart benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, bring Viaticum to the dying, read Sacred Scripture to the faithful and especially proclaim the Gospel, preach, officiate at funerals and burials, and administer the sacramentals. They should also dedicate themselves to other charitable works, particularly within the parish community. (Confer the *Catechism*, 1569-70, and the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, #29).

Unlike a priest, deacons cannot absolve sins in the Sacrament of Penance, offer the Mass or confect the Holy Eucharist, administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, or administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.



The story about Jesus's multiplication of the loaves and fish in today's gospel, seems like a very simple story on the surface of things. Our Catholic faith is a lot like that too. The Catholic faith is simple enough for even children to understand, and yet, it is so complex that even the most intelligent theologians in the history of mankind has not been able to understand all there is to know about our Catholic faith. But, that's ok, because our Catholic faith is meant to be for everyone, from all walks of life. The young, the old, the rich, the poor, the educated or uneducated, everyone is welcome and has a place in the Catholic church.

This is exactly what Jesus demonstrates in today's gospel too. He looked at the crowds who came to see him, with compassion. They were tired and hungry and had traveled a long way just to see him. He welcomed them all, and healed their sick. It did not matter to Jesus why the crowds were there, he simply loved them, without regard to their religious background, station in life, or the sins that were on their soul. Even their lack of understanding of who he was and why he was there, didn't matter to Jesus. Their understanding would come later.

Today's Gospel challenges us to trust in God's abundant generosity, and to share the burdens we face. How might that look in our daily lives? And what can we do better? In practical terms, it could mean that we ask for God's help in providing hospitality to others when they need it, and look for the many places in which God's provisions for us are visible. Or, as the twelve disciples handed out food to 5,000 men, plus women and children, we might pray for the grace to offer help to another in the face of a daunting task. The possibilities are endless. ***How will we meet this Gospel's challenge?***

Pray: Lord, Jesus Christ, I give you my entire self now and forever. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Teach me to know the Father and to accept his abundant generosity. Strengthen me each day in listening to and following your will. Amen

You are Invited to an Online Summer Retreat at Villa Loyola 17 - 21 August 2020

Theme: Who is Jesus Christ? Exploration of the 'I am' Sayings of Jesus

Who is God? When Moses asked that question before the burning bush more than 3,000 years ago, the mysterious response was "I AM".

A millennium later, that strange name received a face, and that face began to teach. In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, left a series of statements about his identity, known as the seven "I am" sayings. Enigmatic yet meaningful, they elaborate the identity, personality, and intention of the God-with-us.

Drawing from the natural world and the Old Testament, the seven images offer a rich understanding of the nature of Jesus.

I invite you to join me on Zoom for this five day retreat. Together we will explore all seven of the "I am" sayings, with a daily 9 am conference, Eucharist at 2 pm and time for sharing at 7 pm. Personal direction can be offered through Skype.

Following the arc of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the retreat will provide points for meditation, with the goal bringing about our deeper transformation in the light of Christ and into the embrace of our Creator.

Director: Fr. John O'Brien, S.J.

Cost: **Free.** Tax receipts will be given for donations made to Villa Loyola.

Registration: Email at loyola@isys.ca

NEW SERIES 'CALLED TO SERVE' HIGHLIGHTS VOCATION STORIES

Everyone has a story. In this new series "Called to Serve" we profile various people who God has called to serve the Church in many different ways - Deacons, Priests, Bishops, Religious Sisters and Brothers and Lay Men & Women. In each episode, we highlight the journey of what it's like to be called by God, and discover the grace God grants to those He calls.

Excellent vocation interviews with Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse, Rev. Larry Rymes and Rev. Pat Woods
This series highlights their journey of discernment and faith in their lives.

Watch these interviews at: beapriest.ca



We are still here to help!
We have people ready and willing to assist you. Need a grocery pickup? A wellness call made to a family member? Other assistance? Give us a call or email and let us know how we can help!