Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

19 JULY 2020
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Those who sow the good seed are the children of the Kingdom.



Wisdom speaks of the might and clemency of God, saying, you would permit repentance for their sins. Paul tells the Romans that the Spirit intercedes when we know not how to pray. In the Gospel, Jesus shares three parables about the kingdom of heaven, explaining the meaning of the parable of the weeds to his disciples. Growing in faith is like striving to grow as wheat in a field mixed with weeds. We are faced with temptations, we do not pray as we ought, we are weak and in need of forgiveness. But God is just and kind; he judges with leniency, sends his Spirit to our aid, lovingly nurtures us, and patiently awaits our growth.

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	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
THURSDAY	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED



READINGS: 20 ~ 26 JULY

Monday	Micah 6. 1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12. 38-42
Tuesday	Miah 7. 14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12. 46, 48-50
Wednesday	Song of Songs 3. 1-4a; John 20. 1, 11-18
Thursday	Jeremiah 2. 1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13. 10-17
Friday	Jeremiah 3. 14-17; Matthew 13. 18-23
Saturday	2 Corinthians 4. 7-15; Matthew 20. 20-28
Sunday	1 Kings 3. 5-12; Romans 8. 28-30; Matthew 13. 44-52

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:

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Due to Covid-19 *The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd,* Level I training, has been rescheduled to begin next July 2021. To learn more about *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and to register your interest please visit our website at procathedral.ca under current news or children's ministries.

For inquiries contact Erin at 705.840.8509 or email betayler@fibreop.ca

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 20 July - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Patricia Murphy - Garry and Family
Thomas Kilmartin - Fleurette Kilmartin

Tuesday, 21 July - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Guiseppe Tedesco - Maria Gosselin and Family
Tom Venner - Erin and Brian Tayler

Wednesday, 22 July - St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Henry Gauthier - Kathleen Gauthier
Msgr. Norm Clement - Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 23 July - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Zita Tramontini - Domenic and Nicolina Mascioli
Intention of Jerry Levesque - Richard Levesque

Friday, 24 July - Weekday in Ordinary Time
John Deviveiros - Maria and Father Joe
Melanie MacInnis - Marsh and Joy Swartsz

4:00 PM Saturday, 25 July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lloyd Voisin - Katherine Voisin
Maria Crea - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board

Sunday, 26 July - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Sister Shannon Hickey - Catholic Women's League
Intention of Roy and Bunty Swanson - Pro-Cathedral Collection Counters

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

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.

MASS REQUESTS

Masses that were booked prior to our closure will be re-scheduled in chronological order, as will all mass requests received



Food Bank Collection Next Weekend

While we would be pleased to receive your donations — we cannot accept them when you attend mass.



Please bring any non-perishable donations to the Pro-Cathedral office on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of this week between the hours of 9 AM and 2 PM

Our Catholic Charities Food Bank which runs out of the Cathedral Rectory on Tuesday mornings thanks you for helping them out!

Pro-Cathedral Photo Project
Share your Memories!

Send your pictures taken of the Pro-Cathedral or from Cathedral events—we would love to share them in our upcoming photo project! Any year, any event! Weddings, baptisms, unique shots of the Cathedral, past clergy—keep them coming! Just identify the who, what, where, when of each photo you send so we can share that information too.

Here's how to send a picture. Type this link into your browser:
https://procathedral.ca/upload/
and you will be taken to a form to send your pictures.
You can also email your images to us at: procathedralfiles@gmail.com

COLLECTION REPORT: 05 JULY	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,570.00	**$736.75**

Thank you so much for your continued generosity! Please remember us over the summer months.



PRAYER LINE

The prayer line is a group of parishioners who pray for the needs of others. Concerns great and small are presented to the Lord on your behalf. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the group call Sister Shirley McNamara at 474-3800, Ext. 295 or Lorraine Atchison at 474-0613 and they will gladly pass them on to others who are waiting to receive your requests.

Looking for Meaning in Your Life?
Are childhood memories surfacing?
Have you made mistakes?
Do you need to forgive others?
Do you need to be healed?
Looking for fullness of truth and grace?
Want your children to have a faith foundation?
Looking to be part of a community?
Want to help other people?
Do you hunger for the Eucharist?

Come back to the Catholic Church
We will Welcome You!
Have Questions?
Call us at 472-3970
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New to the Cathedral?
Please Register so we can get to know you better!

The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds



Ed Stetzer—The Exchange

He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while people were sleeping, his enemy came, sowed weeds among the wheat, and left. When the plants sprouted and produced grain, then the weeds also appeared. The landowner's slaves came to him and said, 'Master, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Then where did the weeds come from?'

"'An enemy did this!' he told them.

"'So, do you want us to go and gather them up?' the slaves asked him.

"'No,' he said. 'When you gather up the weeds, you might also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At harvest time I'll tell the reapers: Gather the weeds first and tie them in bundles to burn them, but store the wheat in my barn.'

Then He dismissed the crowds and went into the house. His disciples approached Him and said, "Explain the parable of the weeds in the field to us."

He replied: "The One who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world; and the good seed—these are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather from His kingdom everything that causes sin and those guilty of lawlessness. They will throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom. Anyone who has ears should listen!

Here again, Jesus demonstrated that the kingdom of God is mysterious. It's for those who have ears to hear and will remain inscrutable for those who don't.

The master invites us to be patient, because when the grain and the weeds sprout, they look very similar. In the same way, what sprouts up within us is not initially easy to identify. We have to wait and see what brings life and what takes it away. Only at that point will we be able to put things in order, distinguishing what helps us from what brings us harm.
Sometimes we are too hasty, it's true, but other times we risk waiting too long. There is a moment when we can see a clear difference between the weeds and the wheat, and when we do we have the responsibility of intervening. **This is the time of judgment**.
We need to take our time, like the mustard seed needs time to become like a tree and the yeast to make the dough rise. We need honesty in order to recognize that the weeds also grow in our own hearts. We need courage to make decisions when things have become clear.

Questions for personal reflection:

1. *Do you seek the easy way out or do you know how to take your time?*
2. *What do the wheat and the weeds represent in your heart today?*



INVITATION

You are invited to a Drive-by Farewell
for Roy and Elizabeth (Bunty) Swanson
on Sunday, July 26 from 2:30 to 4:00 PM

Your participation would be an acknowledgement of the contribution that this couple has made to our city in the fields of education, sports, drama, and other community activities.
Let us give this couple a Big Thank You!

The drive-by address is 1307 Jane Street

To Avoid Traffic Issues

Visitors should approach the property from Copeland Street by travelling north on Dashnay Street to the driveway where Roy and Bunty will be seated.

Call Cliff or Margaret Riopelle at 474-7366 if more information is required.

