Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

30 AUGUST 2020
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

"If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."



Jeremiah accuses the Lord of duping him, for his prophecies are met with laughter and mocking, derision and reproach. Paul encourages the Romans to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals that he must suffer greatly, and Peter attempts to dissuade him. Jesus accuses Peter of thinking not as God does, but as human beings do. He then tells his disciples that in order to follow him, they must take up their cross. Peter can be excused for thinking as a human does, for he is human! But what gets him in trouble is his mistaken idea that he knows better than Jesus – that he knows better how Jesus ought to carry out his mission. This is reminiscent of the Fall: Pride in one's own knowledge over that of God's. We're all susceptible to that, and Jesus reminds Peter – and us – that his way is the way. All we need to do is trust, and follow.

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.

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Msgr. Dave Tramontini

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Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
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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: 31 AUG — 06 SEPT

Monday	1 Corinthians 2. 1-5; Luke 4. 16-30
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2. 10b-16; Luke 4. 31-37
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 3. 1-9; Luke 4. 38-44
Thursday	1 Corinthians 3. 18-23; Luke 5. 1-11
Friday	1 Corinthians 4. 1-5; Luke 5. 33-39
Saturday	1 Corinthians 4. 6-15; Luke 6. 1-5
Sunday	Ezekiel 33. 7-9; Romans 13. 8-10; Matthew 18. 15-20

Women Alone in Friendship

If you are single, please join us as we share our triumphs, fears, our good experiences and sometimes our not-so-good ones in a supportive atmosphere of friendship.

Come for the good laughs and conversation. We can compare notes on matters that have resonance for ***single people whether through separation, divorce or being a widow***.

Currently we gather on Wednesday for coffee and Fridays for a bag lunch at the waterfront. (***Weather Permitting!)***

Please join us as we cheer each other on, encourage and support each other.

For more information, please contact Karen Beaulieu at 705-495-6675

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

In last week's Gospel, Peter recognizes Jesus as the Son of the Living God. Jesus blesses him and tells him, "Upon this rock I will build my Church." However, today, after Jesus tells the disciples that he must suffer and die, Peter argues with him. Jesus knocks Peter down a few notches when he calls the would-be rock "an obstacle." But the winning line here is: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Imagine how incomprehensible it was to Peter that Jesus would suffer, die, and rise on the third day. Like Peter, we will have days when we "get it right" and feel in sync with Jesus, and days when we feel like we're chasing the ball in the sun, and yesterday's peace and certainty seem out of reach. In both instances, Jesus reminds us that God really does know best. Whether we're at the top of our game or struggling, it's reassuring to know that God is our rock – and has a plan.

Sometimes our prayers can be pretty specific. Please make the chemo obliterate my friend's cancer. Help my husband find a job. Show my son which career path he should choose and help him succeed. Please no rain tomorrow, thank you! There is nothing wrong with asking for what we desire, or need. But today's Gospel alerts us of the temptation to tell God how to be God. For Peter, it was saying, "Surely you need not suffer and die." Jesus reminds Peter, and us, that we don't know how best to accomplish our salvation. God does. And so, in our prayers and our approach to life, we can ask for God's healing and help, but we also need to trust in God's plan and understand that his answers may not be what we have in mind.

It's OK to bring God our to-do list! It may mean carving out some quiet time each time we pray. Another way to give ourselves over to God's wisdom is by simply reciting the Our Father and paying close attention to the words: "*Thy* kingdom come, *thy* will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 31 August - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Parents of Lloyd and Katherine Voisin - Katherine Voisin
Int. of Vivian Falconi and Family - Mike and Dawn Marie Duffy & Family

Tuesday, 01 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Peter Randle - Mary Lou and Paul Smith
Desmond Kelly - Paul and Nadine Condon

Wednesday,02 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Maria Gerbasi - The Family
Int. of Living and Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 03 September - Memorial of St. Gregory the Great
Luke Walter - Ray and Marlene Walter
Mary Margaret Vrebosch - Maureen Marchildon

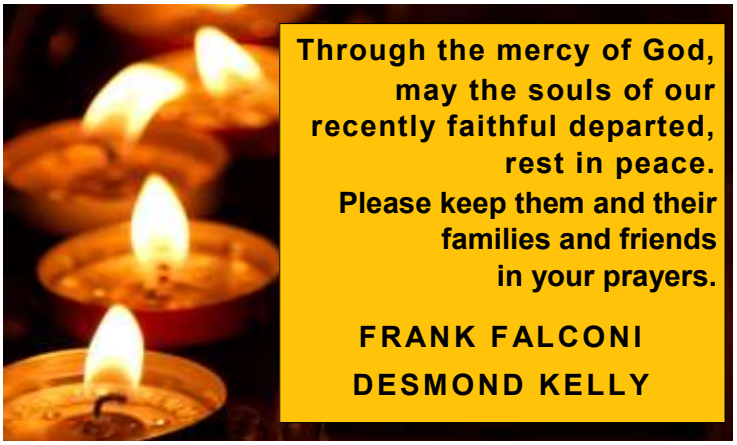
First Friday, 04 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Denis Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu and Family

4:00 PM Saturday, 05 September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Erika Helby - Bunty and Roy Swanson
Intention of Lorna and Family - Carol and John Rowe

Sunday, 06 September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Catherina and Antonio Miscio - Maria Miscio
Claire Faubert - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board

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

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The September General Meeting is cancelled and we are looking at an alternative plan for the distribution of service pins. We will continue to keep our members informed of any upcoming changes.

COLLECTION REPORT: 16 & 23 AUGUST	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$7,253.32	**$1,307.00**

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) **Masks:** The use of face shields as a substitute for masks is not recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. In view of this recommendation face masks must be worn when attending the Cathedral.
2) **Seating:** A mass will be simultaneously celebrated in the parish hall *if required* once we fill all available seats in the Cathedral.
3) **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.
4) **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
5) **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.
6) **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.
7) **Rosary:** There will be no recitation of the Rosary before masses.
8) **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.
9) **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

Pope Francis
September Prayer Intention

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

North Bay Catholic Charities

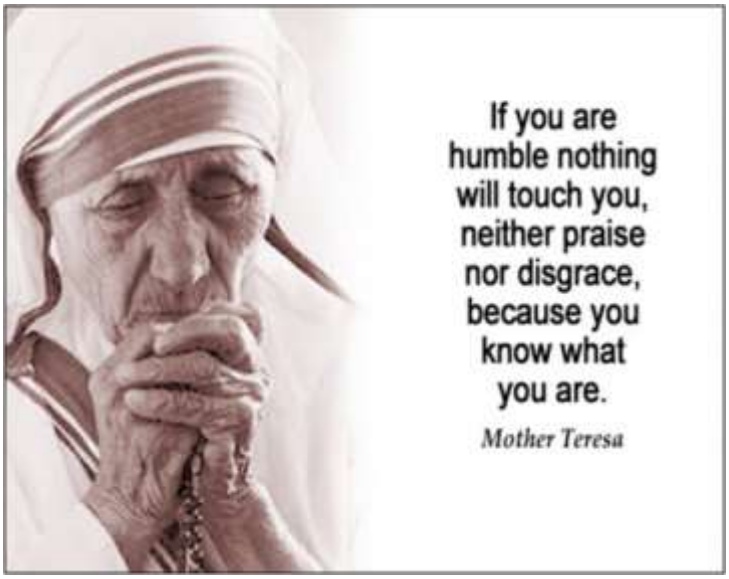


We can accept donations of food at the Parish Office (480 McIntyre Street W.) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Catholic Charities has been running in our community since the 1970's and is supported only through the generosity of donations and volunteer workers. The Food Bank **is open to all** on Tuesday mornings and serves clients from the entire North Bay region.

Our mandate is to provide this free food to our clients in a manner that allows them to have dignity while receiving our assistance. We consistently serve 50-100 clients each week.

Thank you for your donation of non-perishable items!



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.



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

Signs of a Priestly Vocation— How do I know God is calling me?

If you have ever thought about being a priest, these qualities may be clues to a future priestly vocation:

1. **God has placed in your heart a desire to be a priest.** If Jesus has placed a desire in your heart for priesthood, no matter what your age, don't ignore it. Talk to a priest you admire about how you feel.
2. **You have a deep love for Christ and His Church.** A priest functions in persona Christi capitas—in the person of Christ, head of the Church. Thus a man who wants to be a priest must love Jesus Christ above all else. And like Jesus, he should have a deep love for the Church, the Bride of Christ. In general, a man who wants to be a priest will find himself drawn to Church teachings and "all things Catholic."
3. **Other people have mentioned that you would be a good priest.** Often other people will notice a "priest's heart" in a young man and say to him, "Have you ever thought about being a priest? I think you'd make a good one." In fact, many men report that they grew tired of people making such comments—but that the encouragement eventually led them to seminary!
4. **You desire to live a life of virtue and prayer.** Pope Benedict spoke about what people expect of their priests. To paraphrase, he said that people do not expect priests to be experts in anything but the spiritual life. Thus, a good candidate for priesthood attends Mass, prays frequently, receives the sacrament of Confession, serves others, and strives to grow spiritually.
5. **You want to help others grow closer to Christ.** A priest brings Jesus to people and people to Jesus. For this reason, a man who wants to be a priest must have a deep concern for the people of God. He wants to help them grow in holiness; he wants to teach them the truths of the faith; he wants to minster to them during the trials of life. The vocation of priesthood is about leading others to heaven.

If you've thought about the possibility of priesthood, but don't yet have all these signs and qualities, don't despair! All people must strive for holiness. And future priests go through a long and intensive formation period, precisely to help them grow in virtue and be effective in their ministry.

If you're interested in priesthood, talk to the Vocation Director about the signs above. He can help you further discern your vocation. And remember—true happiness and peace depend on following God's perfect will for your life. If God wants you to be a priest, trust in his grace to lead you.

For more information about becoming a Priest, or to chat, ask questions or talk about it with someone, please contact:

Fr. Daniele Muscolino, Director of Vocations
Phone: 705-495-1501 Email: d.muscolino@ssmd.ca

Visit: beapriest.ca for more information too!

What do I believe about my life?

The truth is, what we believe about who we are, where we came from, and where we're going actually has a huge impact on how we live. The world often tells us that nothing really matters. But Jesus invites us into a very different reality, one that gives meaning to even the smallest of things. Now this can lead us to ask: Do my choices in life truly reflect what I believe? Or am I living between two worldviews? How do I want to live?

Nothing Really Matters— Random: No one created me. I am here by accident. I have no defined identity. And I have no destiny. Freedom is the ability to choose anything.	**Everything Matters—** Intentional: God intentionally loved me into being, creating me in His image and likeness. Nothing about me was a mistake. I am irreplaceable. And He gave me a destiny—to be fully alive with Him and others in heaven. Freedom is the choice to say 'yes' to my destiny.
What's my Road Manual?	**What's my Road Manual?**
There's nothing after this life, so I'm going to make choices that satisfy my desire here.	I'm made for eternal life and love; I can choose to live for a reality greater than myself and the here and now.
I define myself—who I am and wat I'm about. It's up to me to prove I'm worthy of existence.	God holds me in being at every moment. He never stops choosing me. I'm His son or daughter.
What I do with my body doesn't really matter. It's incidental.	What I do with my body matters, because I'm not some*thing* to be used—but some*one* to be loved.
Love is whatever makes me feel good, and satisfies my needs.	Love is a choice, not just a feeling. It's choosing the good of the other.
Suffering is meaningless.	Jesus enters into my suffering with me and for me, and can transform it if I let Him.
It's up to me to figure out the plan for my life. I'm in charge. I decide the meaning of my life.	God has given me a unique mission of love, filled with meaning. I can choose to live this adventure of life with Him.
My mistakes are mine. No one can fix them.	My sins do affect others. But Jesus' mercy is bigger than my sins. He can restore, transform, and heal if I let Him.
I am on my own.	I belong to God's family. I'm made to be in relationship with Him and others.



