Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

13 SEPTEMBER 2020
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Forgiveness is a choice that leads to life.



Sirach tells the people, *Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight*. Thus, they are to forgive their neighbor as they wish to be forgiven by the Lord. Paul tells the Romans, *None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord*. In the Gospel, Jesus answers Peter's question of how often he must forgive by telling him the parable of the unforgiving servant. Life always offers us choices – will we hold onto anger or choose to forgive? Will we live with a spirit of compassion or withhold mercy? Will we hold onto hurts and grievances or extend a hand in peace? Living out the commands of God is no easy task, but if we show mercy and forgiveness to others, we are assured of the same from our heavenly Father.

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	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON
TUESDAY	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
THURSDAY	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
FRIDAY	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM



READINGS: 14 - 20 SEPTEMBER

Monday	Numbers 21. 4-9; John 3. 13-17
Tuesday	Hebrews 5. 7-9; Luke 19. 25-27
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 12. 31—13.13; Luke 7. 31-35
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15. 1-11; Luke 7. 36-50
Friday	1 Corinthians 15. 12-20; Luke 8. 1-3
Saturday	1 Corinthians 15. 35-37, 42-50; Luke 8. 4-15
Sunday	Isaiah 55. 6-9; Philippians 1. 20-24, 27; Matthew 20. 1-16

✝ MEMORIAL FUND ✝

The following name has been received at the request of donors in memory of our deceased friends and relatives:

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Life Chain

North Bay & Area Right to Life/Pro-Vie
LIFE CHAIN
Join us. Save Lives & Change Hearts

Join our public prayer event. Bring your family and friends and spend one hour in prayerful witness.

Our Annual Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 4 along Lakeshore Drive from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Signs will be available at our location between Fodor and Charles Street.

Life Chain is about bringing the pro-life message to many people who might not otherwise hear it in our community. ***We are standing up for the unborn with a visible, peaceful message of truth and hope*** - please join us to help protect life.

Social Distancing: We have always encouraged people to stand eight feet apart so we are in compliance with government protocols.

For more information contact Jeanine at 724-3424

Catholic Kids Link

Looking for a great resource to support your faith in the home?

Visit the diocesan website at dioceseofsaultstemarie.org and select OUR FAITH, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Under Diving into the Mass there are videos on the parts of the mass to help children learn more about their faith. Great for adults too!

You can also type the following link into your browser: https://dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 14 September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Beverley James - Richard and Sheila
Frieda Harling - Lorraine and Donald Shago

Tuesday, 15 September - Our Lady of Sorrows
Lidia Rossi - The Family
Theron Piper - Kathleen and Family

Wednesday, 16 September - St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Sam Verrillo - Josie Verrillo and Family
Julia Duggan - Brenda Lecours-Bowker

Thursday, 17 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Mary Margaret Vrebosch - Pena Plutino

Friday, 18 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Peter Saini - Rita Creelman
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

4:00 PM Saturday, 19 September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lloyd Voisin - Katherine Voisin
For a Special Intention - Carol and John Rowe

Sunday, 20 September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM William Harvey Carmichael - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Intention of Noah Dugas - Jeanne Luesby

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

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.



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

Hi Everyone,

We are looking for your assistance to once again help provide a couple of items to help us keep the Cathedral sanitized. We require disinfectant spray and wipes (Lysol or equivalent, killing 99.9% germs). It has been very difficult to get wipes and we have been on a waiting list for months.

If you are out shopping and see these items, we would be grateful if you could pick up a couple for the parish. Items can be dropped off at the parish office Tuesday to Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



Please provide your receipt as we would be happy to reimburse you.

Thank you so much for your assistance!!

For the past months our parish has demonstrated courage and compassion while dealing with the challenges that arose with Covid-19. You have responded well in this challenging time to the many changes that have occurred at the Cathedral.

Please know that your efforts to adhere to our safety protocols continue to minimize the risk of exposure and have helped allow our Cathedral to remain open in a safe manner.

Even though our perception of 'safety' may differ, we are learning to cope together. We know it can be hard not to be able to do the same things we used to do at the Cathedral. It is important to remember that all decisions were made to minimize risk levels to parishioners, volunteers, staff and clergy.

What can you do to help us minimize risk?

1) **Seating:** Please allow the ushers to guide you to your seat. This will allow for the optimization of seating while maintaining social distancing. A mass will be simultaneously celebrated in the parish hall *if required* once we fill all available seats in the Cathedral.
2) **Communion:** *Process with others.* Please accept a blessing if you cannot take communion and continue to process back to your seat. This avoids people from having to try to pass over you or be too close when getting back to their seating.
3) **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.
4) **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.
5) **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
6) **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.
7) **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.
8) **Rosary:** There will be no recitation of the Rosary before masses.
9) **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.
10) **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.

The prolonged uncertainty of the pandemic can be stressful. We are thankful for everyone who has worked hard to help us open the the Cathedral as well as for our parishioners who support them by adhering to our safety protocols.

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

Miscarriage & Loss

A miscarriage can have deeply felt and long-lasting effects on a woman and a couple. It is heart breaking no matter when it happens during pregnancy.



The parish is making available a Care and Comfort Package to parents who have lost a child through miscarriage in order to help in your time of loss and grief.

If you wish to receive a package, please call or email the parish office. Your information will be held in the strictest confidence.

St Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Women's League
Fantastic Outside Garage Sale

Saturday September 26 (Weather Permitting)
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

St Alphonsus Church
163 High Street North, Callander

For more information call
Deborah at 471-9160 or Maureen at 752-3626

COLLECTION REPORT: 30 AUG & 06 SEPT	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,266.65	**$2,335.00**

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

Or, if you are not computer savvy and would like to share your pictures—drop them off to the parish office. All pictures will be returned to the owner!

Include as much detail with your photo as you can such as date, occasion, people in the photograph (if any), etc.

Common good, not greed, must motivate search for vaccine, Pope Francis says

VATICAN CITY: The common good -- and not political or economic gain -- should be at the heart of the race to find a vaccine for COVID-19, Pope Francis said.

During his weekly general audience September 9, the pope said that "we see partisan interests emerging" in the search for a vaccine, and some people "are taking advantage of the situation to instigate divisions: by seeking economic or political advantages, generating or exacerbating conflicts."

"Others simply are not interesting themselves in the suffering of others; they pass by and go their own way. They are devotees of Pontius Pilate: they wash their hands," he said.

The pope reflected on the importance of love and the common good, especially in a time of crisis. "If the solutions for the pandemic bear the imprint of selfishness, whether it be by people, businesses or nations, we may perhaps emerge from the coronavirus crisis, but certainly not from the human and social crisis that the virus has brought to light and accentuated," the pope said.

Love, he continued, not only makes families and friendships flourish, but also "social, cultural, economic and political relationships," thus allowing for the growth of a "civilization of love."

By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's part of human nature to focus on the negative "headlines" on any given day. For example, after encountering a traffic delay due to a harmless fender bender on an otherwise uneventful commute, we are more likely to be upset and angry at the delay – and the people who caused it – rather than forgiving of the situation, and aware of the concurrent fact that we made it home safely! The author of the Book of Sirach seems to have this insight into humanity, for he describes wrath and anger as "hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight."

We too often "hug tight" to anger at times over offenses real or perceived. Matthew's Gospel challenges us to not only let go of past hurts, but to forgive: forgive, forgive, forgive! It doesn't mean glossing over the human fender benders that can wreck relationships, but Jesus cautions us to prevent them from becoming the headlines of our lives. Instead, by opening our ears and our hearts to the Good News of God's forgiveness, we can, in turn, extend it to those who have hurt us.



When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray the Our Father in an earlier verse in Matthew's Gospel, he used these words: "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Not, "maybe I'll think about forgiving tomorrow," or "I might forgive this but I can't forgive that." Because when we open our hearts to the Good News of God's forgiveness, we must forgive "from the heart," as Jesus says at the end of today's passage.

Is there someone in our lives whom we need to forgive? What's holding us back? Are we "holding tight" to our anger, or hurt, or resentment? Think about a relationship in your life that could use some healing. Perhaps a first step involves a phone call, a letter, an email, or an embrace. In prayer, ask for God's help; seek forgiveness and ask for the grace to forgive others.

ACTION: Think of someone or something that has caused you to hang on to anger or resentment. Write a letter [you're not going to send it!] to that person, or to the "event," as if it were personified. Spell out factually what caused your anger. Then write that you forgive them. Put the pen down, pray that God would help you with the grace to truly forgive, then shred the letter. And let the anger go.



Pope Francis
September Prayer Intention

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