Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

20 SEPTEMBER 2020
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness are God's to give away as God sees fit.



Isaiah encourages his people to *seek the Lord* and ask for his mercy – God whose thoughts are so far above their own. Saint Paul tells the Philippians that *Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death*. And though Paul longs to be with Jesus in the next life, it is better that he remains with them. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about workers in a vineyard, emphasizing the generosity of the landowner to all who labored. Isaiah advises us to *seek the Lord*, an activity we might think of as being complete as soon as we come to believe in him. But really, this is an invitation to grace – a grace that is constant, always available, and generous in its forgiveness. It is a promise of deep and perpetual care by a God who is completely different from us in his thoughts and ways, and yet never-ending in his love and mercy.

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
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

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Mrs. Norma Milligan
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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, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

8:30 AM-12:00 NOON & 12:30 PM-4:30 PM

FRIDAY 8:30 AM to NOON

READINGS: 21 - 27 SEPTEMBER

Monday	Ephesians 4. 1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9. 9-13
Tuesday	Proverbs 21. 1-6, 10-13; Luke 8. 19-21
Wednesday	Proverbs 30. 5-9; Luke 9. 1-6
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 1. 2-11; Luke 9. 7-9
Friday	Ecclesiastes 3. 1-11; Luke 9. 18-22
Saturday	Revelation 7. 9-17; John 12. 24-26
Sunday	Ezekiel 18. 25-28; Philippians 2. 1-11; Matthew 21. 28-32

Food Bank Collection THIS WEEK



We can accept donations at the parish office all week .

Catholic Charities is in desperate need of peanut butter and snacks, drinking boxes, etc. for children's school lunches.

Also, donations of non-perishable food items are appreciated! Rice, pasta, canned goods, etc.

Needs of the Canadian Church in Canada Next Weekend ~ September 27



The collection taken for Needs of the Church in Canada provides financial support for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops which is crucial in helping Bishops in Canada exercise their pastoral ministries (i.e. evangelization, faith education, ecumenism, social justice, liturgy, theology, the marriage tribunal, etc.) Monies raised are sent to the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, which will use the total amount collected for this good work as well as pay its annual contribution to the regional episcopal assembly - the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In addition to contributions, the members of the Church are also asked to pray for the work of the Bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 21 September - St. Matthew, Apostle/Evangelist
Sam Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi and Family
Paul Cain - Mary Ellen Balfour

Tuesday, 22 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Peter Saini - Tom and Angie Hall
Winifred Hastie - Ken Hastie and Family

Wednesday, 23 September - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
In Honour of Saint Padre Pio - Maria Miscio
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 24 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Jean Belec - Anita Caicco
Intention of Kristy Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, 25 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
John Deviveiros - Maria and Fr. Joe
Sergio Tignanelli - Nanda Amendola

4:00 PM Saturday, 26 September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Linda Leblanc - Carmela and Tony Campanaro
In Thanksgiving - John and Carol Rowe

Sunday, 27 September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Intentions of the Donors and those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

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

The art of being happy is to be satisfied with what you have.



VIRTUAL EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

A lot has changed in the last 6 months- and we as a Church have had to learn how to respond. But have we done enough? Is there more for us to do? As the world begins to open up again, what new opportunities are there for sharing the Good News of Jesus with all the world?

On Saturday, September 26 from 12 - 3pm, uEvangelize is hosting a FREE, LIVE virtual conference for Catholics, tackling the topic Crisis & Opportunity: How to Evangelize in Uncertain Times.

To answer this question, you'll be hearing from: George Weigel, Dr. Mary Healy, Michele Thompson and Fr. Jon Bielawski

And you'll be hearing from people who have creatively responded to the call to mission during these uncertain times we are moving through.

Join the summit! Visit our website at procathedral.ca and click the link under CURRENT NEWS

Can You Help?



Thanksgiving Decorations

The Environment Committee would once again like to decorate for this beautiful season!

If you and your family would like to contribute we would appreciate if you would place vegetables, fruit, etc. into containers that will be placed in the Cathedral the weekend of October 3-4 or you can deliver them to the parish office before Thursday, October 8.



We would suggest the following fruits or vegetables because they will last longer: Turnips, squash, pumpkins, gourds, zucchini, cucumbers, red and green peppers, potatoes, corn, cabbage, onions, apples, pineapples, grapefruit.

Thank you for helping to decorate for Thanksgiving!
Note: Food will be donated to Catholic Charities Food Bank to be disbursed on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

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 th Cathedral as well as for our parishioners who support them by adhering to our safety protocols.

First Communion & Reconciliation



Fall 2020

TO ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN GRADE TWO/THREE

Greetings and Peace in the Lord!

Do you have a child currently in Grade Two or Three? If so, we invite you to register them for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The celebration of Reconciliation takes place this Fall and First Eucharist in the Spring. It is our pleasure at this time to invite you and your child to register and prepare for the celebration of these two sacraments.

Your child's Sacramental life with God began the day that he/she was baptized into the family of God. It was then that you the parent(s) made commitments to the Community and to God, to bring your child up in the practice of the faith to the best of your ability. It is now time to consider furthering your child's initiation into the Christian Community.

It is our hope that the religious formation and faith growth of your child will have a high priority with you and your family. If you decide that this is important to the life of you and your family then please accept this invitation to register him/her to celebrate their First Reconciliation / First Eucharist.

COVID-19 has touched and impacted our lives in so many different ways. We are concerned about the health and safety of your child and your family, therefore, we will be preparing for and celebrating the sacraments in a different way this year.

First Reconciliation: There will be no common classes or common celebration. Upon registration a book concerning this Sacrament will be mailed to you. Once you have gone through the material with your child, contact the Cathedral and a private time will be arranged with you for your child to celebrate with myself or Fr. Rex.

First Eucharist: In January, our team will meet to take into consideration new developments and decide how to proceed with this Sacrament. We will keep you informed as to our plans at that time.

Please know that should you decide not to have your child prepare for sacraments this Fall we will joyfully welcome them to do so next year.

Baptism is the pre-requisite to all the other Sacraments.

If your child has not been baptized *please contact our parish office.*

We want to work with you to have your child receive this sacrament in order to enter the Christian community.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or email the parish office. We are looking forward to working with you as your child prepares to celebrate the sacraments.

Thank you,

Msgr Dave Tramontini

Rev. Msgr. Dave Tramontini, Rector

Register by Visiting our Website at: procathedral.ca

Select Sacraments / Reconciliation and scroll down to

"Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First Time"

Complete the Form & Return to Parish

(Instructions are included on Form)



Can you volunteer for any of our Weekend Masses?

While we had an overwhelming response when we first re–opened the Cathedral, we still need more ushers / ministers of hospitality.

Some of our volunteers can't return to volunteer due to risk factors or dealing with illness. Some are pulling double duty helping at more than one mass and also volunteering at our noon masses and/or working every week without a break.



Can you help out? We would love to hear from you! Please call Lisa Henry at 493-4164 or you can also email her at lidahenry11@gmail.com THANK YOU!

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.

GOOD NEWS!

Due to the lifting of some restrictions within our Diocese some changes are being made effective this week.

Rosary: We can now recite the rosary prior to our 12:05 PM masses. Recitation will beginning at 11:30 AM.

Adoration: Takes place the First Friday of the month beginning at 11:30 AM. To allow for quiet prayer and reflection during this time, we will not recite the rosary on First Fridays.

One day at a time, Sweet Jesus ....

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's parable about the workers is like the popular paraphrase of a famous Theodore Roosevelt quote, "Envy is the thief of joy." No matter how much or how little we have, we can find someone who appears better off or happier, or appears to have received more than they deserve. Take, for example, the vineyard workers in today's Gospel. Those who arrived first for work were upset and envious, because the last to arrive were the first to be paid – and they were paid the same wages as those who had been first to arrive. Envy robbed the all-day workers of joy: joy in a job well-done and being paid the just wage due to them; joy in celebrating the generosity of the landowner, and of living in the kingdom of heaven begun here on earth, content with and grateful for everything God has provided for each one of us. Although envy may indeed be the thief of joy, joy can be ours when we appreciate what we have and quit comparing ourselves to others. It also frees us to share our gifts and truly walk with others through the ups and downs of our lives as we work together in God's vineyard.

When we feel envious of another's good fortune (sparkling clean house, teenaged boys who smile for photos), perhaps one way to counter that would be to talk through those feelings with God: "Help me be content with what I have. Thank you for the ways you have blessed my friends and me, and for the people in my life who hold me up in good times and bad."

Just as the landowner was generous with the laborers, and God is immensely generous with us, let us make an effort this week to be generous in sharing the gifts in our lives with others. When we radiate gratitude and joy in our daily lives as Jesus' disciples, and let the Holy Spirit work through us in leading others to him, our witness to others will bear much fruit.

ACTION: Make a list of the gifts in our lives: Health, family, sparkly new earrings, a shiny lawn mower, you name it. Next, choose a "gift" you can share with others, and be specific: "I will make a card for Grandma today." "I will donate to the food bank on Monday." "I will volunteer to be a greeter at Mass every other Sunday."

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

Email us at office@procathedral.ca

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.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support of the Cathedral in this special time. Even though our attendance is down, we appreciate that many of you continue your financial donations so that we can remain a healthy parish.

How to Support the Cathedral Financially

Please download the Banking Pre-Authorized Form or Credit Card form from our website at procathedral.ca under About Us, Stewardship/Contributions. Complete the form and mail or drop it off back to us at in the mailbox to the left of the rectory office door (480 McIntyre Street West).

You can also simply email the parish office at office@procathedral.ca or call us at 472-3970 and we will figure out how best to get the documentation to you.

Other ways you can contribute:

- We continue to accept **envelopes** at the parish door through the mail slot—you can drop off current and postdated cheques.
- Use our "**Donate Today" button** on our website. Just click and fill in the blanks and you can make a donation to the Cathedral.
- **E-transfer from your bank account through interac e-transfer** to music.finance@procathedral.ca Put in the message of the e-transfer how you would like your funds disbursed (i.e. Sunday, Building, Easter, etc.)

Again, as long as it does not cause hardship to you, we are grateful for your continued support.

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

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Please help keep our records up-to-date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place in the collection.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ P/C: _____ Cell Phone: _____

☐ I am new to the parish and I wish to register

☐ I am unsure if registered, please check

☐ I have recently moved, please update



I wish to donate using:

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