Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

27 SEPTEMBER 2020
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Actions speak louder than words.



In our first reading, the Lord speaks to Israel through the prophet Ezekiel and tells them that the wicked who turn from sin shall live. In today's Epistle, Paul exhorts the Philippians to live in unity, taking Jesus as their example of humility. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons whose father asks them to work in the vineyard; the first son refuses, but later obeys. The Father calls each of us, daughters and sons, to participate in his work. Will we go to his vineyard? Even if we have said "no" 10 times, we can turn around! With the Father's help, we can turn from disobedience to obedience – from sinfulness to grace. The Father waits patiently, and is always welcoming.

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. Rex Lumine

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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. 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.

MONDAY to THURSDAY 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
(Closed 12:00 Noon to 12:30 PM)
FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED

OFFICE HOURS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
28 SEPTEMBER - 04 OCTOBER

Monday	Job 1. 6-22; Luke 9. 46-50
Tuesday	Revelation 12. 7-12a; John 1. 7-51
Wednesday	Job 9. 1-1, 14-16; Luke 9. 57-62
Thursday	Job 19. 21-27; Luke 10. 1-12
Friday	Exodus 23. 20-23a; Matthew 18. 1-5, 10
Saturday	Job 2. 1-3, 5-6, 12-13, 15-17; Luke 10. 17-24
Sunday	Isaiah 5. 1-7; Philippians 4. 6-9; Matthew 21. 33-43

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.



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

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, 28 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Anne Soltys - Suzanne Lukasik
Euphemia Roy - Robert and Judy and Sofia Diharoc

Tuesday, 29 September - St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael
Hubert Champagne - Divine Will Prayer Group

Wednesday, 30 September - St. Jerome, Priest/Doctor
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Parents of Lloyd and Katherine Voisin - Katherine Voisin
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 01 October - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Paul Cain - Ann Sullivan

First Friday, 02 October - Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Paul Smith - Friends

4:00 PM Saturday, 03 October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Victor Truchon - Richard Levesque
Intention of Msgr. Dave and Fr. Rex - Friends from the Cathedral

Sunday, 04 October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Nora Walsh - Darlene Truchon
Intention of Sarah and Andrew Barton - Suzanne Lukasik

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

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.

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

COLLECTION REPORT: 13 & 20 SEPT	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$8,376.80	**$2,520.00**

Thank you for your continued support during this special time. We appreciate your generosity.



Canada Needs our Lady

Public Prayer is Powerful!

Join us in praying the Rosary for peace in the world outside at the front of the Pro-Cathedral

Saturday, October 10 at 12:00 Noon

As human efforts fail to solve Canada's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.

Canada Needs Our Lady is a special campaign of the Canadian Society for the Defence of Christian Civilization to win the hearts and minds of Canadians for Mary.
The Canadian Society for the Defence of Christian Civilization was incorporated on June 25, 2013 as a federal non-profit organization "to advance religion by the promotion of the religious teachings, tenets, doctrines, morals, and observances of the Roman Catholic faith and their application to individuals, families, and society in Christian culture and civilization." They promote and defend the principles and values of Christian civilization and spread the Gospel message far and wide.

FOR WITH GOD
NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE

Luke 1: 37



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!

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We can all probably relate to the first son's knee-jerk reply when told (not asked) to work in the vineyard. "I will not." Yet, despite this initial reaction, the first son obeyed his father's command. He "changed his mind and went." This parable is not about a clash of wills but obedience – not blind obedience, but choosing to turn over our lives to the will of the Father.

The longer version of Paul's Letter to the Philippians illustrates this beautifully, challenging us to imitate Jesus: "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." As human beings, we have the freedom to choose to place God's will and the needs of others before our own. It doesn't mean being a doormat, but rather having a healthy humility and willingness to "change our minds (and hearts)" to better conform to the example of Jesus.

As the *catechism* reminds us in this gem about obedience: "The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just." (1733)

In today's Gospel, the first son *changes* his mind, and his heart. This is what Jesus asks of us as well: a change of heart and mind toward love and obedience, wherever it is needed in our lives. We can ask God to show us how to align our lives more closely with his will for us – through prayer, reading the Scriptures, and reflecting on areas in our lives that need an overhaul. Our "yes" to working in the vineyard begins by attending to what God has shown us, and leads us to even greater freedom in Christ.



PRAY: Need a spiritual jump-start? Pray the Daily Examen, an ancient practice from St. Ignatius Loyola of peacefully reflecting on the events of the day in order to detect the presence of God's Spirit and discern his will for you.



New to the Cathedral?
Please Register so we can get to know you better!

Catholic Kids Link

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

Visit the diocesan website at dioceseof-saultstemarie.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

First Friday Exposition
Friday, 02 October, 01 July



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held from 11:30 AM to 12:00 NOON.
To allow for quiet time and reflection, we will not recite the Rosary on First Fridays.

'CALLED TO SERVE'

Everyone has a story. This series "Called to Serve" profiles 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.

New Episode Profiles Sr. Costanza Romano, C.S.J.

In this episode, we profile Sister Costanza Romano, a sister with the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sr. Costanza shares her own journey of hearing the Lord call her to serve as a Sister, explains the promises she made of poverty, chastity and obedience, and talks about the beautiful history of the Sisters of St. Joseph who have served the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie since 1936.

This episode is available on our website at procathedral.ca under CURRENT NEWS

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!

The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) has issued a statement strongly reaffirming the Church's ban on euthanasia.

The CDF statement, released on September 22, comes in response to a new drive for legal acceptance of physician -assisted suicide, particularly in European nations.

The Vatican statement is addressed not merely to the issue of euthanasia, but to the broader issue of "the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life." The statement itself acknowledges: "It is widely recognized that a moral and practical clarification regarding care of these persons is needed."

In treating patients, the CDF says, caretakers are called to "reveal the original and unconditional love of God, the source of the meaning of all life." Loving care for the person, and respect for the person's dignity, are the major imperatives.

In cases of terminal illness, the Vatican statement says:

The impossibility of a cure where death is imminent does not entail the cessation of medical and nursing activity. Responsible communication with the terminally ill person should make it clear that care will be provided until the very end: "to cure if possible, always to care."

The CDF argues that the case for acceptance of euthanasia is based on a "false compassion," reflecting a notion that suffering must be avoided at all costs. "In reality," the statement insists, "human compassion consists not in causing death, but in embracing the sick, in supporting them in their difficulties, in offering them affection, attention, and the means to alleviate their suffering."

Experience confirms that the pleas of gravely ill people who sometimes ask for death are not to be understood as implying a true desire for euthanasia; in fact, it is almost always a case of an anguished plea for help and love.

Euthanasia, the CDF states plainly, "is an act of homicide that no end can justify." Laws that allow for assisted suicide "strike at the foundation of the legal order," and cooperation with euthanasia is itself morally unjustifiable.

While deliberately causing the death of an individual is never licit, the Vatican statement also insists that unduly aggressive medical treatments, when they simply prolong the process of death, are also an offense against the dignity of the patient. "Therefore, when death is imminent and inevitable, "it is lawful… to renounce treatments that provide only a precarious or painful extension of life."

The CDF notes that "do not resuscitate" orders can "cause serious problems" by leading medical personnel to forego necessary treatment. While useful in avoiding unduly aggressive medical treatment, such orders can conflict with "the duty to protect the life of patients in the most critical stages of sickness."

In end-of-life situations, the CDF says, the patient must always be provided with food and hydration "as long as the body can benefit from them." Palliative care—even if it involves sedation powerful enough to cause a loss of consciousness—is recommended to ease suffering and "to ensure that the end of life arrives with the greatest possible peace and in the best internal conditions."

Because of the increasing acceptance of euthanasia in the secular world, and pressure for health-care personnel to conform, the Vatican statement encourages Catholic institutions and communities to work for the protection of the conscience rights of health-care workers.

For the full letter "Samaritanus bonus" of the Doctrine of the Faith visit CURRENT NEWS on our website at procathedral.ca

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)



When the dicastery now known as The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue was created in 1964, it was one of the many signs of the importance the Second Vatican Council placed on engagement between Catholics and people of other faiths. Its trifold mandate was "to promote mutual understanding, respect and collaboration between Catholics and the followers of others religious traditions; to encourage the study of religions; to promote the formation of persons dedicated to dialogue."

More than 50 years on, the Church continues to encourage us to engage with our neighbour, recognizing the dignity and humanity of all people, and the shared nature of the questions we all have about issues surrounding life and death, sin and redemption.

We are pleased to announce the Faculty of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College has launched a Diploma in Interfaith Dialogue in collaboration with the Office for Interreligious Dialogue, Archdiocese of Toronto. The program is geared towards parishioners, parish staff, world religion teachers, and anyone who works in dialoguing with persons of other faith traditions in a collegial setting.

Open to everyone regardless of academic background, the 10-course program is designed to foster ongoing dialogue. Coursework is scheduled for weeknights and Saturday mornings, with each course running 12 hours. The overall program will introduce participants to the origins, practices, and sacred texts of different faiths and examine themes such as prayer, peace and justice. The exploration of other religions will take place from the perspective of the Catholic theological tradition.



NOTE: The fee for each course is usually $350, but in thanksgiving to the Scarboro Foreign Missions for a generous bursary of $250, students in the program will only have to pay $100 per course.