Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

North Bay, Ontario

Welcome to Your Father's House

25 OCTOBER 2020
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the first reading, the Lord tells the Israelites the laws regarding treatment of aliens, widows, and orphans, and the lending of money to the poor. Paul compliments the Thessalonians for their faith and for becoming *a model for all the believers … not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth*. In the Gospel, a scholar of the law tests Jesus, regarding the greatest *commandment in the law*. Jesus answers with two commandments, concerning love of God and love of neighbor. The Old Testament lists more than 600 laws by which the Israelite people were to live. Jesus, in fulfilling the law, tells us that *the whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments*: loving God, and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Living by God's law is the best advertisement in drawing others to want to know and follow Jesus Christ. Our actions really do speak louder than our words.

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.

PASTOR **Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, D.D.**
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

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Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

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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. 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 8:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

OFFICE HOURS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
26 October - 01 November

Monday	Ephesians 4. 32—5.8; Luke 13. 10-17
Tuesday	Ephesians 5. 21-33; Luke 13. 18-21
Wednesday	Ephesians 2. 19-22; Luke 6. 12-19
Thursday	Ephesians 6. 10-20; Luke 13. 31-35
Friday	Philippians 1. 1-11; Luke 14. 1-6
Saturday	Philippians 1. 18b-26; Luke 14. 1, 7-11
Sunday	Revelation 7. 2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3. 1-3; Matthew 5. 1-12a

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed



On November 2 we traditionally celebrate All Souls Day - a way of remembering and celebrating the lives of all those who have died.

This year, due to Covid-19 we will not be celebrating our usual Bereavement Mass followed by a reception in the parish hall.

We would still like to remember the special people in your lives who have died over the past year and add their names to our "Book of Life". As well, a memorial listing will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

Please call the Parish Office by Wednesday, October 28 to provide the names of your loved ones who have died since October 31, 2019.

✝ MEMORIAL FUND ✝

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

Teresa Silveri **Janet Somerville**

Catholic Charities Clothing

We are sorry that we cannot accept clothing at this time for our Catholic Charities Clothing Depot. Due to the confined space we are unable to operate the clothing bank while adhering to social distance protocols.



Our Food Bank runs as usual every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:30 AM as we can provide food bags outside to our clients. ***If you can help, we are looking for donations of CLEAN grocery store bags for distribution of food items.*** You can drop off bags to the parish office throughout the week. And of course, we are always looking for donations of non-perishable food items so feel free to drop those off at the office too. Thank you!!!

Free Children's Liturgy of the Word Videos

Free 25 minute Children's Liturgy videos every week. This interactive programming encourages children to participate, appeals to various learning styles, and helps young children understand the Gospels and their faith more fully! You can access this free catechetical resource by visiting Children & Youth under Ministries on our website at procathedral.ca

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 26 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Beverly Brown - Robert and Judy
Mary Doyle - Joe and Louise Defonzo

Tuesday, 27 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Members of the Lukasik Family - Suzanne Lukasik
Sam Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi

Wednesday, 28 October - St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Roman and Anna Hachkowski - The Family
Mary Doyle - Vince and Helen Zappala
Intention of Scarlett Oakley - Robert and Judy

Thursday, 29 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Oscar Paquette - Vivian Molnar
Rose Marie Larsh - Lorraine Atchison

Friday, 30 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Teresa Silveri - Salvatore and Rosetta Tignanelli
Beverly Brown - Robert and Judy
George and Wasalene Hutel - The Family

4:00 PM Saturday, 31 October - Solemnity of All Saints
Giovanni Miscio - Maria Miscio
Frank Tremblay - Eleanor and Michael Lunney
For a Special Intention - John and Carol Rowe

Sunday, 01 November - Solemnity of All Saints
9:00 AM Yvette Théberge - The Collins Family
Fathers of Nadine and Paul Condon
Dolores O'Connor - Katherine Amo and Family

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

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.

Cell Phone? Move Recently?



Have you changed from a land line to a cell phone in the past few years? Maybe you have moved and never let us know? Please send us an email or call us with your updated contact information so we can keep our records current.

SIX NEEDED - MORE WELCOME!



Our 11:00 AM mass requires more ushers—six would be ideal so we can schedule two teams and not have our current team serving each weekend. Can you help?

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!

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus has just silenced one group of religious leaders, the Sadducees (which seems to be quite a feat, if we look at their behavior in the Scripture!) and is now speaking to another group of religious leaders, the Pharisees. Jesus says that the greatest commandment in all the law is actually two: love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul; and love your neighbor as yourself. These two groups of religious leaders like to test him a lot but Jesus never gives up on them. He always speaks the truth to them, in love, even if he is frustrated with their behavior.

The first reading, listing ways that we should *not* behave, can easily be summed up as: love your neighbor as yourself. We all are, or have been, some form of what the Lord mentions: an outsider (alien), vulnerable (widow/orphan), in financial need (loan recipient), or requiring some other assistance (needing a cloak). How do we want others to treat us in those times? Then we should behave the same. It seems like the Thessalonians understood this, for Paul praises them for being a model for other believers. They have a reputation for being truly loving; of turning to God from idols, and serving him. We can be discouraged by our human failings, as all of us living in lockdown/quarantine these recent months know. It may not take much to set us off. But this is where God's grace can help us to speak truth in love, and be a model for those around us.



Reflect on any obstacles to truly loving God with full heart, mind, and soul. Then think creatively about how to love God, and in turn others.

· *How I can love God with my whole heart?* After spending time in prayer, write down how you see God in your family and friends. And then go tell them!
· *How I can love God with my whole mind?* Use "online time" to engage with a faith-related website such as Bishop Barron's wordonfire.org, or follow Pope Francis on Twitter.
· *How I can love God with my soul?* Pray the litany of humility.

COLLECTION REPORT: 11 & 18 OCT	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$7,319.50	**$1,384.00**

We Can and Must do Much Better

An open letter to all Canadians expressing concern and opposition to Bill C-7 which, among other things, expands access to euthanasia and assisted suicide to those who are dying. You can read the full letter from religious leaders in Canada on our website under CURRENT NEWS.

Catholic Women's League

Share the Warmth: Are you getting ready for winter? There is nothing better than being able to wear warm socks. Our sock campaign was very successful last year thanks to your help. All of our parishioners were very generous, and we collected over 1000 pairs of socks. We would love your help again this year. Starting **Saturday Oct. 24,** we will have a box in the church entrance for collection of your generous donations. We will be collecting for men, women and children of all ages. Hats and mitts are welcome too!



Let's join together to help others stay warm!

Mass for Deceased Members: The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about many changes in how we conduct business and special events. As you know, we are not holding general meetings, but we have found a way to still mark special ceremonies that we normally would have this time of year.



To honour our Sister's in Christ that have gone before us we will be having a mass that incorporates our Deceased Members' Ceremony, instead of a general meeting. Please consider coming out as you would to a general meeting.

This special mass will be held Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00 PM.



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

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.

Development and Peace
~ Recovering Together ~

If there is one thing that the pandemic has revealed, it is the extent to which we are all interconnected. As such, our world will not be safe until we are all safe and it is essential that we are all Recovering Together.

Covid-19 has laid bare the deep inequalities that exist in our world today. Now is the time to rethink our systems and call on governments and world leaders to put in place social, environmental and economic policies that put the dignity of people and our planet before profit. Our partners are working to make this happen in their communities, but they need our support to pursue their work. Pope Francis has long recognized the importance of groups like those supported by Development and Peace in bringing about the changes needed to transform our world into one where all can live in dignity.

A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN WEEKEND OF 07 & 08 NOVEMBER

As many of us did not have the opportunity to make our annual Share Lent donations on Solidarity Sunday in March, we are inviting you to make your donations to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace—Caritas Canada. Your generosity will support Development and Peace partners to provide immediate aid and information on health and safety; demand access to services; ensure that rights are respected; and to build resilience in these communities.

All donations are tax-receiptable and can be made in the following ways:

1. Use your Share Lent envelope provided in your collection envelope box.
2. Use our Donate Now button found at our website at procathedral.ca and choose the Share Lent Option
3. E-transfer to music.finance@procathedral.ca and in message indicate the donation is for Share Lent
4. Place a cash or cheque donation in the collection taken on the weekend. Indicate on your envelope your name and address and write "Share Lent" on the envelope.
5. Online at www.devp.org "Give Now" *(Note: Income tax receipt will be provided by their office.)*

Read more about the Development and Peace Fall Campaign "Recovering Together" at devp.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

EDGE Youth Nights for all students in Grade 6, 7 & 8 from any school or church. Held Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Includes time for music, games, prayer, teaching and social time led by Catholic high school students, Fr. Daniele Muscolino and a team of volunteer adults. A safe, fun place for youth to find solid friendships and learn more about our Catholic faith. EDGE presents Catholic teachings in a way that young people can understand and develop in their spiritual lives. For more information visit www.holynamestalphonsus.com/edge or call 495-1501. Masks are mandatory and all safe protocols will be strictly followed.



NBPHRC **North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre:** We have reopened and appointments can be made to see clients/visitors by calling 475-9270. Along with guidance and support, did you know that we provide layettes to new moms and also have a baby clothes closet? Donations of diapers, unscented wipes, baby wash, soothers, bibs, bath towels, receiving blankets, & much more would be greatly appreciated. Please call to see what our requirements are. We are also looking for volunteers for graphic design, reception at the office, fundraising, client care advocates and a retired nurse to help us with our pre-natal course. If you would like to be part of our prayer ministry, send an email to judyproulx@icloud.com and let her know.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support of the Cathedral in this special time.

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,



This 7 week workshop has three goals:

a) To help you understand the spiritual gifts

b) To help you identify your three main spiritual gifts

c) To help you recognize the Holy Spirit's inspiration to use the gifts

Don't miss out.

Come and join us for seven consecutive Wednesdays beginning October 28 and ending Dec 9. Covid restrictions have made it necessary for us to present this workshop virtually. We will use a Zoom platform. If you haven't used Zoom before, it is extremely easy. One click on the invitation we will send you and after entering the password, the virtual site will open.

Register by going to https://northbaycatholic.com You can also register by calling your parish office.



For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:4-8).



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 sacrament of 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.

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.

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.

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.

Yours in Christ,

Msgr Dave Tramontini

Visit our Website to Register: 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)



Still looking for your pictures for our Pro-Cathedral Photo Project. Please share with us your memories of weddings, baptisms, clergy, sacraments, etc. Type 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, drop them off to the parish office. All pictures will be returned to the owner!***

Include your name and phone number so we can reach you and information about the picture (who/what/why/when). Thank you!

A pastor attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.
The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast and the farmer said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."
The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.
The farmer loudly said, "Lord, I hate lard."
Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued: "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour."

The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer said, "But, Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits.



So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."