11 OCTOBER 2020
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thank you for sharing in God's blessings by joining us today!

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption ~ North Bay, Ontario

The prophet Isaiah tells of the great banquet the Lord will prepare for his people at the end of time. Paul writes to the Philippians, assuring them that he knows how to live in different sets of circumstances, and that I can do all things in him who strengthens me. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable likening the kingdom of heaven to a king hosting a wedding feast for his son. As we move to the end of another liturgical year, our readings begin to speak to us about the end times. Full of hope and encouragement, they are meant to spur us on to faithful Gospel living no matter what befalls us in this life. Set among them is the responsorial psalm for today, Psalm 23, where the Lord is our shepherd who leads us to green pastures.

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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Mrs. Shirley Falconi
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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.

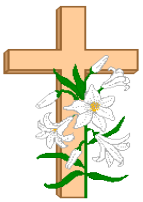
MONDAY to THURSDAY 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
(Closed 12:00 Noon to 12:30 PM)
FRIDAY 8:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

OFFICE HOURS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
12 - 18 OCTOBER

Monday	Gal. 4. 22-24, 26-27, 31-5.1; Luke 11. 29-32
Tuesday	Galatians 5. 1-6; Luke 11. 37-41
Wednesday	Galatians 5. 18-25; Luke 11. 42-46
Thursday	Ephesians 1. 1-10; Luke 11. 47-54
Friday	Ephesians 1. 11-14; Luke 12. 1-7
Saturday	Ephesians 1. 15-23; Luke 12. 8-12
Sunday	Isaiah 45. 1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-5ab; Matthew 22. 15-21

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" that records the names of our deceased loved ones. We will also publish a memorial list of names in our parish bulletin on the weekend of October 31-November 1.

If you have lost a loved one between November 1, 2019 and October 2020 please contact the parish office by email or telephone to provide their name.

All names must be received by Wednesday, October 28.

Just a reminder that when you bring and wear your own facemask to mass it saves the parish from having to purchase these costly items. Thank you for your efforts in helping us reduce our Covid Costs. And thank you for your cooperation in wearing a mask to help keep each other safe!

Free Children's Liturgy of the Word Videos

In response to the pandemic, Heidi and Mark Witte have been producing free 25 minute Children's Liturgy videos every week since March. 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

Development and Peace Stamp Collection



The stamps affixed on the right corner of your envelopes can be very useful. Members of Development and Peace, who are philatelists, sell them to stamp collectors. The proceeds will help fund development projects. If you wish to support this initiative, simply cut off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging perforations. **Save them in baggies/envelopes & drop them into the office mail slot.**

Our D & P Coordinator, Lorraine Atchison, will make sure they are sent to the Stamp Project. Thank you for your support!!!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 12 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Don Lafontaine - A Friend
In Thanksgiving for Warren Carey - Robert and Judy

Tuesday, 13 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Lloyd Voisin - Katherine Voisin
In Thanksgiving - Laurette Goyette

Wednesday, 14 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Karen Morris - Suzanne Lukasik
Intention of Noah Dugas - Annette and George Dutrisac

Thursday, 15 October - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin/Doctor
Mary Doyle - Bunty and Roy Swanson
Intention of Megan Montgomery - Robert and Judy

Friday, 16 October - St. Marguerite D'Youville, Religious
John Deviveiros - Maria and Fr. Joe
Intention of Beverly Brown - Robert and Judy

4:00 PM Saturday, 17 October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
In Thanksgiving - Lorraine Guillemette
Mary Doyle - Cora Martinello

Sunday, 18 October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Simone Truchon - Suzanne Lukasik
Andrew Wilson - Mary Lou and Paul Smith

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

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.

Fall is here and Winter is Coming!



Our gardeners are desperate for help on Saturday, October 24 beginning at 10 AM as they will be working to cleanup our gardens and prepare them for winter.

Are you a student needing some volunteer hours?
Want to help your parish look great?

If you can help, please call Annette at 495-3584 so she will know how many people are available.

Thank you so much—many hands make for light work!



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

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have all experienced lean times along with better times. Ramen noodles and boxed mac and cheese in college, fine dining with "rich food and choice wines" once we got real jobs, then back to pizza and beer when balancing school tuition, car payments, and kids' growing feet. Paul has seen it all and much worse; after all, he is writing from a prison cell! Yet, rather than focus on his own troubles, he expresses gratitude for the support of the Philippians and assures them that God will provide. Paul is not writing about food, fine wine, or financial security, but the "glorious riches in Christ Jesus." No matter our circumstances, we, too, can trust that God will give us what we need.

Imagine Paul, stuck in a prison cell – hungry, thirsty, and probably in pain. And yet he seeks to bolster the Philippian Church, assuring them, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me," and *thanking them*: "Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress." What a powerful faith, and a witness to gratitude of God's gifts – including the gift of people who love us. Many people facing a chronic disease, the loss of a loved one, or physical challenges, still seem to be looking out for everyone else. Nearly to a person, they say they draw on their faith. They often inspire us to keep talking to God every day, so when that next challenge comes – and it will – we, too, can turn to our faith for strength. And it doesn't stop there. By our example, we can accompany those around us as they carry their burdens, assuring them that they don't face their trials alone.



St. Paul says: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Keep a gratitude journal and write down the ways God has provided for you. Thank God, and then reach out and thank the people who have supported you when things got tough.

Charisms, spiritual gifts, are special abilities, a special empowerment, given to a Christian by the Holy Spirit to enable them to be powerful channels of God's love and redeeming presence in the World. Whether extraordinary or ordinary, charisms are to be used in charity or service to build up the Church

Writing? Administration? Giving advice? Wisdom? To use our spiritual gifts effectively we need to learn to listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This 7-week program will help you identify and express your particular spiritual gifts allowing you to use them for God's purposes.

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.

"Unless you are willing to do the ridiculous, God will not do the miraculous. When you have God, you don't have to know everything about it; you just do it."
Mother Angelica

Pray as though everything depended on God.
Work as though everything depended on you.
Saint Augustine



We are still here to help!

We have people ready and willing to assist you. Need a grocery pickup? A wellness call made to a family member? Other assistance?

Give us a call or email and let us know how we can help!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Autumn is a beautiful time of year and with it comes an abundance of Nature's beauty. Have you said, "thank you", for what you see and for the things you have?

This is Thanksgiving weekend! A time to be grateful for everything God has given us. Our families, friends, homes and food on our tables (not everyone is so fortunate). I know in this time of increasing fear with the COVID-19 pandemic on the rise again, it is likely hard to focus on "thankfulness and gratitude" but we must! Without that focus things become muddled and negative.

I would like to challenge you to wake up each morning and say " thank you, thank you, thank you for giving me another day of life". Think of at least 5 things each day to be thankful for. See how much that "gratitude" will influence your day and your life.

I pray that each of you have an amazing Thanksgiving and that your blessings continue every day.

Your CWL executive has resumed meetings. It is very difficult to maintain a smooth flow of business but with God's help we keep trying. We will keep you up to date through the bulletin on decisions that are made. Regretfully we cannot hold general meetings at this time.

Annual CWL Christmas Bazaar & Tea: You may have already guessed, and it is very unfortunate, but our Bazaar will be cancelled for this year. There is no way we could control the numbers and social distance with an event such as this. Our Bazaar is our main event and fundraiser each year. It provides most of our operating capital for the year which allows us to support several charities. We have really appreciated your support in the past and will be looking for your assistance this year. Next week, I will make a proposal on how you can help the CWL without the Bazaar, so that the charities do not suffer.

Shirlene Condie-McVeigh
President, CWL Pro-Cathedral Council

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Employment Opportunity - Parish Secretary: St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church is inviting applications for the position of Parish Secretary. Duties include, but are not limited to, secretarial and receptionist services for parish ministries, committees/groups/ programs as required, maintain accurate confidential records of parishioners, order supplies, some daily, weekly, monthly and annual accounting duties such as banking, preparation of annual Financial Reports, T4 slips and T4 summaries, record weekly envelope contributions and issue income tax receipts at year end, etc. Interested applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by October 20, 2020 to the Pastor through the Parish Office. Salary commensurate with experience. The successful will be required to provide references and comply with the requirements of the Diocesan Screening Initiative.

St. Mary's Cemetery and Holy Cross Cemetery: All families and cemetery visitors are reminded that all loose or damaged articles are to be removed from grave sites prior to the winter season. This includes any stones, figurines, statues, or other such mementos that are not part of the permanent grave memorial. Any articles remaining after October 15, including floral tributes, that will interfere with the safe operation of the cemetery during the winter months will be removed by cemetery staff and may be irretrievable. If you have any questions please contact the Cemetery Office: at 495-8986 or info@nbrcc.ca.



EDGE Youth Nights Return October 22: All students in Grade 6, 7 & 8 from any school or church are welcome. Held every Thursday night from 6:30-8:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Each EDGE Night includes time for music, games, prayer, teaching and social time. Evenings are 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.

Wet'suwet'en Witness—Making the justice connections with Northern Ontario — Indigenous land rights, Indigenous women and the environment: For all of us who feel called to live with respect in Creation, here is an invitation to hear from people who are doing so with all their strength. The Indigenous Solidarity Team of the North Bay and Area Mission Cluster is hosting three free webinars. Our guests are people from Canada and Northern Ontario who are passionately caring for sacred land and people who defend it. (If you have never sat in on a conversation by Zoom, don't worry. It's easy.)



Registration required in order to send you the invitational link to join the Zoom webinar. The webinars are Oct. 14, Oct. 21, and Oct. 28 at 7:00 PM for one hour. Please visit: Solidarity-Team-NorthBay.weebly.com to register or email solidarityteamnorthbay@gmail.com

World Mission Sunday ~ Next Weekend

This year's theme, "***Here I am, send me!"*** was chosen by Pope Francis and suggested by the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples for the Missionary Month of 2020. This phrase contains two important statements: *here I am* and *send me*. Every authentic missionary approach requires this in order for it to move forward. It has been this way for thousands of years. The Bible has many examples of people who have pronounced these words before God: from Abraham to Moses, as well as Esther, David, Mary of Nazareth and so many others. In the Church, they are also the words pronounced by future permanent deacons and priests before the bishop, as well as all those who are going to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Next week we take a universal collection for World Mission Sunday which is distributed worldwide, according to the needs of the poorest dioceses. The collection provides the means of action for the formation of catechists, solidarity, priestly vocations and consecrated life, education, healthcare, etc. Further, it allows the Universal Church to go and proclaim the Gospel to all nations. For those who have collection envelopes an envelope is provided for this collection. For others, you may use any envelope clearly marked World Mission Sunday to make a donation. Be sure to put your name and address on the envelope. Thank you!

Pope Francis
OCTOBER
PRAYER INTENTION
The Laity's Mission in the Church
We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

WORK HARD FOR WHAT YOU WANT; AND APPRECIATE AND THANK GOD FOR WHAT YOU HAVE.



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)

God's Work Our Hands

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!

Lord Jesus, empower us to be agents of your good news, bringing healing and reconciliation to those who suffer.

COLLECTION REPORT: 27 Sept & 04 OCT	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$10,285.20	$1,312.00

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

Credit Card Donations: September	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,855.67	$863.00

Authorized Bank Donations: September	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,459.00	$2,190.00



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!

The North Bay Pregnancy Help and Resource Centre (475-9270) 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.

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

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

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