08 NOVEMBER 2020
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Your Father's House

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

"For you know neither the day nor the hour."



The first reading says that wisdom is *resplendent and unfading,* and can be found by those who seek her. In his Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul writes that Jesus' resurrection enables them to have hope that those Christians who have preceded them in death will also rise in Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins: *Five of them were foolish and five were wise*. Do we live each day as if we were to meet God at any moment? As Christians, we know that this life is not the end. But we must stay awake and be prepared to meet the Lord, because we do not know the day or the hour of his return.

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

RECTOR **Msgr. Dave Tramontini**

ASSISTANT **Rev. Rex Lumine**

PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons	***Diocesan Order of Women***
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi	Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago	Mrs. Norma Milligan
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin	Miss Ruth Godon
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk	

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
09 — 15 November

Monday	Ezekiel 47. 1-2, 8-9, 12; John 2. 13-22
Tuesday	Titus 2. 1-8, 11-14; Luke 17. 7-10
Wednesday	Titus 3. 1-7; Luke 17. 11-19
Thursday	Philemon 7-20; Luke 17. 20-25
Friday	2 John 4-9; Luke 17. 26-37
Saturday	3 John 5-8; Luke 18. 1-8
Sunday	Proverbs 31. 10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31; 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-6; Matthew 24. 14-30

A Thank You from our Ushers

Here is what we endeavour to do:

- Keep you distanced (6') from people who are not in your family or your social bubble;
- Strategically seat you so that the best use of limited space is utilized while still maintaining six foot person or social/family group distancing;
- Ensure compliance with Provincial and Diocesan COVID procedures by reinforcing specific mask and hand sanitizer protocol.
- Sanitize every surface touched following each Mass, funeral or gathering.

By doing these things while the pandemic is still in process, we are blessed to be able to be able to open the doors of the Pro-Cathedral and to congregate.

We would like to thank our fellow parishioners for allowing us to seat you where you don't normally sit, for respecting the protocol/social distancing guidelines and for allowing us to serve you to the very best of our abilities.

God Bless,

Volunteer Ushers of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

Remembrance Day ~ November 11



This week we pause in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace and for those who continue to serve that they may be safe and to think about what we are doing as individuals, as a community, and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.

A Prayer for Peace

Reconciling Christ, bless our efforts to bring about reconciliation.
Give us the strength to persevere without counting the hurts, and to find within ourselves the capacity to keep on loving.
Give us the grace to be able to stand in the middle of situations, and to be a conduit for the deep listening which can lead to healing and forgiveness.
Help us to conduct ourselves with dignity, giving and expecting respect, moving from prayer to action, and from action back again into prayer.
Grant that we may be so grounded in your love, that our security is not threatened if we change our minds, or begin to see a better way to act.
Bless those who are called to reconcile on a large-scale – politicians, world leaders, leaders of business, and those who stand in the midst of bitter conflict.
Reconciling Christ, bless us and bless all who engage in the sacred work of envisioning new wholeness, and bringing people and nations together.

Amen

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 09 November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Frank Toth - Aurelia Toth and Family
Ida Mandaglio - Ventura Castiglione

Tuesday, 10 November - St. Leo the Great, Pope/Doctor
Sam Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
Intention of Warren Carey - Robert and Judy

Wednesday, 11 November - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Eugenio Gerbasi - The Family
Sam Verrillo - Josie Verrillo and Family
Betty Moseley-Williams - Eleanore Lunney and Family

Thursday, 12 November - St. Josaphat, Bishop/Martyr
Members of the Levesque and Martin Families - Richard Levesque
Dolores O'Connor - Annette Dutrisac

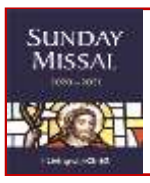
Friday, 13 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Ossie and Adeline Hill - Brenda Passmore and Family
St. Frances Cabrini - Ann Sullivan
Jim Hamilton - Ray Hamilton

4:00 PM Saturday, 14 November- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Members of the Tedesco and Gosselin Family - Maria Gosselin & Family
Dolores O'Connor - Mary Kelly
Intention of Lorna - John and Carol Rowe

Sunday, 15 November - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Mary Recoskie - Catholic Women's League
Dianne Ross - Gary and Suzanne Wishak and Family

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

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.



A limited supply of Sunday Missals are available for purchase at the parish office.
$5.00/Each - One Per Person Please

Congratulations to **Donald Pepin and Alexandra Casey** on the baptism of their daughter, **Abigail Elaine Pepin** on Sunday, November 1.

May your lives be filled with love and peace and may God bless and protect your little girl!

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.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we look closely at this parable of the wise and foolish virgins, some were prepared for the bridegroom, while others were not. The five wise virgins had plenty of oil in their lamps, whereas the five foolish ones were unprepared, not well-stocked. How can we read this passage in light of our own faith journey? Every human person waits in the in-between time…between the first coming of Jesus, and his final coming again in future glory. The important point of this is how do we spend our time reflecting on how the Lord invites us to live? How do we wait? The gospel indicates that some persons are better prepared than others to meet the Lord when he comes.

Those who have their lamps trimmed and their oil full are those who live a life of faith and live in the light of God's grace, keeping their life centered on Jesus Christ. The lamps being well trimmed and the oil fully ready are an intentional reference to the Christian disciple, who at their Baptism are entrusted with the Light of Christ. During the Catholic ritual for Baptism, the candle that is lit from the Easter or Christ Candle is entrusted to the parents and godparents, if the person being baptized is within the age of reason, it is entrusted directly to them. "*This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their heart. When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet Him with all the saints in His heavenly kingdom.*" The choice is ours. We can live in the light of God's grace and become wise or choose to live a life apart from God. The better and more prudent choice is to live for God.

Some practical ways we can be ready to meet the Lord include, but are not limited to:

Develop and sustain a life of prayer, each and every day. Give God time, be intentional and spend quality with Him. For Catholics, frequent the celebration of the Mass and pray with your community on a regular basis with your family. Receive the sacraments of the Church to sustain your life with the Lord and His Church. When necessary, seek forgiveness and receive God's mercy through Reconciliation. Exercise the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, those specific acts of virtue that pertain to both body and soul. Study your faith and seek to understand it better. Share your blessings of time and talents with others. Be generous and give without counting the cost.



Ultimately, each and every person will one day meet the Lord. It is not only crucial to live in the expectation of His coming at the end of time, but to be truly at peace and ready when he comes to call us to Himself. Do not suffer from a "spiritual energy crisis." Rather, be like the five wise virgins – who chose wisdom and prudence, readying themselves to meet the Lord. We should be ready, for we neither know the day nor the hour when the Lord will come and bring us to His kingdom!

May the Lord continue to give us opportunities to encounter Him so that we can be prepared to meet Him when He comes!

Catholic Women's League

The beauty of autumn with it's colourful leaves has now left us. All that remains are the deep rusts of the mighty Oak and the yellows of the Tamaracks against the forest green. All seems quieter now as we head into a pensive November. Our thoughts and remembrances will be different this year! There are no Remembrance Day ceremonies to attend. ***Please don't forget to remember all those who fought for our freedom***. It would be a sad day indeed if that happened. Support our troops and Legions by donating what you can for your poppy. Pray for the safety of those in action today!



As you know we have started to collect **socks, hats, and mitts for those in need!** ***Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.***



Here is our request to keep 'em coming! Your gift is so welcome to those in our community who need these warm items!

You can bring your items to the Cathedral when you attend mass and just drop them into our basket that is provided at the center entrance. Thank you so much again for your donations!

Please pray for our executive that we continue to find the strength and motivation and innovation to continue doing God's work during this trying time.



My Granddaughter has a new way of hugging during this pandemic, we call them "air hugs" … cross your arms on your chest as if wrapping them around someone and squeeze. There you have an air hug. I do miss the hugs of friends and loved ones... so I am sending "air hugs" to you all.

Stay safe! Blessings,

Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, CWL President

COLLECTION REPORT: 01 NOVEMBER	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,632.40	**$1,804.00**



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

Women Alone in Friendship



<u>If you are single</u>, 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 <u>separation</u>, <u>divorce</u> or being a <u>widow</u>*.

For more information, please contact Karen Beaulieu at 705-495-6675

Next meeting in the Cathedral Parish Hall
Wednesday, November 25 at 2:00 PM

Wear Masks ~ No Food or Drink
Safe, Social Distancing will be Maintained
Meet in friendship to raise our spirits, encourage and support each other. Come and have a few laughs while we work on our projects, play word games, charades and Trival Pursuit and alike.

2021 Parish Envelopes will be out in the Cathedral beginning next weekend.
They will be handed out individually to those requesting them from an usher. ***We will do this each weekend so if we run out one weekend, please know that we will have more available the following weekend.***
You can also drop by the parish office to pick up your parish offering envelopes. *Have you thought about changing to pre-authorized donations through your bank or credit card?*
It's a safe and reliable way of supporting the Cathedral while allowing us to better budget!

Take a Tour
of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium



CGS is a Christian formation for children ages 3 through 12 and based on the teaching methods of Maria Montessori and on the understanding that there is a deep bond between God and each child. The Atrium is a place where children grow in the knowledge of Jesus and his love and are provided hands-on materials encouraging them to explore and deepen their experience with this love at their own pace. Find out more about the Atrium by watching our video and if you are interested in finding out more about our Atrium, would like a tour, or would like to bring your child out to our gatherings contact Erin Tayler at 705-840-8509 or betayler@fibreop.ca



Watch the video on our website at procathedral.ca under Ministries—Youth & Children or view on our Facebook page: facebook.com/procathedral

Take Action
A Blessing not a Burden

As you may recall, the CCCB recently published a statement with respect to the pressing issue of legislation (Bill C-7) currently tabled by the federal government regarding the expansion of euthanasia and assisted suicide ("Medical Assistance in Dying"/"MAID") beyond people who are near the end of life. (Posted on our website at procathedral.ca under LINKS)

Writing and sending communications to one's Member of Parliament is an effective way to get one's message across and you are encouraged to do this soon so your voice can be heard.

In order to facilitate the communication, the *Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience* has provided a platform to reach one's Member of Parliament easily, as well as an online sample letter which can be rewritten or modified by any person wishing to use it.

The website link and Youtube video on this relevant and important issue can be found on our website at procathedral.ca under LINKS

Please take the time to write parliament to let them know that all lives are worth living. Let your MP know you don't want access to euthanasia expanded to include the vulnerable and to speak out against expanding the criteria for euthanasia and assisted suicide.

<u>Disability Advocates are Fearful</u>

A 2019 government report said that people choose euthanasia because of fear of being a burden, loneliness, lack of support, or loss of dignity and meaning. People with disabilities face these issues daily. As a society, we have a responsibility to support the vulnerable, not allow them to be permanently silenced.

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.
Matthew 25: 40

Is your child registered for First Reconciliation?



USHERS STILL NEEDED

Thank you for responding to our call for ushers, however, we could still use a few more for our 11:00 AM mass so we can schedule two teams and not have our current team serving each weekend.

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!

Conversations between Young People and the Bishops of Canada

The Catholic Bishops of Canada have started a new initiative to speak with young people across Canada to be able to reflect and respond to the hopes, joys, fears and struggles that young people experience in society and in the Church today. The Bishops of Canada will speak virtually with young people from across Canada and hear directly from them regarding their current experiences in life and faith. The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie will be well represented in these conversations with young people spanning in age from 12 to 24 and from across the Diocese. Our Diocesan representatives in these conversations with the Canadian Bishops are: **Samuel Barry, Sophie Boucher, Karine Boucher, Michael Boutilier, Daniel Gravel, Landon Jackson, Hemliss Konan, Filippo Mazza, Morgan Ruscio, Nadya Sheppard and Ben Talbot**. They will take part in virtual sessions with young people from across Canada from November 7 until November 12. ***Please pray for these young people as they represent the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie in these important conversations.***



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).

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 Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.



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

Thank you so much for your assistance!!

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!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Marriage Preparation Weekend: At Holy Name of Jesus Church on Friday, November 20 from 6:30—9:00 PM and Saturday, November 21 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Reserve your space by calling Samantha at 471-3284. Material cost is payable at registration. All COVID-19 social distancing protocols will be in place.

An Advent Journey into Ignatian Spirituality by the Jesuits of Canada: 4 Zoom Sessions introducing the gift St. Ignatius gave to the world. Tuesdays at 7:00 PM on November 17 & 24 and December 1 & 8. St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits developed a way of praying that helps people "find God in all things." Ignatian spirituality is grounded in the conviction that God is active in our world. Everyone welcome to participate. For more information contact Patricia O'Reilly at poreilly@jesuits.org or visit our website at procathedral.ca under LINKS to click and register for the zoom sessions.

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.

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.

Support Catholic Education: Catholic education has been an integral part of Ontario's history for more than 160 years. **Did You Know? Your school support defaults to English Public each time you move residences.** You must re-declare yourself as English Separate by verifying your tax-directed support on your property tax bill or speaking to your landlord. You may also call the Municipal Property Assessment Office at 1-866-296-6722 to complete school support changes for electoral purposes or to add a name(s) to an existing address. The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board wishes to thank your for your support of Catholic education in our district. Visit us at www.npsc.ca

November is Fall Prevention Month: Visit myhealthunit.sa/soyf in November for weekly healthy aging tips, quizzes, and prizes. For more information call Taylor Matson toll-free at 1-800-563-2808, est. 5215. Supported by North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and Stay on Your Feet



Because 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.

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 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.

Now is the time to register your child if they are in Grade 2 or 3 or older.

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.

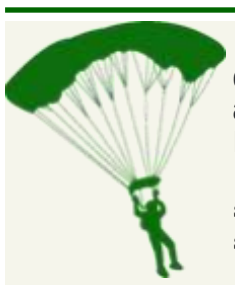
Please know that should you decide not to have your child prepare for sacraments this Fall we will joyfully welcome them to do so next year.

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)



Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected & parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise & gratitude.

The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; & bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said "Good morning, how are you?" or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor."

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know. Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?"

Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory - he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes.