Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 JUNE 2021

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The author of Wisdom rejects the idea that death was God's creation; rather, it was brought into the world *by the envy of the devil*. Paul exhorts the community at Corinth to be generous, and to share out of their abundance with those less fortunate. In the Gospel, Jesus heals Jairus' daughter and a woman who had been hemorrhaging for 12 years. In the second reading, Saint Paul encourages the Church at Corinth to be generous in their giving. With the knowledge that our God loves us unconditionally and generously, we can, in turn, model generosity of love and service to others with the grace given to us at our baptism.

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



Please call or email the parish office if you require more information for the following:

Marriage, Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick.

You can also visit our website at procathedral.ca

The Pro-Cathedral is **wheel chair accessible**. The entrance to the elevator is on Algonquin Avenue. Please enter the vestibule and ring the bell for an attendant. Service available at all weekend masses. Weekday masses service available 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM. A **Hearing Aid System** is available for use by the hearing impaired. Please ask an Usher or Sacristan to assist you upon entering the church.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday - Wednesday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Thursday & Friday	**OFFICE CLOSED**

Lord Jesus, please help me meet the fears
that will taunt me today
with the faith that can conquer them.

READINGS: 28 JUNE - 04 JULY

Monday	Genesis 18. 16-33; Matthew 8. 18-22
Tuesday	Acts 12. 1-11; 2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 17-18;
Wednesday	Genesis 21. 5, 8-20; Matthew 8. 28-34
Thursday	Genesis 22. 1-19; Matthew 9. 1-8
Friday	Genesis 23. 1-4, 19; 24. 1-8, 62-67; Mt. 9. 9-13
Saturday	Ephesians 2. 19-22; John 20. 24-29
Sunday	Ezekiel 2. 3-5; 2 Corinthians 12. 7-10; Mark 6. 1-6

Be Centered, Be Safe

Social-distancing protocols are in place as you attend mass in person.

Seating will be at the direction of our ushers. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated as we all work together to keep each other safe.

It is very important that you sit in the pew you are directed to and do not move once seated to another location. Moving locations cross-contaminates and does not allow time for proper sanitization.

Reminders:

* A dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation to participate in the Mass remains in place for all Catholics. ***Pope Francis invites you to make a Spiritual Communion—that is to invite Christ in to our hearts, and ask that Christ come close to us, and that we come close to Christ. You can join Pope Francis for Spiritual Communion on our website under LINKS***
* Anyone who is in an at-risk health group or does not feel comfortable attending a public gathering should stay home. Even with the best health practices and increased efforts to clean the Church, there is a risk of infection anytime a person enters a public space.
* Anyone who is sick or has recently been exposed to the coronavirus should refrain from attending a public mass as it is an act of charity to safeguard the health of others.
* Attendance at mass is still restricted to ensure proper social distancing.
* We are mandated to wear masks by the Ontario Medical Office of Health and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario. We ask that you ***please bring and wear your mask before entering the Cathedral***.
* Follow all directions from our ushers so social distancing can be maintained.

MARRIAGE BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between:

Alex Winsor Courvoisier, son of Jerry Courvoisier and Lillian (Winsor) and **Kayla Marie Pavone**, daughter of Lucio Pavone and Nicole (Lamothe). ♥



Hi Everyone,

Can you help? We really, really need help with maintaining and watering our gardens. It was so dry last week that we lost some of our annuals.
If you can help out, even once in a while, it would be appreciated.

Call the parish office if you can help! Thank you.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 28 June - St. Irenaeus, Bishop/Martyr
Diane Emond - Kathie Cohen
Sheila Flannery - The Family
Intention of Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Tuesday, 29 June - Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Jeanne Hodgins - Vivian Molnar
Angela Pace - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Lloyd Voisin - The Voisin Family

Wednesday, 30 June - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sam Domanico - Cliff and Marg Riopelle
Lloyd Voisin - Katherine Voisin
Msgr. Norm Clement - Friends

Thursday, 01 July - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tina Brisson - Andree Cornish
Mildred Puddister - Catholic Women's League
Intention of Rick Hamelin - Cathedral Friends

First Friday, 02 July - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Giuseppe Tedesco - Maria Gosselin and Family
Tom Kilmartin - The Family

4:00 PM Saturday, 03 July – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Georgiana Levesque - Patricia Goyette
Parents of Katherine and Lloyd Voisin - Katherine Voisin
Walter Blahey - Kim Morrissette

Sunday, 04 July - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Sam Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
Louise Lugli - Monique Smith
Frank Falconi - Dino and Jean Dottori

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

Note: Only weekday masses are announced verbally.

♥ STAY CONNECTED ♥

Not only do we send out the bulletin electronically each week in full colour, we use this means of communication to periodically share current news on a timely basis that affects the Cathedral.
Stay connected by signing up for the bulletin at: procathedral.ca
All we need is your name and a current email!

Collection Report: 13 & 20 June	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$7,662.00	$910.00

JUNE Credit Card Donations	
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$ 4,229.67	$1,061.00

Ten Characteristics of God-Honoring Giving

A life of generosity reflects God's nature in a special way. Are you eager to give to meet the needs of others? The following characteristics of giving provide a helpful guide as we *"remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35).

1. The Motivation of Genuine Love
When you genuinely love someone, *you will give to meet his or her needs—without the motive of personal reward.* You will give without expecting, or needing, to receive in return. The love in your heart is even more important than the gift in your hands; it gives meaning to your actions and strengthens your relationships.

2. The Aim of Bringing Pleasure to God
God is pleased with our giving because it reflects His own generous heart, it generates thanksgiving to Him, and it is a vital part of fellowship and communion within the Body of Christ.

3. The Goal to Strengthen Unity in the Body of Christ
The human body illustrates the unity and interdependence that God designed to characterize the Church. As members of the Body of Christ, we need one another. When we have much, we should give generously and graciously, and when we have needs, we should receive with humility and gratitude.

4. A Response to Enemies
Love not only covers a multitude of sins, but it also can conquer our enemies. King Solomon wrote, ***"If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat****; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: for thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee"* (Proverbs 25:21–22). One of the rewards that come by giving to an enemy is that of gaining a greater love for him. This happens because where our treasure is, there our heart will be also.

5. A Way to Lay Up Treasures in Heaven
The things of this world can capture our affections, thus luring our affection away from God and tempting us to gather riches for ourselves. Both our motives and the quality of our gifts matter. When Christ returns, our work will be tested.

6. Doing Good to Glorify God
As a child of God, the goal of doing good works is not to draw attention to yourself but rather to bring glory to God.

7. Acting From the Foundation of Faith
It takes faith to give without expecting to be repaid—faith that our gifts meet the needs of others, that they are pleasing to God, and that God will faithfully provide for our own needs in the future. By faith we discern what God wants us to give and when He wants us to give it. As these gifts meet precise needs at just the right time, the faith of both giver and receiver is increased and God is glorified.

8. Developing the Fear of the Lord
The fear of the Lord is the awareness that *God sees everything and that He will hold us accountable* for our thoughts, motives, words, and actions. It involves a reverence for God and a desire to honor God in all that we do, including our giving. This awareness of God impacts every area of our lives.

9. "Proving" God
When we honor God by obeying His Word and giving generously, He delights to demonstrate His power by providing abundantly for our needs.

10. Giving With a Generous Heart
In reference to giving, the Scriptures mention having a "bountiful eye" or an "evil eye." A bountiful eye represents a generous outlook that is alert to the needs of others. On the other hand, an evil eye is a stingy, greedy outlook that avoids seeing the needs of others. "

As you give, set your focus on God the Father and His example of generosity: *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning"* (James 1:17).

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"Do not be afraid; just have faith." It's likely we've heard and seen Jesus' reassuring words or even shared them with others.

In today's Gospel passage, Jairus had a "fearless faith", placing his daughter's life wholly in Jesus' hands even as others in the crowd ridiculed him. When we pray or ask for God's healing, we can't know the outcome. But we can pray for the gifts of faith and courage, placing our lives in God's loving hands.

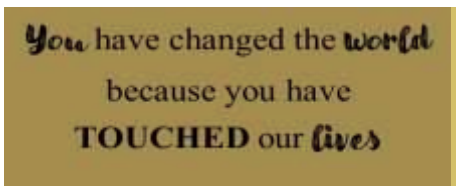
The Church has a rich tradition of intercessory prayer, encouraging us to pray for the needs of others. Today's readings remind us that we can share our faith by praying for others who are sick, dying, grieving, or struggling in some way. Likewise, we can ask others to pray for us, trusting that God will hear our prayers.

PRAY: Do you ever offer to pray for someone and then completely forget? Try writing each person's name on a Post-it and placing it on your bedside table. Other ideas: Pray the Rosary while driving or exercising, devoting a decade to each person; include prayers for others when you say Grace before meals; as soon as you offer to pray for someone, drop everything and do it!



The Pro-Cathedral Prayer Line consists of 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



Have you submitted your video yet? See "Living Greeting Card" under Current News on our website!

Happy Retirement Message to Msgr Dave

To all parishioners of the Pro-Cathedral near and far. Since the announcement of Msgr. Dave's retirement, there have been parishioners who have reached out asking if the Pro-Cathedral Social Committee will be organizing a farewell event. Msgr. Dave has communicated that while he is tremendously grateful, he does not wish to have a social event and has asked that we please respect these wishes. While briefly disappointed, we understood and felt it was important that we honour this request.

As we discussed this in greater detail, we recognized that perhaps not having a social event was a gift presented to us in disguise. We realized that we would never be able to find a venue big enough to hold everyone and that at some point, we would have to cap the number to fit everyone in. We would not wish for that to happen and for anyone to be excluded. Another consideration was that, due to the current environment of COVID and capacity limits, numbers of persons would be further reduced.

With that in mind and with the assistance of all Pro-Cathedral ministry/group coordinators, we thought, what if we create a video inviting all parishioners to come and share a heartfelt message for Msgr. Dave that would be a keepsake and reminder of his time at the Pro-Cathedral?

In that spirit dear friends, we invite you to share a brief video with your message for Msgr. Dave, with the following to assist you:

GUIDELINES FOR YOUR VIDEO MESSAGE

Please keep your message to 15 seconds in length so we can ensure we get everyone's message included in the video. Be prepared by having a basic idea of what you want to say. Speak from the heart!; and

Keep it simple. Your recorded message doesn't have to be perfect; it just has to be YOU! Enjoy! Monsignor Dave is sure to enjoy and appreciate your kindness.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO SUBMIT A VIDEO MESSAGE

YOU SUBMIT A VIDEO ON YOUR OWN: You may submit a videotaped message by going to the Pro-Cathedral website via the following link **https://procathedral.ca/uploadvideo/** and follow the instructions to record and upload your video. If a video is more than 15 seconds in length, it may be subject to editing.

WE VIDEOTAPE YOUR MESSAGE: We will be offering the following dates where we will gladly assist with taping your message in the main church if you prefer not to try it on your own.



To schedule an appointment, please contact:
Carol Ann DiBartolomeo at 705-474-8963

Thursday, July 8: 1:30 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, July 11: 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

SUBMIT A PHOTO INSTEAD!

If you would prefer not to send a videotaped message, you are welcome to submit a photo of yourself holding a message to Msgr. Dave. Please email your photo and message to Jeff Borden: **jeffborden@me.com**

PLEASE NOTE: This video will be for Msgr. Dave only and will not be shared for public viewing.

We look forward to hearing from you!

REGIONAL NEWS



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd A formation experience for adults working with the 3-6 year old child in a parish or school setting: **Level 1 Formation Course** will be held at **St. Alexander Parish** Chelmsford **Part A** August 15-20 from 9am-5pm. Register by **July 19. Registration form posted on Pro-Cathedral Website at procathedral.ca View under Ministries/Children & Youth Contact** Erin Tayler for more information at betayler@fibreop.ca C: 705-840-8509. H: 705-476-8509. CGS is a Christian religious formation for children starting at the age of 3. It seeks to nurture the children's relationship with God in a sacred space called an atrium; a place fashioned after a Montessori educational environment that includes hands-on materials, in which both the children and their catechists can listen, ponder and celebrate the most profound mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in scripture and liturgy.

Help Near North Palliative Care help our community. 12th Annual Live Butterfly Release 2021: Online Livestream Saturday, July 17 from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Broadcast to you from the gardens of St. Joseph's Motherhouse. Facebook Livestream: https://www.facebook.com/NearNorthPalliativeCareNetwork YouTube Livestream: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JN7SPCAKmRY&feature=youtu.be



The Good Samaritan Corner: The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs. If you can donate your time, please consider:

The Gathering Place
1181 Cassells Street, 705-474-7687

Do you have old coffee trays taking up room in your home? An abundance of one-time use plastic bags? The Gathering Place is looking for coffee trays and plastic bags. Please drop them off during regular hours Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Do you have a hidden talent? Perhaps you can cook, drive, garden, are a handyperson? Give an hour, give a day … make a difference!

Did you know that the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay is starting a new initiative called Backpacks of Love? Since the last point-in-time count conducted in North Bay over 2 years ago, there were approximately 293 brothers and sisters who were homeless. Talking with frontline organizations, they recommended a list of essential items which the committee decided to place into useful backpacks. The New Apostolic Church at 46 Joseph St. will be accepting drop-offs on: Saturday, June 26, Saturday, July 10, and Saturday, July 24 from 1 to 3 p.m.



For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay or the Pro-Cathedral Website under OUTREACH—Compassionate Committee.

WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING DONATIONS AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL!

A box for the drop off of donations will be located in the Cathedral until July 25—please be generous!