30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 OCTOBER 2021

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The prophet Jeremiah proclaims that the Lord keeps his promises, gathering and delivering the people of Israel. In the Letter to the Hebrews, God calls some to be priests, representing the people and following the example set forth by Jesus. Mark's Gospel recounts the story of Jesus healing the blind man on the road from Jericho. The story of Jesus healing the blind man speaks powerfully to us. Your faith has saved you, Jesus tells him. The man, with his sight restored, follows Jesus.

May our own faith and determination give us sight as well, that we may also know and follow God in our daily lives.

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 **Rev. Larry Rymes**

ASSISTANT **Rev. Rex Lumine**

PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons
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



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	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

READINGS: 25-31 OCTOBER

Monday	Romans 8. 11-17; Luke 13. 10-17
Tuesday	Romans 8. 18-25; Luke 13. 18-21
Wednesday	Romans 8. 26-30; Luke 13. 22-30
Thursday	Ephesians 2. 19-22; Luke 6. 12-19
Friday	Romans 9. 1-5; Luke 14. 1-6
Saturday	Romans 11. 1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk. 14. 1, 7-11
Sunday	Deuteronomy 6. 2-6; Hebrews 7. 23-28; Mark 12. 28-34



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

WWW.BEAPRIEST.CA

Mass for the Bereaved



Sunday, 31 October at 11:00 AM Mass

Everyone is welcome to attend this special mass in which we celebrate All Souls Day.

We especially invite those who have lost a loved one over the past year.
(01 November 2020—26 October 2021)

For anyone who would like to update their page or add a page to the "Book of Life" which records the names of our deceased loved ones, contact the parish office.

If you have lost a loved one in the last year and wish for their name to be read out at our October 31st celebration, please call the office by Tuesday, October 26.





People & Planet First!

Speaking up for rights and protesting injustices are powers that we take for granted in Canada. In parts of the Global South, however, this can be dangerous. Communities are often threatened and criminalized for defending their rights to healthy land, air and water.

While global leaders are in the COP26 meetings talking about how to tackle climate change, more and more activists are being threatened and killed for protecting the forests, waters, and biodiversity that our people and our planet are most in need of. The most vulnerable members of our human family are bearing the largest burden, dealing with the worst impacts of climate change and facing negative effects of ill-planned, top-down climate "solutions".

We know the choices we are making today will shape our communities, our economy, our health and the health of our planet for years to come, so let's make sure our transition is towards a just economy that addresses integral human development.

We call on the House of Commons to adopt human rights and due diligence legislation that would require companies to prevent adverse human rights impacts and environmental damage.

SIGN THE ONLINE PETITION

Visit our website at procathedral.ca under OUTREACH/ Development and Peace & Click on Sign the Petition

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Celebrations are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 25 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, 26 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Deceased Parents of Katherine and Lloyd Voisin - Katherine Voisin
Lise Hudebine - Sean and Kerri-Ann Cappadocia

Wednesday, 27 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 28 October - St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles
Brian Hamilton - Ray Hamilton
Josie Cotnam - Pat Anderson

Friday, 29 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Oscar Paquette - Vivian Molnar
Sheila Flannery - Ann Sullivan

4:00 PM Saturday, 30 October – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mildred Puddister - The Family
Giovanni Miscio - Maria Miscio and Family

Sunday, 31 October - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Ray and Buck Kyle - Kathie Cohen
Intention of the Donors and those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

11:00 AM **Intention of the Parishioners and especially for those who are remembered in our special Bereavement Mass - Rev. Larry Rymes**

Parish Donations 2021

If you need any information on our donation options, please do not hesitate to call or email the parish office - we are still checking in to make sure we can connect with everyone!

If you are currently not contributing financially we ask that you prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to the parish.

Ways You can Help Support our Parish

- **Envelopes - 2022 Envelopes Available Late November**
- **Pre-authorized donations from your bank account.**
- **Credit card donations**
- **E-transfer music.finance@procathedral.ca**
- **Use our "Donate Today" button on our website at procathedral.ca**

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!**

If you are already donating through pre-authorized bank account or credit card donations your deductions will continue the same into 2021 unless you would like to revise the amounts deducted. Contact the parish office if you would like to revise your contribution amounts. If you donate through automatic withdrawals, you do not need to take parish envelopes.

Catholic Women's League

On July 20, two members of the League were presented with the Maple Leaf Service pin. Shirlene Condie-McVeigh (left), Presidentl, and Leah Pierce (right), Education & Health Chairperson of the Pro-Cathedral CWL Council, were presented with the pins by Lisa Henry (centre), Past-President. Shirlene was awarded the Maple Leaf Service pin for her tireless efforts as President-Elect, President, and support to countless bazaars and funeral lunches. Leah was awarded the Maple Leaf Service pin for her efforts on the CWL Council as committee chairperson, as bazaar chairperson, and as the chairperson for the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless of North Bay. Leah's Maple Leaf Service pin was previously awarded to Germaine Masson and donated by her daughter, Annette Dutrisac.



The Maple Leaf Service pin was introduced in 1971 for members who have served the League in an exceptional or meritorious manner.



Over the years in November we always recognize our members who died during the past year. Last year we celebrated a beautiful Mass for our sisters that were called home to be with our Lord. It was truly a special celebration!

We will not be holding our November General Meeting, and instead will again celebrate a special memorial mass for our deceased members.

Fr. Larry will celebrate and everyone is welcome!
Wednesday, 03 November at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral
Please come and celebrate this mass with us!

Laudato Si' in Action – Together we can save our planet. Now that the weather is turning colder, it is time to turn to reading. Consider second-hand books. You can find gently used books at Allison the Bookman on 342 Main Street East, yard sales or garage sales. You can also sign out books from the North Bay Library; for more information visit https://library.cityofnorthbay.ca/

Collection Report: 17 October	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$2,956.25	$386.00

Brick Fundraiser: $16,035.00
Accumulative Total ~ Goal: $56,000

Going Stir Crazy at Home?



Want a fun escape from the house to spend time with others just to have a chat, enjoy a cup of coffee, exchange books, or even possibly do a craft (not required**—we're not all crafty!)?**

Come and join us on Saturday, November 6 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall for some fun and laughter. Bring a book to share, a craft that you are working on, a deck of cards, or a story about how you survived being house-bound during Covid-19!!

Call Annette at 495-3584 if you are interested in this very informal, social get-together!



The Regional Good Shepherd Atrium is looking for used and new religious cards such as prayer cards, and Christmas and Easter cards with lovely religious art on them.



Children enjoy looking at the pictures and creating their own prayer cards from your used cards. If you can donate cards, please drop them off to the parish office in an envelope. Feel free to remove personal messages and just donate whatever part of the cards you feel comfortable giving us! Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far — keep them coming!



WOW!

Can you believe how beautiful the bricks are?

If you can help support this project— please consider making a donation . Our Goal is to Raise $56,000.

Any Donation Amount is Appreciated!

Included with your donation is a "Virtual Brick" that we will place on our website to build a "Virtual Brick Wall". These bricks can be **inscribed with your custom message. You can donate in memory of a special loved one, in honour of someone, recognize your school or business, or even to mark a special date in your life (graduation, birthday, sacrament, anniversary or wedding) - the possibilities are endless!**

Please visit our website under NEWS for the link to make a donation and to create your Virtual Brick.



God does not come to free us from our ever-present daily problems, but to free us from the real problem, which is the lack of love. This is the main cause of our personal, social, international and environmental ills. Thinking only of ourselves: this is the father of all evils.



How Haiti Touched your Hearts

The Development and Peace appeal for help for earthquake-hit Haitians clearly touched your hearts. Individual donors and religious communities contributed **over $500,000 to the cause!**

Development and Peace was also recently entrusted with a **$250,000 grant** (the largest of six allocated) by Quebec's *Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie*.

This will strengthen our partner's emergency response, which includes distributing water, rations, hygiene kits, tarpaulins and temporary shelters and coordinating recovery efforts with civil protection authorities.

Work on regular pre-earthquake projects is gradually resuming. A post-earthquake program of building repairs and agricultural projects is in process.

Check out the Development and Peace Haiti Update "Walls Broke, Wills Did Not" at:

www.devp.org/en/blog/an-update-from-haiti/

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How often do we pray with abandon? Perhaps when turbulence makes us wonder if our plane's going down, when a friend or loved one faces a difficult diagnosis or life-threatening injury, when we face a setback, a major decision, or a heartbreak. On some days, though, have we been guilty of just going through the motions when we pray?

Not so for Bartimaeus. "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me," he repeatedly implores, ignoring the shushing of the crowd. When Jesus asks him what he wants, the blind man doesn't beat around the bush. "I want to see." Recognizing his faith, Jesus heals him. Bartimaeus could not see, yet he had recognized Jesus as the Messiah and persisted in prayer. His example reminds us to be persistent in prayer, holding nothing back from Jesus who desires to make us whole. While Bartimaeus faced physical blindness, this did not prevent him from recognizing Jesus as the Son of David, the Messiah.

In our modern-day world so filled with distractions, we can become blind to the face of Jesus, or simply take his abundant love for us for granted. As the psalmist reminds us, "The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy." Looking back on our lives, we can probably see a few miracles – the birth of a child, the stunning beauty of a sunrise over the mountains or the garden in our backyards, the friends who walk alongside us through each chapter of life.

Today's readings encourage us to open our eyes to the face of Jesus in our lives, and in turn to reflect his steadfast love to those we encounter.

REGIONAL NEWS



Holy Name Church is hosting a Take-Out Turkey Dinner with all the fixings on Sunday, November 7. Tickets are $15/each and you can choose a pick-up time between 4:30 and 6:30 PM. You must call 495-1501 to purchase your ticket and reserve a pick-up time for your take-out dinner!

North Bay Roman Catholic Cemeteries Special Remembrance—Tuesday, November 2, Feast of All Souls: Beginning at 3:30 PM and continuing throughout the evening you are invited to place your own battery-operated luminary on the lawn in front of All Saints Mausoleum as a holy remembrance to those who are interred in St. Mary's Cemetery, Holy Cross Cemetery and All Saints Mausoleum. Open to the public—128 Golf Club Road. Please remove your luminary by noon the next day, November 3 as items left will be discarded by cemetery staff. Call 495-8986 if you have questions.

North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre: 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, wipes, baby wash, etc. & much more are appreciated. Please call to see what our requirements are. Looking for volunteers for different roles as well! Please call if you can help. If you would like to be part of our prayer ministry, email judyproulx@icloud.com

North Bay Right to Life works to deepen respect for human life and heighten public opposition to abortion and euthanasia and other threats against human life both in the Christian Community and among the general public.



The Good Samaritan Corner

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs.

Emergency Car Care Package: Last week, a gentleman came up to my car while I was waiting for the light to turn green on the by-pass. I gave him a plastic bag filled with granola bars, crackers, bottled water, Ensure, and sanitary wipes. He said thank you and ate the granola bar straight away. Do you have an emergency car care package in your car yet? You can include granola bars, pre-packaged cookies, pre-packaged cheese and crackers, packaged chocolates, warm socks & gloves, gift cards to a local grocery store, lip balm, a handwritten note with a message of kindness.

Backpacks of Love Campaign—Winter Campaign: Accepting drop-offs at the New Apostolic Church on 46 Joseph Street on Saturday, October 23 and Saturday, November 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Essential items include: Backpack - Camping Style - Approximately 45L; Silver Emergency Blanket; Tarp; Mini First Aid Kit; 6 pack of heavy socks; Winter slippers; Package of masks; Reusable water bottle; Travel containers for soap; Deodorant; Toothpaste; Travel containers for toothbrushes; Toilet paper; Feminine products; Hairbrush; Scarf; Toque; Mitts/Gloves; 1 pkg of hand and foot warmers; Lip balm; Flashlight; Towelette pack/wipes; 1 Reusable bag; 1 Drawstring bag; 10 Granola bars/Energy bars; 2 Travel packs of Kleenex

We are also looking for volunteers to help sort donations and pack the backpacks. For more information call Rebecca at 471-2473 or visit: https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay