09 JANUARY 2022

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, Isaiah speaks the Lord's words for Jerusalem to take comfort because their service is at an end. In the second reading, Paul writes that [Christ] saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, after Jesus is baptized, the Spirit descends upon him, and a voice speaks from heaven.

All grace we receive – actual and sanctifying – comes through God's kindness, generous love, and mercy. Nothing we do merits this gift, or the salvation it provides. Through the sacraments, first among them baptism, we are infused with the Holy Spirit and made heirs in hope of eternal life.

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.

Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

Rev. Larry Rymes
Pastor of the Pro-Cathedral Parish

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



Marriage: Please pick up a Marriage Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

Anointing the Sick: Please call the parish office for more information.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:00 until 3:45 PM.

Eucharist: Please see mass schedule published in this bulletin. Call the parish office to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the sick and shut-in who are unable to attend Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On the First Friday of each month from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

Baptism: Please pick up a Baptism Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

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

DUE TO MEASURES REQUIRED TO STOP SPREAD COVID-19, OFFICE STAFF ARE WORKING FROM HOME. EMAILS AND TELEPHONE MESSAGES WILL BE RESPONDED TO IN A TIMELY MANNER

READINGS: 10-16 JANUARY	
Monday	1 Samuel 1. 1-8; Mark 1. 14-20
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1. 9-20; Mark 1. 21-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3. 1-10, 19-20; Mark 1. 29-39
Thursday	**1 Samuel 4. 1c-11; Mark 1. 40-45**
Friday	1 Samuel 8. 4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2. 1-12
Saturday	**1 Samuel 9. 1-4, 17-19; 10. 1a; Mark 2. 13-17**
Sunday	Isaiah 62. 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12. 4-11; John 2. 1-12

Catholic Women's League

As we enter 2022, the CWL would like to wish you a very Happy New Year.

We have some big plans so be sure to follow us on Facebook.

Also, please be advised that there will no General Meeting in February. We hope to see you attend March Meeting as we pray for better circumstances.

MEMBERSHIPS



Make joining the CWL or renewing your membership part of your New Year's Resolutions! *$25 Membership Fee for 2022 is due now.*

Drop off with your name and address through the parish office mail slot or into the collection addressed clearly to "CWL MEMBERSHIP CHAIR" Call Brenda at 474-0447 if you have questions.

EXPERIENCE PEACE AND LOVE



If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.

Visit our website at procathedral.ca under Sacraments and then Reconciliation to view the videos: *What is the Sacrament of Confession; and Understanding Why we Confess.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Celebrations are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 10 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, 11 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Intention of Sheila Stepaniak - Divine Will Prayer Group

Wednesday, 12 January - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prior to Mass

Joe Pavone - Lena Pavone and Family
Bev Brown - Robert and Judy
Intention of Robin MacDonald - Elsbeth Dillig

Thursday, 13 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Dr. Frank Fazzari - Teresa Cotter and Family
Intention of the Sacristans - Pat Anderson

Friday, 14 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am to 12 Noon
Oscar Paquette - Philip Paquette
For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

4:00 PM Saturday, 15 January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
May Slinger - Suzanne Lukasik
Margaret Ross - Ray Bethune and Family

Sunday, 16 January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Dr. Frank Fazzari - The DeGrosbois Family
Intention of Defonzo Family & Relatives - Joe and Louise Defonzo

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Rev. Larry Rymes



One Lord, One Faith
One Baptism
One God & Father of All



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

Parish Donations 2022

God endows each of us with personal gifts, talents and material possessions. Stewardship is acknowledging that God is the source of each gift that has been received and each possession that has been accumulated. Stewardship also means to give a portion back to God, as a direct way of expressing our thanksgiving to Him for these gifts.

In another stressful year where many are affected by the coronavirus we are grateful for the support we have received that allowed us to meet our operating budget and to progress our Church in its mission to share the Gospel, support our ministries, and assist our community.

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

2022 Parish Envelopes: Currently being 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!

NOTE: If you are already donating through pre-authorized bank account or credit card donations your deductions will continue the same into 2022 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.

Pre-Authorized Bank & Credit Card Donations

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.)

As it does not cause hardship to you, we are grateful for your continued support.

Collection Report: 26 DECEMBER

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$5,147.00	$1,110.00

Christmas Collection Report
25 December 2021

Christmas Offering	Flowers & Decorations
$11,509.00	$2,160.00

New Year's Day Collection Report
01 January 2022

$1,634.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Collection Report: 02 JANUARY

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$1,967.00	$320.00

Don't be Discouraged

The World as we knew it has changed, and for what feels like such a long time we have experienced so much hardship during this Pandemic. As we prepare to walk into the future we pray for the "new normal" to come.

May our hearts be unified. May the tender moments of seeing someone again in person be all the more rich and treasured. May the reunions, interactions, and moments ahead be held in such intentionality and may we turn to God in sincere gratitude.

May we come out of this pandemic better, not bitter. May we become more considerate of others, more mindful of how we can help one another.

May we thank God that no matter how dark the night may get, there is the hope of the dawn to come.

Our "New Normal" isn't what it was. It isn't what it will be. Nor are we.

With love and respect for the past, we as a community face our new beginnings and journeys with anticipation, optimism, enthusiasm and care for each other — creating our own New Normal.

Pray: *God of all people, remind me that it is not I alone who has suffered in the last year. Our world has been rocked by many crises. As I learn from where I have been, as I take stock of how far I have come, challenge me to also bring others along with me. Show me a way forward that walks in the knowledge of our intertwined futures. Remind me of the kinship of all people every day. Nourish my soul with your Spirit and open my eyes to your movement around me.*

Amen

You are Claimed by Love

Sister Beata Victoria, SV for Imprint Publication

"I've done a lot of bad things in my life and made a lot of mistakes, but today … it all starts over."
I tried to suppress my laughter as I chatted with a five-year-old just before his Baptism.
"You bet it does," I responded.
My young friend had grasped a deep truth in a way that only the pure heart of a child can: Baptism makes us brand new. In its cleansing from the stain of original sin, Baptism claims us as children of God the Father and citizens of heaven.
"What colour is my marking?" my same young friend asked, as I told him about God placing a mark on his soul that would forever indicate to Whom he belongs. "I hope mine is orange."
Although invisible in physical terms, the transformation of a soul in Baptism is total and irreversible. Hidden in the quiet of our hearts is the presence of Someone. As baptized Christians, we are never alone. Our souls are wed to an Eternal Love beyond our wildest imaginings. Nothing we can do will ever cause Him to take back His love. It will never diminish, or fade, or depart. Nothing else will satisfy a heart that is made for and claimed by this love.
Now, it's true — we will often fall short of this love. We will make mistakes and do bad things. We can cut ourselves off from love, but He never ceases to pursue our hearts, in order that we might be restored to grace. He never tires to beckon us home to the love we were made for, the love that is promised to us. Every time we turn back to the Lord and seek His forgiveness, we are restored to the life of grace. A fresh start is always possible thanks to the mercy of God.
This is the marvelous brilliance of God's redeeming and victorious love. It draws forth beauty in every shade and colour. We sell ourselves short when we live in darkness. His vision for us is radiant.



In Baptism, you have been marked with the beauty of love.
You are a citizen of heaven.
Go and claim your inheritance!

REGIONAL NEWS

Marriage Preparation Program: 6:30—9:30 pm on Friday, January 28, followed by 9:30 am—5:00 pm on Saturday, January 29. Interested couples should call Samantha at 705-471-3284 for more information or to sign up.

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.

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. If you would like to volunteer, or be part of our prayer ministry, email judyproulx@icloud.com



The Good Samaritan Corner

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

If you can make a donation, please consider The North Bay Food Bank – 1016 Fisher Street, 495-3290. Homeless kit items needed:
juice – tetra boxes; bread; peanut butter; small boxes of cereal; crackers; granola bars; canned items that can be easily opened (pop top lid meat, pasta, fruit and soups); nuts, dried fruits.

Please consider providing help to the homeless in the cold weather. Here 's how you can make a difference:

1) Donate winter clothing – winter coats, heavier jackets, boots, hats and gloves to Rebuilt Resources at 1356 Regina St.
2) Contact Emergency Homeless Services – helping the homeless in the cold can save a life. Hypothermia is a genuine concern for those on the streets. Contact the 24-hours crisis line at 474-1031.
3) Volunteer your time – you can make a big difference in the life of a brother or sister. If you are looking for ways to volunteer consider The Gathering Place, the North Bay Food Bank, or the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay!

Conversation Series Postponed! New Dates:

HOW TO BE A CATHOLIC IN TODAY'S CULTURE	END OF LIFE CARE	HOW TO RAISE CHILDREN TO EMBRACE THE CATHOLIC FAITH
Wednesday, 16 February 7:00 PM With Presenter Rev. Daniel Muscolino	Wednesday, 16 March 7:00 PM With Presenters Dr. Cheryl Clayton & Rev. Francis Ezenezi	Wednesday, 27 April 7:00 PM With Presenters Mat & Theresa-Marie VanMilligen
ALL EVENINGS HELD AT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH ~ 299 AIRPORT ROAD		