04 September 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

480 McIntyre Street West North Bay, ON P1B 2Z4

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The author of the Book of Wisdom observes that it can be difficult to comprehend God's ways, pointing out that what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Saint Paul writes to Philemon from prison, asking him to welcome Onesimus as a brother, not a slave. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to the crowd, saying: Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. While each of us can name important people and relationships in our lives that have a claim on our hearts, the Scriptures today remind us of what needs to be the highest priority for each of us. Jesus unequivocally states that just as he will lay down his life on the cross, each of us who wish to be faithful disciples will be asked to make sacrifices in our own 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.

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

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



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: 3:00 to 3:45 PM each Saturday.

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: Each Friday from 11:00 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 THIS WEEK

Monday	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Tuesday to Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

Scripture Readings: 05—11 September

Monday	1 Corinthians 5. 1-8; Luke 6. 6-11
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6. 1-11; Luke 6. 12-19
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 7. 1, 17, 25-31; Luke 6. 20-26
Thursday	Romans 8. 28-30; Matthew 1. 1-16, 18-23
Friday	1 Corinthians 9. 16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6. 39-42
Saturday	1 Corinthians 10. 14-22a; Luke 6. 43-49
Sunday	Exodus 32. 7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1. 12-17; Luke 15. 1-32

Catholic Women's League ~ Come … Make a Difference!

Your executive is looking forward to developing a plan, with your assistance, to make a "Difference" this year as encouraged by Linda Squarlozo, newly elected Ontario President. ***We invite you to join us for our first meeting of the new season to be part of the plan in making a difference by joining us on Wednesday September 7 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.***

Come! Welcome New and transferring Members! Hear about each other others' Summer!
Come! We are in the midst of change, check us out!
Come! Hear our good News! Bazaar and Christmas Dinner are on the Agenda! Get an overview of plans for the remaining months of the year 2022!
BECOME part of the planning for these big events.

Looking forward to seeing everyone together again. *Eat light so you can enjoy our Happy Hour Party!*

Annette Dutrisac President

P.S. Masks are not mandatory, but feel free to wear one if it makes you more comfortable in joining us!

FUNERAL LUNCHEON TEAM MEETING!

September 13 at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Men & Women Welcome to Serve in this Ministry

We will be having a team meeting for ALL members of the work teams, new and current members.



It has been hectic starting up again since our long "hiatus" from Covid and we need to re-group!

Let's get together to give everyone a chance to meet and know each other and to discuss some new ideas!

If you would like to help out in this ministry and have not previously volunteered please join us.

All are welcome! A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

COLLECTION REPORT: 21 AUGUST	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,124.70	**$635.00**

COLLECTION REPORT: 28 AUGUST	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,610.00	**$437.00**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgies are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 05 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 06 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Frank and Rita Kelly - Robert and Judy
Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
Intention of the Miller Family - A Parishioner

Wednesday, 07 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mildred Puddister - The Family
Intention of Patricia Goyette - Pro-Cathedral Ushers
Int. of Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 08 September - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
William Vis - Grant and Shirley Devine
Intention of Noreen Kelly - Judy and Robert
Intention of Nicole Matheson - Cliff and Marg Riopelle

Friday, 09 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Serafim Carreiro - Nipissing Elementary Catholic Teachers
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

4:00 PM Saturday, 10 September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Maria Lavallee - Margaret Anne Lafontaine
Sam Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
John De Viveiros - Maria De Viveiros

Sunday, 11 September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Lorraine Briggs - Mary Kelly
Theresia Schonenberger - Stan and Mariann Zima

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Friday 11 AM - NOON

Parish Donations

If you need any information on our donation options, please do not hesitate to call or email the parish office.

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

- **Parish Envelopes**
- **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**

Only if it does not cause financial hardship—we appreciate your financial support!

DISPLAYS OF HOLY LAND WOOD ART FOR PURCHASE WILL BE HELD WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 17 & 18



The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem—The Birth Place of Jesus-is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area.
The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism.



Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of The Nativity.
Please consider a purchase when we have their beautiful art available in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Calling all the Single Women

To all widows, divorced and single women ...

You're invited to join our Pro-Cathedral ladies' group.

We began in the fall of 2017 and currently have 23 members. Our primary reason for gathering is to socialize. In the past, we've had lots of fun together spending a day at a cottage, BBQ's, lunch at the waterfront on Fridays (summer), local concerts, out of town shopping, theatre productions, dinners, good movies, etc.

We are very excited to resume our Thursday coffeetime & upcoming fall/winter events.

This season we are including organized out-of-town, 3 & 5 day trips for those who would like a little getaway.

Our goal is to offer something social for everyone.

On Wednesday, September 28 at 2 pm, we will launch our fall schedule with a brief meeting followed by cooking a group Paella (classic Spanish rice dish).

I hope you can see yourself enjoying some of our events with our ladies/fellow parishioners.
I'm sure you'll know or have met some of us when attending church and church functions.

If you are thinking about joining, please call me, Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675 and I would gladly meet with you and answer any questions you may have.

No membership fee & No cost to join!
Fall & Spring (2) meetings only.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION!

Register Soon!

Students in Grade 7, 8, 9, 10 or older are invited to register for our Fall Preparation Program beginning September 29. Preparation sessions and the Day of Retreat is celebrated together in our region at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

Candidates will celebrate the Sacrament with Bishop Thomas Dowd at the parish they are registered at and regularly attend. Information, dates and registration for all candidates from all parishes is available online at: www.holynamestalphonsus.com/confirmation or on our website at procathedral.ca under SACRAMENTS

Registration Deadline is September 28, 2022.

Baptism Preparation

Our next meeting for parents will be held in the Parish Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 beginning at 7:00 PM. Those who wish to register for this meeting to have their child baptized are asked to call the parish office by Monday, September 19.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.



Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!



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



VIGIL CANDLES
CATHOLIC

Blessed white candles are available immediately before and after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy to pick up and light a vigil candle. At that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of $5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs.

Catholic Women's League

REMINDER: CWL members who have paid their membership, are reminded to please pick up their Membership Cards in the CWL container on the table located at the back of the Church. It's not too late to purchase your membership for 2022. Your membership helps makes us stronger on important social justice issues.

NBPHRC **North Bay Pregnancy Help Resource Center Hike-A-Thon** September 24 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Laurier Woods Conservation Area. You can raise sponsors or make a donation at the event! Pledge forms can be emailed to you or picked up at the office.

Looking for three Board Members—one to specifically fill the role of recording secretary. We have a **Prayer Team** who are vital to this ministry—you are welcome to join!

For a pledge form for the hike, to join our prayer team, or to volunteer, contact Judy at judynbphrc@gmail.com or call 475-9270.



We probably all know people we would consider saints, or at least well on their way: A compassionate friend, a priest or lay minister at our parish, a generous neighbor, that person who has not let suffering and loss shake their faith. Then there are the saints we Catholics celebrate each day: Francis, who threw off the cloak of privilege to live for Christ; Mother Teresa, who served others day in and day out even as she faced a spiritual drought; Paul, the one-time persecutor who built up the early Church and whose letters continue to inspire Christians. Each of them took Jesus' words at face value and laid down their lives for him. Learning how to be a disciple of Christ from studying the lives of the saints can be an ongoing pursuit throughout our lives.

But perhaps we can also learn from a "living saint," if the opportunity presents itself, and ask, in so many words, "what's your secret?" It may be praying first thing in the morning, or something practical that we had not considered, such as managing their time in such a way that allows them to volunteer regularly or to be a continuous presence in the life of someone who needs them. If other priorities have gotten in the way of our relationship with Jesus, perhaps we can challenge ourselves to develop new habits. Even an incremental change – such as spending less time or money on nonessentials or reading an inspirational book – can help us reignite our faith and free up our time to focus on someone or something other than ourselves.



The Good Samaritan Corner

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs. Here are some practical ways you can help the homeless:

The homeless are especially impacted by extreme temperatures. During heat waves like those we recently experienced, the homeless struggled with heat exhaustion and dehydration. Please consider donating bottles of water, and liquids with electrolytes to frontline organizations like the North Bay Food Bank or give directly to the homeless you meet on the street.

Are you having a hard time finding a home for your gently used items, especially clothing? Rebuilt Resources, 1356 Regina Street, 705-497-7878, accepts clothing and furniture. For hours of operation or for more information visit them on Facebook or online at https://rebuiltresources.com/. When you donate items to Rebuilt Resources, the homeless and near homeless benefit. Donations of used items allow Rebuilt Resources to offer low income and homeless people clothing and furniture at no cost.

Did you know:

- *2.93 mil people live in Toronto and 7 347 are homeless (2021 Street Needs Assessment results)*
- *52 662 live in North Bay and 300 are homeless (2021 Point-in-Time Count)*
- *The per capita results are alarming:*
- *.25% of people in Toronto are homeless*
- *.57% of people in North Bay are homeless*

Please research each of the Municipal candidate's platforms on homelessness (Municipal elections will be held on October 24).

For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit procathedral.ca under OUTREACH or contact Leah Pierce at 705-472-5687 or at pn.thebay@gmail.com

Have you Noticed? Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II Atrium is now set up in the Parish Hall. Level II is for children aged 6-9 and Level I Atrium, also located at the Pro-Cathedral, is for children aged 3-6. Like the work of Maria Montessori, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is carefully structured around the developmental needs of children at different stages. Each atrium offers engaging activities specially designed to meet their deepest needs and capacities as they build a relationship with God. For more information, give Erin Tayler at call at 476-8509.

Regional Eucharistic Adoration
Do You Have One Hour for Jesus?



Come and spend quiet time in the presence of our Lord. Eucharistic Adoration is being offered on Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

In order for this to take place, we need adorers to schedule one-hour time slots during the day.

If you are interested in being a part of the scheduled adorers or on the spare list, contact Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.

You can attend anytime—even if you are not scheduled.