Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

480 McIntyre Street West
North Bay, ON P1B 2Z4

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 February 2023

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, Sirach tells the people that if they choose to follow the commandments, they will be saved: *Before man are life and death, good and evil*. Saint Paul writes of God's wisdom, whose depth and mystery is beyond understanding. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims his mission to fulfill the law and the prophets, and calls for following the law of God in a new way, with totality of heart. Human wisdom, hard as it is to come by, differs qualitatively from the wisdom of God. God's wisdom draws not only on God's knowledge of all things, but also on God's love of all things in totality and purity. When we follow Christ, we are drawn deeper into his way of love. We seek and trust his wisdom as the way of 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

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 to Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**OFFICE CLOSED**

Scripture Readings: 13 - 19 February

Monday	Genesis 4. 1-15, 24; Mark 8. 11-13
Tuesday	Genesis 6. 5-8; 7. 1-5, 10; Mark 8. 14-21
Wednesday	Genesis 8. 6-13, 20-22; Mark 8. 22-26
Thursday	Genesis 9. 1-13; Mark 8. 27-33
Friday	Genesis 11. 1-9; Mark 8. 34-38—9.1
Saturday	Hebrews 11. 1-7; Mark 9. 2-13
Sunday	Leviticus 19. 1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3. 16-23; Matthew 5. 38-48

Baptism Preparation

Our next meeting for parents will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 14 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, February 13.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.



This raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay under Licence #RAF1286202

PURCHASE YOUR FEBRUARY DRAW TICKET BY VISITING

www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral

Tickets Amount
1 for $5, 4 for $10, 20 for $20, 100 for $50

These draws are run through a government-approved website called rafflebox. Draws will be held monthly and your regular purchase of tickets will help our Roof Campaign as 100% of our profits will go to this fund. ***All purchases must be made on the secure rafflebox website with a credit card and the purchaser must reside in Ontario.***



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

WWW.BEAPRIEST.CA

Have you ever considered being an Usher?
We could use your help at our Masses
4 PM (2 Required) and 9 AM (1 Required)
If you think you can help us out, please call or email the parish office.

We need your helping ...

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 13 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 14 February -St. Cyril, Monk & St. Methodius, Bishop
Deborah Kennelly - Al and Diane Orlando
Paul Smith - Darlene Truchon
Geno Cundari - Mary-Lynn and Family

Wednesday, 15 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Virginia Tedesco - Maria Gosselin
George Chenette - Marthe Smith
For Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Friend

Thursday, 16 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Paul Smith - Marthe Smith
Deceased and Living Members of the Gerald Scully Family
Intention of Weston Heels - Richard Levesque

Friday, 17 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Emile Lamothe - Karen-Anne McArthur
Lois Wishak - Pedro and Jessica Costa and Family
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

4:00 PM Saturday, 18 February - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Osborne and Adeline Hill - Brenda Passmore and Family
Emile Lamothe - Bonnie Parslow
Aurele Boudreau - Maxine and Connor Walsh

Sunday, 19 February - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Arthur Georgeneau - Gerald Georgeneau
Paul Smith - The Morrissette Family
Silvia Gonzales Signoret - Sita and Eduardo

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Friday 11 AM - NOON

World Day of Prayer

"I Have Heard About Your Faith"



An Ecumenical Worship Service will be held at the Pro-Cathedral on Friday, March 3 at 1:30 PM. This celebration will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall and all are welcome.

This year's service has been written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan. Be part of 1.5 million Christians speaking 90 different languages in 150 countries by coming together with others and uniting in prayer for the relevant issues affecting women and children throughout the world.

Most families in our parish data system were entered long before email was even "a thing" - can you imagine? For our records, we would like to add emails whenever possible to your contact information. Could you please complete the following so we can update our system? Just drop this back to the parish office or email us with the information at: office@procathedral.ca THANK YOU! ***Please print clearly.***

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____ **FIRST NAME:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Today's reading from Sirach reminds us of the choice that matters most: If we *choose* to keep the commandments, they will save us. "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." We are well into 2023, but it bears reminding that each day we have an opportunity to choose anew: To follow God's law, fulfilled in the words and example of Jesus. He will show us the way. "If you trust in God, you too shall live."
We've probably all heard the term "quiet quitting" by now. It's a workplace phenomenon where employees do the bare minimum rather than going above and beyond. Think of that phrase when reading Matthew's Gospel today.
How many of us Christians have "quietly quit," doing the minimum required – going to Mass on Sunday, being faithful to our spouse, not resorting to violence when we get angry with someone. Jesus challenges us to go above and beyond the Ten Commandments. You shall not kill, but you should not stay angry either. You shall not commit adultery, but you shall also love your spouse with your whole heart. Today's readings challenge us to rediscover God's law and challenge ourselves to go "above and beyond" in our daily lives.

Are you helping to suport your church?

Ways You can Help Financially Support your Parish

- **Parish Envelopes**
- **Pre-authorized donations from your bank account.**
- **Credit card donations**
- **E-transfer music.finance@procathedral.ca**
- **"Donate Today" on our website at procathedral.ca**



Building Fund VS Roof Campaign

The **Roof Campaign** specifically goes to the expenses we will incur as we do the work on the tower and roof. We need to raise these funds to have on hand for this planned work.

The **Building Fund** is a collection for regular maintenance of our facilities such as repairs, utilities, snow removal, etc.

We ask that people who made a commitment to the building fund continue to donate to it and view the roof campaign as an extra contribution. ***For those who are currently not contributing to either of these funds, we ask that you consider donating to them in your planned 2023 giving as long as it does not cause a hardship to do so.***

Collection: 05 February 2023	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,297.00	**$469.10**

ROOF CAMPAIGN (Second Collection)	ROOF CAMPAIGN (In Regular Collection)
$625.30	**$200.25**



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



New to the Pro-Cathedral?

Please Register so we can get to know you better!
Email: office@procathedral.ca

Catholic Women's League

General Meeting—March 1st! This is the date of our Council's first General (Meeting) Gathering of 2023. At this meeting an "Instructed Vote" will be taken following reading and discussion on a proposed amendment to the *Constitution & Bylaws 2022 (C&B).* The five proposed revisions are covered in one amendment, so it will not be time consuming. We **do** need a quorum for this Instructed Vote, 10% of our Council members to be in attendance, so please come out to support this important voting process."

Join the CWL ~ Contact Brenda Passmore for information at: **passmorebe@gmail.com or 474-0447**

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

- **Been THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC for some time but never got around to doing anything about it?**
- **MARRIED TO A CATHOLIC, but not yet made a religious commitment of your own?**
- **INVOLVED IN THE PARISH here at the Pro-Cathedral but never taken the step towards becoming a member in full communion with the Church?**
- **BAPTISED, but not active in a church, or find yourself wanting more?**

Is the time right for you? Call the Parish Office to see how we can welcome you into the Church.



Lenten Mission - "The Fullness of Purpose - Living the Catholic Faith" February 26, 27 & 28, each evening at 7pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church, North Bay. Start your Lenten journey with a three-evening Mission with **Ken Yasinski**! Ken is the most sought-after Canadian Catholic Speaker, Apologist and Evangelist who speaks all across the world and has a popular online presence. A Parish Mission is three evenings that begin at 7pm for 90 minutes, and include time of prayer, a talk and time for reflection. Many use the Parish Mission to springboard their journey of Lent. All are welcome.

Looking for a Catholic Podcast? The Catholic Buzz Podcast is a weekly Catholic podcast recorded in our own Diocese. Hosted by Fr. Daniele Muscolino, Josh Sullivan and Mat VanMilligen, these three tackle all sorts of Catholic topics, news and answer your questions too. You can watch the podcast on YouTube, or listen on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music and more! Visit https://linktr.ee/thecatholicbuzz for all the links, or follow on Facebook (@thecatholicbuzz) or on Instagram (@thecatholicbuzzpodcast).



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.



THE ALPHA EXPERIENCE

Imagine what it would look like if each one of us invited one person that we already share life with to explore a relationship with Jesus through Alpha and find new hope this year.
We are asking our parishioners to have the courage to invite someone or even sponsor them through the Alpha Experience, where they can come to learn more about faith and ask the tough questions that prevent them from having a relationship with Jesus.

Alpha began Monday, February 6
and continues for 11 weeks each Monday evening
6:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church
A free meal begins each session.
To register and for more information visit
www.alphanorthbay.com

Who will you invite?

Good Samaritan Corner



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

The Daytime Unsheltered Hub, also known as the warming centre, is now open! It is located at 590 Chippewa Street, basement site. The centre is open 7 days a week, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you are able, please consider donating a **clothes rack maximum length 6 feet and on wheels**, cleaning supplies, coats, blankets, dried soup, oatmeal packets, tea and coffee to The Daytime Unsheltered Hub. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bryan Eade at 705-494-0850 or at tgpunshelteredhub@gmail.com

On a calm day, our bodies insulate us somewhat from the outside temperature by warming up a thin layer of air close to our skin, known as the boundary layer. When the wind blows, it takes this protective layer away, exposing skin to the outside air. Our bodies use energy to warm up a new layer and, if each layer keeps getting blown away, skin temperature drops, and we feel colder. Please keep this in mind when considering donating warm clothes for the homeless.

For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/ or contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687 or at compassionnorthbay@gmail.com