01 OCTOBER 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Today's readings are tied together by the theme of conversion. Ezekiel assures that those who turn away from sin shall not die. The Letter to the Philippians encourages unity in turning away from selfishness to emulate Christ. And Jesus' parable favors the son who shamefully indicated defiance, but changed his mind and was obedient. In today's Gospel parable there is a model son, who gives honor to his father by verbally assenting to his father's wishes. But his words are hollow, and his virtue is a mirage. How does our own reality measure up to our Christian ideals? Loving our neighbor sounds like a lovely sentiment until they cut us off on the highway. May Christ who calls us always to conversion help us root out any hollowness and hypocrisy in our own lives that we may truly confess that Jesus is Lord.

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	

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools

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**

READINGS: 02 ~ 08 OCTOBER	
Monday	Exodus 23. 20-23a; Matthew 18. 1-5, 10
Tuesday	Zechariah 8. 20-23; Luke 9. 51-56
Wednesday	Nehemiah 2. 1-8; Luke 9. 57-62
Thursday	Nehemiah 8. 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10. 1-12
Friday	Baruch 1. 15-22; Luke 10. 13-16
Saturday	Baruch 4. 5-12, 27-29; Luke 10. 17-24
Sunday	Isaiah 5. 1-7; Philippians 4. 6-9; Matthew 21. 33-43

THIS WEEKEND LIFE CHAIN

You are invited to attend Life Chain and spend one hour in peaceful, prayerful, support on behalf of the unborn.
Life Chain 2023 will take place on Sunday, October 1 2:00 to 3:00 PM on Lakeshore Drive.
Pro-Cathedral Location begins at Fodor Street standing about 8 feet apart.
Contact Jeannine for information at 724-3424
Please join us as we plant life seeds and save lives!



The Pro-Cathedral Music Department has begun a new season and welcomes anyone who is interested in this special ministry. Singing at the 11:00 AM mass, warm-up takes place at 10:30 AM in the Lower Sacristy. Regular rehearsals are held at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral.

Do you play a musical instrument?
Piano-Violin-Organ? Brass or Wind Instrument?
Our music ministry could use your talents!



If you have a love of music and want to be involved, call Jane at the parish office, 472-3970, Ext. 202.

When you sing you pray twice!

Sunday Collection:	24 September 2023
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,817.55	**$615.00**

We need your Support!

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	**$147,350.81**
Sunday, 24 September	
Roof Loose	$ 524.40
31 Receipted Donations	$ 1,280.00
Orchard Gift Card Sales	
34 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$ 170.00
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$149,325.21**

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 02 October - Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 03 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Lloyd Voisin - Katherine Voisin and Family
Emile Lamothe - Ella Lamothe

Wednesday, 04 October - Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Int. of Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 05 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Lou Gosselin - Maria Gosselin
Intention of Noreen Kelly - Robert and Judy

First Friday, 06 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

4:00 PM Saturday, 07 October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
In Thanksgiving for our Church Community and Friends - Adetola and Tayo Adebanji

Sunday, 08 October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Dolores O'Connor - Brenda Lecours-Bowker
In Thanksgiving for our Church Community and Friends - Adetola and Tayo Adebanji

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

Sunday Liturgy With Children

Each Sunday 9 AM Mass

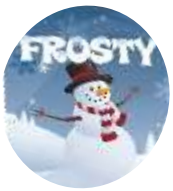


Sunday Liturgy With Children is held every Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass from September until June for all children ages 4-12 years old. The focus of each group is to incorporate a variety of experiences that appeal to a young child's natural sense of wonder about God.

Children are welcome to start at anytime of the year, however, September is the appropriate time because there is a progression to their experiences and time is spent introducing the children to the Celebration of God's Word.

"Wireless communication is nothing new, I've been praying for 75 years!"





Catholic Women's League
Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea
Saturday, November 18
10 AM to 2 PM - Parish Hall

Once again, spectacular and creative center pieces will decorate the Tea Room tables and serving tables during the CWL Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea to be held in the Parish Hall. These center pieces are fashioned by Annette Dutrisac out of reused coffee cans. If you have 631 g or 925 g sized coffee cans to donate, please call Annette at 471-9922 or email annettedutrisac@gmail.com



We will need 13 small cans and 1 or 2 large cans. She will need time to make these spectacular center pieces, and so please consider donating your cans as soon as possible. Did you know that these cans will also be for sale during the bazaar? Just think, you can take home one of these unique Christmas decorations for only $20 for the small size, and $25 for the large size!

Get your tea tickets! Available at the door but why wait? Purchase your tea tickets early from either Louise Defonzo, 494-7474 or 825-3440, or Leah Pierce, 472-5687. **Tea tickets and raffle tickets** will also be sold at the back of the church beginning this weekend.

It's not too late to be a **volunteer** - check out the list of conveners at the back of the church.

Mass for the Bereaved & The Book of Life



On November 2nd, we traditionally celebrate All Souls Day - a way of remembering and celebrating the lives of all those who have died.

This year, our celebration will be held at the 11:00 am mass on Sunday, October 29.

Everyone is welcome to attend this mass and we extend a special invitation to those who have lost a loved one in the last year.

Each year at this time we also update "The Book of Life," our parish book that records the names of our deceased loved ones. The names of all those who have died from our parish during the past year (01 November 2022—26 October 2023) are recorded on the front page. For anyone who would like to update their page or add a page for their deceased loved ones, please contact the parish office for direction.

All through November, the books will be open on display in the sanctuary. If you have lost a loved one in the last year call the office or drop us a note through the collection with the name of the deceased and your name and telephone number.
All names must be received by Thursday, October 26.



OUR YOUTH NEED YOUR PRAYERS

Be a Confirmation Prayer Partner!

Be in prayer for one of our youth as they go through the Confirmation process this fall.

Receive the first name of a youth, and pray for this young person as they learn about our church and accept God's love given to them at baptism in confirmation of their faith.

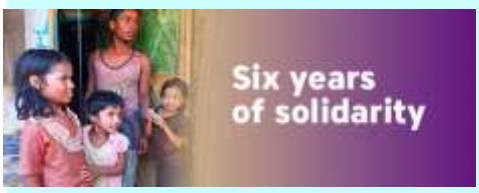
You are invited to give them a congratulations card, purchased or handmade (please—no gifts) which will be given to them with their Confirmation Certificate. *You can choose to sign or not sign your card for the candidate.*

You are also welcome to attend the Confirmation Celebration on November 4 at 1:30 PM at the Pro-Cathedral.

By becoming a Prayer Partner you are agreeing to regularly pray for a candidate. Regular prayer depends on you - weekly, daily, or however often you pray! Your accompanying a candidate preparing for Confirmation can make a significant difference in their life of faith and discipleship. **Call or email the Parish Office if you would like to be a Prayer Partner.**

October is Missionary Month
World Mission Sunday Collection—October 22

Pope Francis calls us to develop the passion for evangelization, which is a vital dimension for the Church. The theme chosen for the 97th World Mission Day is **"Hearts on fire, feet on the move"** inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus draws the attention on doing God's will and the struggle with oneself. The son who says no to his father, but carries out the task, is better than the one who says yes, but disobeys. With these words, "Son, go out and work in the vineyard today," Jesus invites us, through mission, to be a Church that welcomes sinners who have been touched by conversion. Also, a Church that invites everyone to work in the Lord's vineyard!
The universal collection for World Mission Day is unique: its fruits are distributed worldwide, according the needs of the poorest dioceses so that each bishop has the means for the formation of catechists, solidarity, priestly vocations and consecrated life, education and health care. Please be generous.



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, Caritas Bangladesh and the Rohingya and Bangladeshi communities thank you for your generous response to the Rohingya refugee crisis. Since 2017 Development and Peace has provided humanitarian aid, hope and comfort to over 99,600 Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

For a full report, visit our website at procathedral.ca under OUTREACH/Development and Peace.

The Catholic Community of Volunteers is back in the hospital.

The availability of the Eucharist to patients is on Wednesday, Friday and Sundays.

Those who identify as a member of the Catholic Community and wish to receive Eucharist must authorize the visitation as volunteers ***do not have access to patient lists to determine what patients are Catholic.***

If someone is not already on the visitation list, they or a family member can contact Deacon Rick Hamelin at 705-476-8115 or Hospital Chaplain Services at 705-491-0318 to arrange to receive the Eucharist.

Development Fall Retreat & Workshop "We Stand for the Land, Mother Earth" *October 13-15* Inter-generational retreat at the beautiful Anishinabe Spiritual Centre in Espanola, Ontario. We will be reflecting and sharing time together around themes of social justice, putting faith into action, eco-spirituality, and walking in solidarity with Indigenous peoples. Cost: *Includes registration, six meals and two nights lodging.* Members of D&P in the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie: Adults: $160, Cost for all other Adults: $250. Youth aged 18-35, eligible for subsidized cost. For more information and to register, please contact: Yovita Gwekwerere - ygwekwerere@laurentian.ca, 705-988-1950 or Selina Hunt at shunt@devp.org, Cell: 249-356-5655.

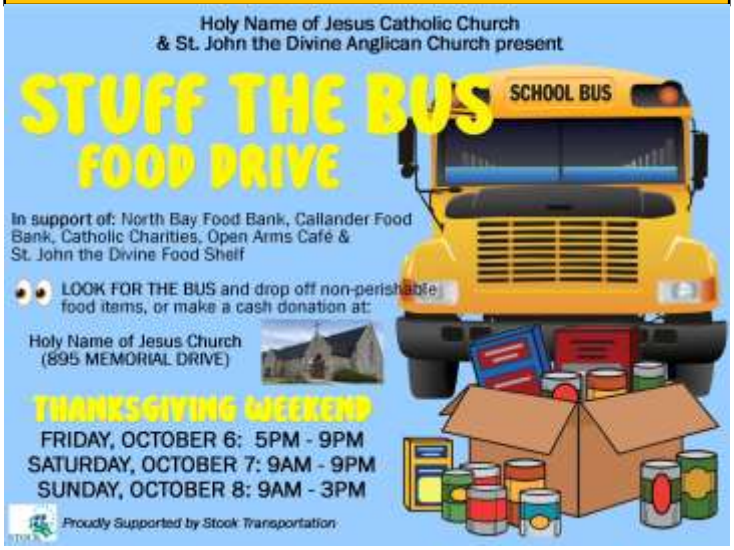


The Pro-Cathedral Prayer Line consists of a group of parishioners who pray for the needs of others.

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

Catholic Charities is run out of the basement of the Pro-Cathedral Rectory - show your support and donate to the Stuff the Bus Food Drive!



Pray During the Day! Holy Name of Jesus Church is open daily **Tuesday to Friday from 11:30am to 4:30pm** for prayer in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You can pop in at any time, for how long or how short you would like. Take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to spend time with our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

Marriage Preparation: The next preparation date is November, 24-25 at Holy Name of Jesus. Please call Samantha Briggs at 471-3284 to register.

Join us in a **Public Square Rosary Rally** on Saturday, October 14 at 12:00 Noon at St. Peter's Church (side parking lot). Sponsored by Canada Needs our Lady - Everyone Welcome!

Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles designed and produced by Blessed Carlo Acutis and animation by Mrs. Louise Normandeau—St. Vincent de Paul Church October 27, 28,29 (time to be announced). Free exhibition has toured the world and is recognized by the Catholic Church. Call the parish office at 472-2850 for more information.

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Join us for food, fellowship and faith Saturdays at 7:00 AM at St. Peter's Parish Hall. Learn more at tmiy.org. Register at tmiynorthbay.ca

CLAY is a fun, faith-filled youth group led by parent volunteers, for grades JK-grade 5. Join us Thursday nights from 6:30- 8pm beginning on October 5 at St. Joseph's Parish, Powassan. Contact Jessica Shepherd- 705-497-6219 for more information.

Shalom Place—Ministry of The Sisters of St. Joseph Sault St. Marie offering a Zoom Gathering November 4 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM facilitated by Janet Norman. **Looking for a prayer to help you draw closer to God**? Looking for a prayer that speaks to your real life? Looking for a prayer that challenges you? All of this in everyday words that you can understand! **Register** by email at shalomssm@shaw.ca; by phone at 705-254-4690, or on our website at www.shalomplace.ca **Deadline for registration is Wednesday November 1** Your **freewill offering** helps to support our ministry.

The Good Samaritan Corner

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

University Students in Need of Food

The Nipissing University Student Union (NUSU) has noticed a drastic increase in food bank usage. To raise funds for the NUSU Student Food Bank they are holding two fundraisers. They are selling colouring books for $10 each, and also selling owls, hedgehogs or bear stuffies for $35 for the 12-inch or $25 for the 8-inch stuffy.

Please visit the Student Centre at 221 College Drive, either at the information desk (2nd floor - takes cash, debit or credit card) or at the Bay Bistro restaurant also at 221 College Drive (takes cash).

Information desk is open Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 4: 30pm. The Bay Bistro is open Monday - Friday, 11:30am to 8:30pm.

For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay please visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/ or contact Leah Pierce at 705-472-5687 or at Compassion-NorthBay@gmail.com