10 SEPTEMBER 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Ezekiel, in today's first reading, is appointed watchman to guide his people in the ways of the Lord. In the second reading, Paul describes to the Roman Church how love fulfills the entire law and satisfies every commandment. The Gospel includes Jesus' instructions for navigating conflict and correcting those who sin. He concludes by saying that he is present when people gather in his name for prayer. The liturgical gathering makes Christ present in numerous ways, such as through the proclamation of the word of God and in the Eucharist. Perhaps the most overlooked reality of Christ's presence comes through the physical gathering of God's people, who are instructed to owe nothing to anyone except love. This love between us makes God presence visible on earth.

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	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

READINGS: 11—17 SEPTEMBER

Monday	Colossians 1. 24—2.3; Luke 6. 6-11
Tuesday	Colossians 2. 6-15; Luke 6. 12-19
Wednesday	Colossians 3. 1-11; Luke 6. 20-26
Thursday	Numbers 21. 4-9; John 3. 13-17
Friday	Hebrews 5. 7-9; John 19. 25-27
Saturday	1 Timothy 1. 15-17; Luke 6. 43-49
Sunday	Sirach 27. 30-28.7; Romans 14. 7-9; Matthew 18. 21-35



A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, September 19 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 18. *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*

Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



Winner of the AUGUST 2023 Draw of $635.00 is Nancy Heale (Ticket #D-1202)

Congratulations!

Raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay, Ontario under License #RAF1286202. Each draw is generated by computer and the winner is chosen randomly. Rafflebox is a government regulated raffle provider.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

Sunday Collection:	03 September 2023
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,082.75	**$865.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	**$142,829.91**
Sunday, 03 September	
Roof Loose	$ 488.05
36 Receipted Donations	$ 518.00
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$143,835.96**

The Roof Campaign Goal is to raise $1,000,000 in 5 years. In order to reach our 2023 goal of $200,000 we will need to raise an additional $56,164, or $3,303/week by December 31 - 17 Weeks of Opportunity! We can do it with your support! You are helping every time you donate, attend special events and by your purchase of Orchard Cards and 50/50 tickets.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 11 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 12 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Anne Holowchak - Ray and Marlene Walter
Jim Mallory - Teresa Cotter
Intention of Jessica Costa and Family - Robert and Judy

Wednesday, 13 September - Memorial of St. John Chrysostom
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Greg Evans - Therese Evans
Tom Lafontaine - Margaret Ann Lafontaine
Intention of David Parker - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 14 September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Merle Jordan - Lisa and Art Henry
Intention of Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, 15 September - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
Lidia Rossi - The Family
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner
Intention of Robin MacDonald - Elsbeth Dillig

4:00 PM Saturday, 16 Sept. - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Joseph Kelly - Robert and Judy
Leo Morrissette - Kim Morrissette
Lucille Desormeau - Claudette St. Louis

Sunday, 17 September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Leo Ricardo - The Family
Barbara Thomas - Nipissing-Parry Sound C.D. School Board
Rosetta Zedisco - Luigia Palladino

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



New to the Pro-Cathedral?
Please Register so we can get to know you better!
Email: office@procathedral.ca



SEPTEMBER TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Visit our Homepage: procathedral.ca

Tickets Amount

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

Purchaser must reside in Ontario.

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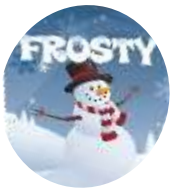
REGISTER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27 ~ CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation preparation for students in Grade 7, 8, 9, 10 or older will begin in September so please register soon. Candidates should have celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Communion. If your child is missing these sacraments and wishes to be confirmed—contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Sessions and the Day of Retreat will be celebrated together as a region, however, *candidates from the Pro-Cathedral will celebrate their confirmation here at our parish.*

Preparation Dates can be found on our website at procathedral.ca under SACRAMENTS/CONFIRMATION

Program beings on September 28. Candidates who miss the Confirmation Retreat on September 30 will not be permitted to participate. Registration Deadline is September 27.



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

Knitters, start your knitting! If you have knitted items to donate and wish to have them picked up, please call Mary-Lynn Truchon, Convener, at 474-3082 to arrange a pickup time at your convenience.





Bakers, start your baking! Last year, the bake table sold out in under an hour! In addition to the tasty treats and yummy delectables for sale at the bake table, donated baked goods are also used to support the Tea Room. Contact Theresa Duffy at 472-9036 for more information. Your treats are part of the reason people keep coming back to our CWL Bazaar & Tea - give Theresa a call!

Please contact a convener if you can donate to the bazaar & tea. We are looking for baking, brand-new items for the penny table & silent auction, knitting, and gently loved items for the Heritage & Hidden Treasures table.



Bazaar Convener/Publicity: Leah Pierce	**472-5687**
Bazaar Co-Convener: Louise Defonzo	**494-7474**
Greeter/Decorations: Annette Dutrisac	**495-3584**
Tea Room: Kelly MacInnis	**476-5146**
Kitchen: Shirlene Condie	**493-0718**
Baking: Theresa Duffy	**472-9036**
Knitting: Mary-Lynn Truchon	**474-3082**
Heritage & Hidden Treasures: Patricia Fassl	**494-0614**
Silent Auction: Louise Defonzo	**494-7474**
Penny Sale: Judy Kelly-Manary	**476-5638**
Phone Committee: Lorraine Atchison	**474-0613**
Raffle: Sue Gribbons-Shrubsole	**705-915-0276**

Catholic Women's League

Everyone is invited! We are looking for people who would like to participate in "The Living Rosary" on October 4 at 7:00 PM. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow.



Join us as we gather to share in praying the Rosary together. We are hoping for at least 60 people to join us—more would be lovely!

For more information on how you can participate, please contact President, Annette Dutrisac by email at annettedutrisac@gmail.com or call 705-495-3584 and leave a message.



"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." (Mt. 18: 20)

Christ is present to us in many different ways: In his Word, in the Mass, in the community of believers at prayer, and in the poor, vulnerable and suffering among us. He is especially present in the Eucharist, his true body and blood, soul and divinity. Let us also be mindful of his presence in the person of his priest, as he offers the sacraments to the faithful. May we always be aware of Christ's presence with us.

Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain,
Archbishop William E. Lori

Regional Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Holy Name. *We need adorers*—call Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.

Sunday Liturgy With Children

GATHERINGS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17

Sunday Liturgy With Children is held every Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass from September 17 to June 23 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.



The Gospel message is geared to your child's level of understanding

The Liturgy of the Word with Children is an opportunity for the children in the parish to LISTEN to the readings from scripture and RESPOND in their own words what the readings are saying to them. The children can move and sing in a response to prayer. We can PRAY and PRAISE God with words but we can improve or enhance our prayer with MUSIC.

Children are invited to leave the assembly after the Opening Prayer at the invitation of the Celebrant.

The leader receives the children's lectionary from the celebrant and holds it high as children are led to their place of worship. The children are welcomed and we begin with an Opening Prayer. The First Reading is proclaimed followed by a moment of silence. The Psalm is then sung by the children often accompanied by clapping or some other form of activity. Alleluia is sung with actions. The leader proclaims the Gospel and a reflection based on the reading is led by the leader. The Creed is then proclaimed followed by the Prayers of the Faithful.

The children return to their Families at this point in the liturgy.

EACH SUNDAY there is a team of adults who are present during The Liturgy of the Word with Children to assist with any concerns. (eg. Washroom)

Security at the Pro-Cathedral

We need everyone's help to ensure that our building is safely locked up. Here are a few things you can do:

⇒ Last out? Double-check doors are pushed closed after leaving so they latch. Try them. Sometimes they stick on the threshold and don't close properly.

⇒ If you are inside and have locked the Upper Sacristy door, or outside when leaving, push on it to ensure it has latched properly.

⇒ Double-check after using your fob that the door is latched and locked.

⇒ Ensure that windows that have been opened during any gathering are shut and locked before leaving.

Thank you everyone for your usual cooperation!



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



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

Anishinabe Spiritual Centre—**Damigoong Bimiikaadwining:** Mission: to raise up Indigenous leaders in a fully alive Indigenous Catholic Church. *Come, hear, and encounter the voice and action of God's love* September 15, 16. Three sessions: Friday evening: Faith Sharing Circle 7-9; Saturday 09:00-12:00; Saturday 2:00-4:00, and end with Mass. Fee for attending in person is $35, which includes overnight accommodation and breakfast and lunch. Those arriving early on Friday are invited to attend and contribute to a potluck dinner at 5:30. This is a hybrid **(in-person and zoom)** event. A Zoom link will be sent out prior to the event. Contact Rosella, 705-859-2594 or Fr. Paul, 705 859-3259 if you will be attending.

Near North Palliative Care Network hosts a "Monster March" on October 21 at the North Bay Museum, a charity trick-or-treat down the waterfront. Functioning like a walkathon, you can register online, create teams, and track pledges. We'll have family games, goodies for the kids, and live entertainment. All money raised will support our ongoing community services: advocacy, bereavement support, palliative care, education, caregiver respite, and friendly calls. Our walk can be found at https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/nnpcn/p2p/monstermarch2023/

The Good Samaritan Corner



The calendar may read September; however, the weather feels like July or August! The homeless in North Bay are very much affected by the weather no matter the season. Hot temperatures can lead to heat exhaustion and heat stroke, while cold temperatures can lead to hyperthermia. Here are some tips if you see someone that is homeless in the hot or cold:

1) Save a life - call 911
2) Buy something cold or hot to eat or drink
3) Make a handout care package – fruit, granola bars, pre-packaged cookies, pre-packaged cheese and crackers, packaged chocolates, warm socks, ball cap, and gloves, gift cards to a local grocery store, lip balm, a handwritten note with a message of kindness
4) Donate to a charity that supports the homeless such as Low Income People Involvement of Nipissing https://lipinipissing.com/

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