17 SEPTEMBER 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The first reading teaches that in order to be forgiven, one must forgive. In the second reading, Paul teaches that none of us lives and dies for oneself, but together for the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the debtor who refuses to share with others the mercy he has been shown by his master. We are all the same flesh: fellow sinners, servants, and debtors, and God's mercy is for us all. We cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. We must forgive as we have been forgiven. In the community of God's covenant, mercy is shared, not seven times but seventy-seven times, as Jesus teaches.

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.

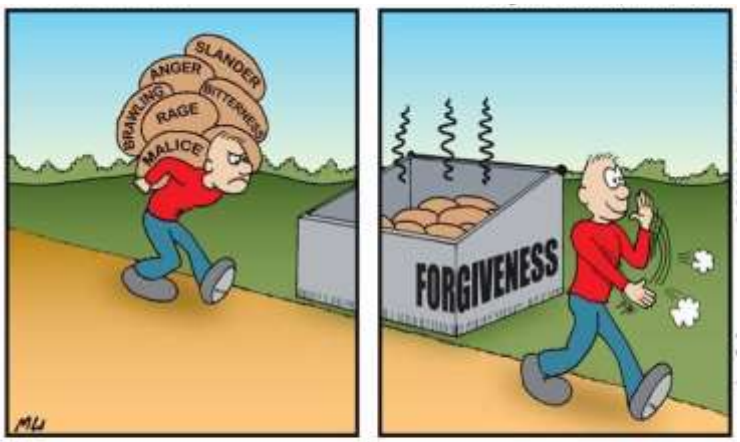
OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK	
Monday to Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

READINGS: 18—24 SEPTEMBER	
Monday	1 Timothy 2. 1-7; Luke 7. 1-10
Tuesday	1 Timothy 3. 1-13; Luke 7. 11-17
Wednesday	1 Timothy 3. 14-16; Luke 7. 31-35
Thursday	Ephesians 4. 1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9. 9-13
Friday	1 Timothy 6. 2c-12; Luke 8. 1-3
Saturday	1 Timothy 6. 13-16; Luke 8. 4-115
Sunday	Isaiah 55. 6-9; Philippians 1. 20-24, 27; Matthew 20. 1-16



Did you know that Development and Peace have raised more than $760,000 through the sale of your donated stamps to passionate philatelists?

Keep clipping your stamps from the corner of your mail (without damaging the stamp) and drop them off to the parish office or through the collection basket.



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.

Sunday Collection:	10 September 2023
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,400.31	**$925.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	**$143,835.96**
Sunday, 10 September	
Roof Loose	$ 518.35
38 Receipted Donations	$ 1,609.15
Orchard Gift Card Sales	
5 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$ 25.00
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$145,988.46**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 18 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 19 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Ron Sutcliffe - The Lis Family
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, 20 September - Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gŏn, Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-Sang & Companions, Martyrs
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Jim Mallory - Frances Dignan
Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
Intention of Ray and Marlene Walter - Robert and Judy

Thursday, 21 September - Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle
Tamara Holowchak - Ray and Marlene Walter
Intention of Sheila Levesque - Ella Lamothe

Friday, 22 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Jean Lukasik - Margaret Lunney
For Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

4:00 PM Saturday, 23 Sept. - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Irene Gaudette - Mary Lou Smith
Intention of Colleen Klein - Judy and Colleen
Intention of Adetola and Tayo Adebanji

Sunday, 24 September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Merle Jordan - Art and Lisa Henry
Jim Mallory - Liz Foisy

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



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.

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



$25 Gift Cards

ORCHARDS

Available at Parish Office

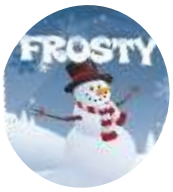
REGISTER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27 ~ CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

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

Donations to the Penny Table can be dropped off anytime to Karen at the Parish Office. Please contact Judy Kelly-Manary at 476-5638 for more information.

All proceeds will go to enhance the lives of the marginalized in North Bay.

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**

You don't have to be a CWL member to donate!



New to the Pro-Cathedral?

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium and the Prepared Environment

The prepared environment is a Montessori concept that the environment can be designed to facilitate independent learning by the child. In a prepared environment, children work with materials of their own choice and at their own pace. They experience a combination of freedom and self-discipline in a place especially prepared to meet their developmental and spiritual needs.



Catechist Suzanne is reading the parable passage as the children move the wooden pieces.

The catechist prepares the materials for the children then introduces the material by modeling how they are used. After a material has been introduced children have the freedom to work with it. The Atrium is full of materials that reflect the life of Jesus and the life of the Church. The Atrium is a prepared environment, created specifically to meet the spiritual needs of children 3 to 12 years of age. Visit the atrium in the hall when you need to take a stroll downstairs at the Pro-Cathedral.

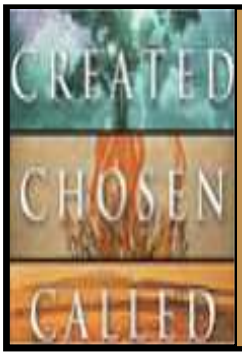


Older children work independently with the materials of choice.



Books of the Bible and preparing the cruets and chalice.





IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

VISIT WWW.BEAPRIEST.CA

Or Call Fr. Daniele at 495-1501 for More Information



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.**

Forgiveness is not an occasional act,
it is a constant attitude."
Martin Luther King, Jr.



North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre

Offering guidance, support and layettes to new moms.

If you can donate diapers, wipes, baby wash, etc.

call 475-9270 or email: NBPHRC@hotmail.com



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



Wow! Last Saturday morning we had 30 men meet at 7:00 AM for fellowship and to grow in the faith. It's not too late for men to join the program. 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 Watch a video clip on our Facebook Page or Website under Current News for more information.

Catholic Young Adults Prayer and Pizza Night: For Young Adults aged 18-35 join us on Friday, September 22 at 7pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church. We begin with a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a make-your-own-pizza social and games! All are welcome to attend!

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

Are you downsizing? Have your baby birds finally left the nest? You may be looking for a home for your gently used furniture. Well, you are in luck! Low Income People Involvement (LIPI) of Nipissing is looking for used furniture. Often when people move from a shelter to an apartment, they must start all over, having nothing to set up a home. This is where you come in! Please contact LIPI at LIPI@LIPInipissing.com or at 705-472-1337 to make arrangements for pick up.

Did you know that the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay is on Facebook? Please visit us at https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay

There, you will find inspirational messages, the latest news on the homeless and ways you can help our brothers and sisters in need in North Bay.