24 SEPTEMBER 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!

Isaiah proclaims that God's ways are above our ways, and his thoughts are above our thoughts. Saint Paul writes that he longs to be with Christ, yet wishes to remain on earth to minister in his name. The Gospel passage tells of the vineyard owner who hired laborers throughout the day and yet paid them all the same. In the Gospel, the workers hired first entered into a legal contract with the owner. Those hired later were promised what is just. They trusted in the owner's concept of "just." Those hired last weren't promised anything, yet they went to work. The landowner was generous to all who labored for him, giving to all what he chose to give.



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: 25 SEPT ~ 01 OCT	
Monday	Ezra 1. 1-6; Luke 8. 16-18
Tuesday	Rev. 7. 9-17; 2 Cor. 4. 7-15; Luke 9. 23-26
Wednesday	Ezra 9. 5-9; Luke 9. 1-6
Thursday	Haggai 1. 1-8; Luke 9. 7-9
Friday	Revelation 12. 7-12a; John 1. 47-51
Saturday	Zechariah 2. 1-5, 10-11; Luke 9. 43b-45
Sunday	Ezekiel 18. 25-28; Philippians 2. 1-11; Matthew 21. 28-32

In preparation for the *XVIth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops*, we are invited to pray for the success of the Synod Assembly which will be held in October at the Vatican. Let us support the *XVIth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops* with our prayers.

Prayer for the Synod

Lord Jesus Christ, whom the Father has commanded us to listen as his beloved Son, shed your light upon your Church, so that she might have nothing more holy than to listen to your voice and follow you. You are the Supreme Shepherd and Ruler of Souls. Look then upon the Pastors of your Church gathered in these days with the Successor of St. Peter in synod assembly. We implore you to sanctify them in truth and confirm them in faith and love.

Lord Jesus Christ, send forth your Spirit of love and truth on the bishops in synod and on all who assist them in fulfilling their task. Make them more faithful to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches; stir their souls and teach them truth by that same Holy Spirit. Through their work, may the faithful of their Churches be purified and strengthened in spirit, so that they might greater follow the Gospel through which you accomplished salvation and they might make of themselves a living offering to the heavenly Father.

May Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God and Mother of the Church, assist the Bishops in these days, as she assisted the Apostles in the Upper Room, and intercede with motherly affection to foster brotherly communion among them, to allow them to rejoice in prosperity and peace in the calmness of these days, and, in reading the signs of the times, to celebrate the majesty of the merciful God, the Lord of History, to the praise and glory of the Most Blessed Trinity, Father Son and Holy Spirit. Amen



New to the Pro-Cathedral?

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

Sunday Collection:	17 September 2023
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,891.95	**$524.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	**$145,988.46**
Sunday, 17 September	
Roof Loose	$ 710.20
28 Receipted Donations	$ 582.15
Orchard Gift Card Sales	
14 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$ 70.00
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$147,350.81**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 25 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 26 September - St. Jean de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues
Linda Leblanc - Carmela and Tony Campanaro
Intention of Mary Lou Smith - Robert and Judy

Wednesday, 27 September - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Eileen Perreault - Ella Lamothe
Ali Maya Nanalabe - The Pinero Family
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 28 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
John Davis - Mary Lou Smith
In Thanksgiving - Robert and Judy

Friday, 29 September - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner
Intentin of Connor Montgomery - Judy and Robert

4:00 PM Saturday, 30 Sept. - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jim Mallory - Liz Foisy
Carmen Fruci - Cathy Fruci and Family

Sunday, 01 October - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Julia Duggan - Brenda Lecours-Bowker

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.

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**

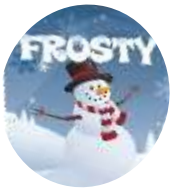
LAST WEEKEND TO REGISTER - MUST REGISTER BEFORE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 28

Registration Link and Preparation Dates can be found on our website at procathedral.ca

Click Sacraments then Confirmation for Details

Candidates who miss the Confirmation Retreat on September 30 will not be permitted to participate.



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



Message from the **Heritage & Hidden Treasures** convener: We are still looking for your precious treasures that need a new home: heirlooms, jewelry accessories (scarves & purses), home décor, games & puzzles as well as toys and Christmas decorations. For more information, contact Patricia Fassl at 494-0614, Heritage & Hidden Treasures convener. We can also arrange to pickup your donations. Thank you!



Get your tea tickets! Why wait to buy them at the door, purchase your tea tickets early from either Louise Defonzo, 494-7474 or 825-3440, or Leah Pierce, 472-5687. Tea tickets will also be sold at the back of the church, along with **raffle tickets** starting on Sunday, October 1st.

It's not too late to be a **volunteer** for the CWL Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea. Please check out the list of conveners at the back of the church.

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

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 495-3584 and leave a message.



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





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!

NEXT 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!

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!



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.

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!

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!

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

The Good Samaritan Corner

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

Crisis Centre Seeking Donations

As the Crisis Centre begins to shift seasons, they are looking to prepare for supporting their clients through the upcoming colder temperatures. They are seeking donations of a variety of items that are frequently provided to those most vulnerable such as the homeless individuals in our community.

These are some of the items that the homeless need: Hand warmers/ Boot warmers (Hot Paws); emergency blankets, socks, hats, gloves, mittens, warm clothing (hoodies, track pants and long underwear are the best); coats, boots, snow pants.

If you are interested in donating, items can be dropped off at the Crisis Centre Administration Office during business hours at 214 Second Avenue West. Financial donations are also welcomed/ appreciated as they assist us to purchase outstanding items. For more information call 474-6488.

For more information about the Compassionate Committee please visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/ or contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687 or at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com

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