12 NOVEMBER 2023

32nd 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 speaks of the attributes of wisdom, and the importance of the love of wisdom, as it is the *perfection of prudence*. In the second reading, Paul encourages people of faith to hold on to hope in the Resurrection. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable where five virgins were ready for the bridegroom and five were not. Those who were not ready missed out on the wedding feast. The Gospel parable reminds us to keep vigil for Jesus. It is easy to get distracted by the details of work, family life, and other responsibilities so that we forget the real purpose and mission of our lives. Let's each take a moment to contemplate how we can live out our vocation in life, readying ourselves for the Lord's coming.

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

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: 13—19 NOVEMBER

Monday	Wisdom 1. 1-7; Luke 17. 1-6
Tuesday	Wisdom 2. 23—3.9; Luke 17. 7-10
Wednesday	Wisdom 6. 1-11; Luke 17. 11-19
Thursday	Wisdom 7. 22—8.1; Luke 17. 20-25
Friday	Wisdom 13. 1-9; Luke 17. 26-37
Saturday	Wisdom 18. 14-16; 19. 6-9; Luke 18. 1-8
Sunday	Proverbs 31. 10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31; 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-6; Matthew 25. 14-30

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday, 13 November to Sunday 19 November

Date	Time	Location	Event
Tuesday	1 PM	Sacristy	The Divine Will Gathering
	6:30 PM	Hall	Right to Life Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	10 AM to 2 PM	Hall & Sacristy	CWL Bazaar & Tea Come Join us!



NOVEMBER 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

Have you ordered your Purdys Chocolate Yet?

See Bulletin Insert for Details



2023-2024 Sunday Missals

Available in Sacristy for Pick Up

$5/EACH

Sunday 05 November 2023

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$3,575.55	$1,107.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	**$160,218.00**
Sunday, 05 November	
Roof Loose	$ 467.60
32 Receipted Donations	$ 615.25
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$161,300.85**

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

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

Tuesday, 14 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Leo Morrissette - Rita Morrissette and Family
Deceased Relatives of Marthe Smith

Wednesday, 15 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Kathleen Belcourt - The Alpha Team
Connie Zimbalatte - Lorraine Atchison

Thursday, 16 November - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Kathleen and Victor Lecours - Brenda Lecours-Bowker
Dec. Members of the Lamothe & Chenette Families - Ella Lamothe

Friday, 17 November - Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Mary Stachow - Ray and Marlene Walter
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

4:00 PM Saturday, 18 November- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Osborne and Adeline Hill - Brenda Passmore and Family
Serafim Carreiro - Maria Carreiro
Rollande Laframboise - Joyce Brooks

Sunday, 19 November - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Marjorie Georgeneau - Gerald Georgeneau
Natasha Dolata - Renata Dolata

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



The celebration of First Reconciliation will be held in March 2024 and First Eucharist will be held in June 2024.

Please pre-register your child now. Preparation Dates as well as the on-line registration form can be found on our website under SACRAMENTS under both Eucharist and Reconciliation.

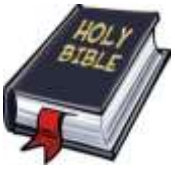
The forms have the option to register for one or both of the sacraments and once completed, they can be emailed to: office@procathedral.ca

Children who have already celebrated Baptism are invited to participate in Reconciliation and Children who have received Baptism & First Reconciliation can register for First Eucharist.

As with all of our sacraments for children, the preparation process takes place "in the midst of the community" especially when it gathers at the Sunday assembly throughout the year. Children preparing for the reception of the sacraments are invited to participate in the Sunday Celebration of the Word with Children at the 9:00 AM mass.

Amy Ekeh – Catholic Digest

"Five good reasons to read the Bible."



1. Get to know God. The Bible is not really a book; it's a library. Its 73 books were composed over the course of many centuries by a variety of authors with different backgrounds, personalities, and purposes. Each book explores who God is from a slightly different point of view. As readers of Scripture, we discover new truths about God at every turn. Some of these truths will resonate with us more than others, and some will strike us more profoundly at various times during our lives.

The variety in Scripture serves us well as we come to know our God, who is both eternally simple and utterly complex. Here in his word, God speaks through human beings, telling us what he most wants us to know about himself. Just as in our human relationships we spend time with others to get to know them better, in Scripture we are given the opportunity to spend time with God and, in doing so, become his friend.

2. Get to know yourself. St. Gregory the Great wrote that Scripture "is set before the eyes of the mind like a mirror, that we may see our inward person in it; for therein we learn the deformities; therein we learn the beauties that we possess." The more time we spend with the Bible, the more we will discover ourselves within its pages. We will recognize ourselves as made in God's image; we will see our own impatience in the rebellions of God's people; we will experience the emotions of the psalms; we will stand by while Christ is crucified; and we will rejoice to find him risen. We must never make the mistake of thinking that the Bible is simply a book about God. It is more accurately a book about God and human beings.

3. Improve your relationships. Because the Bible reveals both God and humanity, it is a precious tool in our lives as we navigate relationships both human and divine. Relationships are the foundation of human life. They give life purpose, they bring us meaning, and they have the potential to remain anchors for us in a world that is constantly changing. The wisdom of the Scriptures can guide us as we learn to sacrifice, forgive, and love one another. (You can find a wonderful example in Colossians 3:12–14.)

4. Be comforted. As the centuries pass and the words of Scripture become ever more ancient, the comfort they bring to believers never changes. Whether it is the proclamation of the psalmist that God is near (see Psalm 139) or the promise of Christ that even every hair on our heads has been counted (see Luke 12:7), the words of Scripture proclaim to us a God who will never leave us nor forsake us (see Deuteronomy 31:6), hides us faithfully in the shadow of his wings (see Psalm 17:8), and will finally wipe every tear from our eyes and declare an end to death, depression, disease, and all the things that plague us (see Revelation 21:4).

5. Be challenged. If we don't feel challenged in our lives, one possible solution might be to read more Scripture! In both his word and our consciences, God prods us forward. He asks more of us than we thought possible. He loves us just as we are, but at the same time, he challenges us to be more. If we aren't feeling that push, that challenge, on a regular basis, we can open our Bibles and sincerely ask God to speak to our hearts. Try reading the Sermon on the Mount (see Matthew 5—7) from start to finish; there is certainly something here to challenge every reader!

Fortunately, the challenge of Scripture goes hand in hand with all of its benefits, including knowing God better, knowing ourselves better, improving our relationships, and being comforted by God's word. Let's open our Bibles and read. We can do this!

Development and Peace — Defending Water and Land in Honduras

A question of Water and Life for Daniel

Jose Daniel Marquez, a 44-year-old farmer, is one of the Guapinol Eight who were detained for over two years. Their "crime" was defending the Carlos Escaleras National Park, home to the sources of the Guapinol and San Pedro rivers. Worryingly for the community, the Guapinol has also been considerably depleted since 2018, even running dry in places. The situation remains very tense for the Guapinol defenders. They continually fear for themselves or their children. Daniel no longer dares to go out alone.





A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, December 12 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, December 11. *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*

WHY REGISTER?

CREATING A COMMUNITY

PARTICIPATE * BUILD UP * CONTRIBUTE * SHARE

Parish life is about our experience of God in community. To create the community, the first step is getting to know one another. If you haven't yet registered, why not pick up a registration form in the pamphlet holder in the church? You can complete the registration pamphlet and either drop the form into the collection basket or to the office directly at 480 McIntyre Street West.

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

See someone new at the Cathedral? Did you know we are all Ministers of Hospitality?

Why not approach this person and say:

- Hi, my name is . . . I've been a parishioner for __ years, I'm not sure if we have ever met.
- What is your name?
- Are you new here?
- Before you leave, let me introduce you to: Msgr. Dave, Fr. Rex, and some other parishioners *(introduce them to your friends and/or ministers in the parish).*
- I hope that I meet you again, I usually sit in this pew. If you are here again next week, please join me.
- Have a nice week!

The Good Samaritan Corner



"What you need to know about helping people who are experiencing homelessness."

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay has partnered with Trinity United Church to offer our second annual information session entitled "What you need to know about helping people who are experiencing homelessness." Frontline organizations and Experts by Experience will be attending and include:

- Tawnia Healy, Community Health Promoter, Healthy Living Program, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unity, and Bryan Eade, Expert by Experience ("See the Person")
- John MacKenzie, Supervisor, Outreach Services, Nipissing First Nation, True Self Debwewendizwin, (Outreach Services)
- Stephen Ellis, Outreach Peer Worker, True Self Debwewendizwin (Expert by Experience)

Please join us on Wednesday, November 29, at Trinity United Church, 111 McIntyre St. E. in the Sanctuary, doors open at 6:30 p.m. You will learn from frontline organizations and those who experienced homelessness how they support people experiencing homelessness in North Bay, what they observe, and an opportunity to ask questions.



Those attending the information session are encouraged to donate hats, mitts, warm socks, scarves, or monetary donations for the purchase of boots and shoes in support of the Winter Boot Campaign which will take place on Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pro-Cathedral.

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

LECTORS

New Workbooks are available for pickup in the Sacristy this weekend. Pick yours up soon!

Plan on getting married in 2024? Register for Marriage Preparation for the weekend of November, 24-25 at Holy Name of Jesus. Call Samantha Briggs at 471-3284 to register.

North Bay Right to Life Religious Christmas Cards for sale. One package of ten cards $8.00, three packages $20.00 To purchase call Lori Jean at 498-2241

Christmas Gift Fundraiser for our clients of North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre. Goal is to raise $4,500.00 to provide a grocery gift card, goodies and a toy for the baby. Follow on Facebook as we colour in the Christmas Tree as donations are raised! Donations can be made in person at our office, 357 Ferguson Street North Bay or by e-transfer at nbphrc@hotmail.com

Community Living North Bay looking for compassionate host families to open their hearts and homes to an adult with an intellectual disability. Reach out to familyhomje@clnb.org or 476-5117 ext. 225 for more information about renumeration, support and relief.

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. Food, fellowship and faith Saturdays at 7:00 AM at St. Peter's. For more information or to register visit: tmiynorthbay.ca

EDGE for students in Grades 6, 7 & 8 - Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8pm beginning November 9! Students are welcome to join us for games, music, prayer, friends and faith at Holy Name of Jesus Church Visit for more info: www.holynamestalphonsus.com/edge

OVER THE EDGE for students in high school Grades 9-12 -Thursdays from 8pm - 9:30pm beginning November 9! Come to support one another in growing as young people who know and love our faith in Jesus. Nights include games, talks, prayer and socializing and take place at Holy Name of Jesus Church or visit for more info: www.holynamestalphonsus.com/overtheedge

CLAY is a fun, faith-filled youth group led by parent volunteers, for grades JK-grade 5. Join us Thursdays 6:30- 8pm at St. Joseph's Parish, Powassan. Contact Jessica Shepherd 497-6219 for info.

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!

Trinity United Cookie Walk Saturday, November 25 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM or until everything is gone! Holiday treats sold by the container—come early! Use side entrance off McIntyre.

Release Back Pack Project—Nursing students at Nipissing are collaborating with the Aids Committee and True Self to fill backpacks with resources to give to prisoners released from custody who have limited resources. Required: non-perishable food items, tarps, socks, hats, gloves, rain ponchos, toiletries, lighters, lip balm, wet wipes, flashlights, etc. For more info email sldudley825@my.nipissingu.ca