19 NOVEMBER 2023

33rd 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 reading from Proverbs says that a worthy wife is a prize valued far beyond pearls. Paul tells the Thessalonians that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night or like labor pains, but that they are children of the light. Jesus tells a parable about three servants who were given talents. The first two servants multiplied their talents and were rewarded. The third servant buried his talent and was punished. The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.

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: 20—26 NOVEMBER

Monday	1 Maccabees 1. 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Luke 18. 35-43
Tuesday	2 Maccabees 6. 18-31; Luke 19. 1-10
Wednesday	2 Maccabees 7. 1, 20-31; Luke 19. 11-28
Thursday	1 Maccabees 2. 15-29; Luke 19. 41-44
Friday	1 Maccabees 4. 36-37, 52-59; Luke 19.45-48
Saturday	1 Maccabees 6. 1-13; Luke 20. 27-40
Sunday	Ezekiel 34. 11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15. 20-26, 28; Matthew 25. 31-46

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday, 20 November to Sunday 26 November

Date	Time	Location	Event
Tuesday	1 PM	Sacristy	The Divine Will Gathering
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Hall	R.C.I.A. Gathering
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium & Hall	Level I, II, III Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



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

Sunday 12 November 2023	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,858.00	**$1,886.90**

REMINDER: For those using envelopes, VISA, or Pre-authorized bank donations — put your name and/or envelope number on your second collection envelopes (the gold envelopes found in the pews) and this amount will be added to your income tax receipt.

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	**$161,300.85**
Sunday, 12 November	
Roof Loose	$ 334.95
32 Receipted Donations	$ 3,047.50
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$164,683.30**

The Roof Campaign Goal is to raise $1,000,000 in 5 years. In order to reach our 2023 goal of $200,000. 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, 20 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 21 November - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Leona Fay - Margaret Lafontaine
Giselle Langlois - Cecile Robert
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, 22 November - Memorial of St. Cecilia
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Lori Blair - The Boudreau and Milligan Families
Peter Holowchak - Ray and Marlene Walter
Mark Stewart - John Follis

Thursday, 23 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Connie Zimbalatte - Marthe Smith
Sherry Willner-Nadrofsky - Lorna Rick and Lorna and Dolores Vester
Arthur Laroche - Cecile Robert

Friday, 24 November - St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
Kathy Belcourt - Jackie and Tony Noonan
Intention of Brett Montgomery - Judy and Robert

4:00 PM Saturday, 25 November - Christ the King Sunday
Terry O'Connor - Brenda Lecours-Bowker
Connie Zimbalatte - Kathy Amo and Patricia Culhane
Katie and Lorne Brownson - John and Carol Rowe

Sunday, 26 November - Christ the King Sunday
9:00 AM Ronald Dunkley - Pedro & Jessica Costa and Family
Kathy Belcourt - Joanna and Kevin Yarosh & Family
Intention of Rick Hamelin - Jeannette Hamelin

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.

Note Purchase Deadline!

CWL CHRISTMAS DINNER
(The Feast of St Nicholas)

Tickets are now available for our Annual Christmas Dinner and can be purchased at all Masses as well as at the Parish Office. **Final date of purchase is November 28**. Contact Annette Dutrisac 495-3584 and Vicki Doucette 472-2388.

Ticket $30. Cocktails 5:30 followed by Dinner, catered by Savoir Faire, consisting of a Stuffed Roast Pork loin and all the trimmings, including a fabulous dessert.

This dinner bids farewell to your Current Council and Welcomes in the new Council for 2024-2026. ***A fun-filled evening has been planned so don't miss out!***



In lieu of exchanging gifts with each other, **your Council has looked into the needs of our community and asks that you bring new warm items such as socks, hats, scarves for both adults and children.** Your generosity, especially of this Feast Day of St Nicholas is most apropos.

Annette Dutrisac, President



Catholic Charities Food Collection next weekend!

Distribution from our Catholic Charities Food Bank (located in the basement of the Rectory) takes place Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

Please bring them with you to church or drop them off at the parish office during office hours.

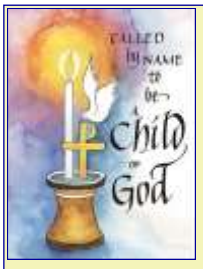
Whatever you can spare … we can share! ♥

Also looking for these items to go with bread:





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.*



Congratulations to the following families who recently celebrated the baptism of their children!

Mark Archibald & Samantha (Rayner) on the baptism of their son, AUSTIN MICHAEL ARCHIBALD

Anthony Tessier & Alysha (Way) on the baptism of their daughter, ALIVIA JADE TESSIER

May your lives be filled with love and peace and may God bless and protect your child!

Development and Peace ~ Stand for the Land

Around the world, defenders of human rights and the environment are criminalized, persecuted, imprisoned and even killed. Front Line Defenders reports1 that in 2022, a record 401 human rights defenders were murdered, nearly half of whom had been working for land, environmental and Indigenous peoples' rights. Latin America was the most dangerous region in the world for them, with Honduras ranking fifth worst.

Since 2014, some 135 Hondurans have been killed for defending their communities, territories or the environment, with 95% of the murders going unpunished.3 Particularly vulnerable are Indigenous peoples protecting their ancestral lands, the most emblematic of whom was the Lenca leader Berta Cáceres, who was assassinated on March 3, 2016.

For over 25 years, activists have been campaigning to preserve their water and land in the Guapinol region and the San Pedro sector. Between 2010 and 2014, more than 150 peasant farmers were killed or disappeared in the Aguán Valley.5 The huge palm oil plantations have led to:

- Deforestation and biodiversity loss
- Pesticide and fertilizer pollution and the drying up of streams and rivers
- Territorial conflicts between local communities, Indigenous peoples and corporations
- The loss of livelihoods among peasant and Indigenous communities

As part of the campaign, we are writing a letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada, asking her government to:

- Fairly recompense the Guapinol Eight and their families
- Bring the killers of the slain defenders to justice
- Cease all mining in and restore Carlos Escaleras National Park
- Better protect all Honduran environment and human rights defenders

To add weight to the letter and to convey to the Honduran government that Canadians are watching and care, we want to **collect 32,000 signatures on the letter** (1,000 for each of the 32 people charged at the Guapinol camp) by **February 25, 2024**, the second anniversary of the release from prison of the last six of the Guapinol Eight.

Sign the letter and find out more at devp.org/act





Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

Fr. Peter Bodnar, pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Sudbury, will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Mass) in Ukrainian/English on Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 PM at the Pro-Cathedral.

Traditional visit by St. Nicholas follows. Everyone welcome. For more information, please reach us at stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca or 705-665-2869.

The Good Samaritan Corner



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

The Unsheltered Hub, also known as the warming centre, is now open! It is located at 579 Fraser Street, during the hours of 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, any day of the week.

If you are able, please consider donating folding chairs, cleaning supplies, coats, blankets, dried soup, oatmeal packets, tea and coffee, puzzles, books and games to the Unsheltered Hub.

They are also looking for volunteers. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bryan Eade at 494-0850 or at bryaneade@hotmail.com or at bryaneade@thegatheringplacenorthbay.onmicrosoft.com

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

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

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!