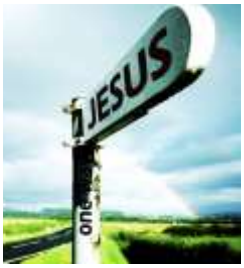
14 January 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The Lord calls Samuel for the first time, but Samuel does not know him. Eli recognizes what is happening and tells Samuel how to answer: *Speak, for your servant is listening*. Paul exhorts the Corinthians to avoid immorality, reminding them that they are united to Christ and their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, John the Baptist directs two of his disciples toward Jesus, who invites them to stay with him. Andrew, one of the two, seeks his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus. What are we looking for in Jesus? Are we looking for a teacher, as the disciples were? A problem-solver? A miracle-worker? Whatever it is that our hearts are seeking, the Lord, the Lamb of God, present here in the Eucharist, invites us to come and stay a while with him. If we dare do so, we, like Andrew, might come to know who Jesus truly is and be transformed by his presence.

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 FOR THE WEEK

Monday	1 Samuel 15. 16-23; Mark 2. 18-22
Tuesday	1 Samuel 16. 1-13a; Mark 2. 23-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 17 32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3. 1-6
Thursday	1 Samuel 18. 6-9; 19. 1-7; Mark 3. 7-12
Friday	1 Samuel 24. 2-20; Mark 3. 13-19
Saturday	2 Sam. 1. 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk. 3. 20-21
Sunday	Jonah 3. 1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7. 29-31; Mark 1. 14-20

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 15 – 21 January

Date	Time	Location	Event
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Hall	ALPHA (See Insert)
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium & Hall	Level I, II, III Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	1:00 PM	Rectory	Liturgy Planning Meeting
Sunday	10:00 AM	Hall	First Reconciliation Preparation Gathering

New Year's Collection - 01 January

New Years	Initial Offering
1,641.45	$702.00

The Epiphany of the Lord - 07 January

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$5,779.40	$693.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance 2024 **$0.00**

Monday, 02 January 2024 - New Year's Day

Roof Loose	$ 298.35
11 Receipted Donations	$ 2,486.65

Sunday, 07 January, 2024

Roof Loose	$ 374.05
28 Receipted Donations	$ 3,544.00
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$ 6,703.05**

The Roof Campaign Goal
is to raise $1,000,000 in 5 years beginning in 2023.

In order to reach our 2024 goal of $200,000
we need your support!

You are helping every time you donate, attend special events and by your purchase of gift cards and 50/50 tickets.

Parish envelopes are now in the church for 2024. Please do not use any of these envelopes until the New Year. Why not consider signing up for pre-authorized donations through your bank account or by using your credit card—it helps the parish have a consistent, reliable offering even when you are away.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 16 - Weekday in Ordinary Time - 12:05 PM
Colleen Klein - Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Intention of Ben Oakes - Ann Sullivan

Wednesday, January 17 - Memorial of St. Anthony - 12:05 PM
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Jim Molnar - Vivian Molnar and Family
Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, January 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time - 12:05 PM
Florence Ricci - Maria Gosselin
Colleen Klein - Robert and Judy
Intention of Richard Levesque - Family Members

Friday, January 19 - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys - 12:05 PM
Susan Levesque - Richard Levesque
Ida Bagno - Mary-Lynn Truchon
Intention of Karen Beaulieu - Celine Mayer

Saturday, January 20 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4:00 PM
Ron Sutcliffe - Rollande Sutcliffe
Angie McGuinty - Katherine Voisin
Deceased Members of the Hanley Family - Gerald and Lynn Hanley

Sunday, January 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Tilley and Des Bean - Wilda and Susan Birch
Anne Baechler - Margaret Lafontaine

11:00 AM Int. of the Pro-Cathedral Parishioners - Fr. 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.

YOUR CHILD IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
On-line Service — January 18 — 7:00 PM

"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10: 27)

Video link: tinyurl.com/stlazarus

Co-presided by Bishop Thomas Dowd, Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and Bishop Anne Germond, Anglican Dioceses of Algoma and Moosonee

This is an ecumenical celebration where Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, and reflect on scripture together. We honour our diversity, through ecumenical dialogue, common action, and relationship-building.



REGISTER NOW!

Preparation begins January 21st

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.



Register soon and book the following dates for First Reconciliation

Preparation takes place in Parish Hall:

Welcome & Tour 10:00 AM	Sunday, 21 January	
Preparation #1	Wednesday, 31 January	6:15 PM
Preparation #2	Wednesday, 21 February	6:15 PM
Preparation #3	Sunday, 03 March	10:00 AM
CELEBRATION	**TUESDAY, 05 MARCH**	**6:15 PM**

Parish Donations ~ Ways to Support

- Parish Envelopes
- Pre-authorized donations from your bank account.
- Credit card donations
- E-transfer music.finance@procathedral.ca
- Use our "Donate Today" button on our website at procathedral.ca
- Download the app Tithe.ly
- Text "GIVE" to 1-833-423-1163 and follow instructions
- Support our Monthly 50/50 RAFFLE

$25 Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards

Cards will be available at the Parish Office and at the Masses on the last weekend of the month — January 27 & 28



Pope Francis January Prayer Intention

For the gift of diversity in the Church. "Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian communities, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church."

DID YOU KNOW? DONATING SECURITIES TO CHARITY SAVES YOU TAX

- Charitable donations of publicly listed securities are exempt from capital gains tax on gains triggered by the gift.
- The donor also will receive a charitable donation receipt for the value of the shares
- No tax on the capital gain and claim for a charitable donation receipt equal to the value of the shares.

If you have investments that you would like to donate to the Pro-Cathedral Roof Campaign, contact the parish office to find out more.

Are you registered? Do we have your current mailing address/phone number/email address?

Please print clearly.

FAMILY NAME: _____ **PHONE #:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **P/C:** _____

FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

1st NAME: _____ **(Adult/Child)** **1st NAME:** _____ **(Adult/Child)**

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Looking for ....

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Hospital Ministry

Do you have 90 minutes per week for one month and for every second month thereafter?

If you do we need you for this important ministry.

Please help us by calling Deacon Rick Hamelin at 476-8115 to find out more about this ministry.

2024 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference

Calling all youth aged 13-19! The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie will once again host the 2024 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference!

The event will be held Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay, Ontario. See all the details at our new website: www.northerncatholic.ca

This event is for ages 13-19 and includes a day full of prayer, music, workshops, games, Catholic vendors and presentations form our Keynote Speaker, David Patterson. David has led the way in youth ministry, high school chaplaincy and most recently through social media by founding Yes Catholic, an organization that calls young people to the Catholic faith by sharing real life stories that have the power to change hearts.

Young people from all over Northern Ontario and beyond are welcome to attend this conference. This day will build up faith and personal gifts and talents to form young Catholic leaders in our communities. Registration opens January 2, 2024.

The Good Samaritan Corner



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

Please consider providing help to the homeless in the cold weather. Here 's how you can make a difference:

1) Contact Emergency Homeless Services – helping the homeless in the cold can save a life. Hypothermia is a genuine concern for those on the streets. Contact the Mobile Crisis Unit, North Bay Police, at 705-472-1234 or the 24-hour Crisis Intervention line at 1-800-352-1141.

2) Volunteer your time – you can make a big difference in the life of people experiencing homelessness. If you are looking for ways to volunteer consider The Gathering Place, the North Bay Food Bank, various churches food shelves, Catholic Charities, or our very own Compassionate Committee for the Homeless!

For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay or contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687 or at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com



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Feeling Smart? Join us for our Trivia Night! North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre Fundraiser, at The North Bay Museum February 3 at 6:30 PM. Hot chocolate bar, prizes and highlights about the Pregnancy Centre. Space for 12 teams of 4 people - and it is only $40/team. Register quickly at 475-9270 or email: contactus@nbphrc.ca

Coming to Stillness: An Invitation to Face Sacred Moments: Is your life too hectic? Out of balance? Do you need renewed energy for your inner life? Why not try a contemplative prayer experience on ZOOM sponsored by Shalom Place and facilitated by Sr Léa Joanisse. Each guided contemplative prayer will include restful music, inspiring meditation material silent moments for personal reflection and optional sharing. Each of the six sessions will be held on the third Monday of the month **beginning January 15, 2024** and last one hour. You may register for all six sessions or any individual session. If you register for an individual session, do so by the Tuesday before the session. Register by email at shalomssm@shaw.ca, on our website at www.shalomplace.ca or by phone at (705) 254-4690. Your financial gift (whatever you can afford) allows the ministry of Shalom Place to thrive and grow. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Young Adults North Bay: January 19 at 7 PM—Holy Name. Faith Study, Talk, & Prayer Time to deepen our faith and strengthen our spiritual connection together; dinner & fellowship to build connections and an iconography workshop guided by skilled instructors, you'll have the opportunity to create a beautiful icon. Just bring your eagerness to learn and express. Come for the faith, stay for the fellowship, and leave with a piece of art that reflects your spiritual journey. Spread the word and invite your friends!

Shalom Place offers - Drawing Closer to Jesus -A ZOOM Retreat with Janet Norman. Would you like to hear again some stories of Jesus? Would a reminder of His compassion be helpful? Would some familiar stories help you draw closer to Jesus? If so, then attend this ZOOM retreat, in the comfort of your own home. Prayer, scripture, stories, reflection, questions, small groups will help us hear in a new way some timeless stories that draw us closer to Jesus. Friday January 26, 7-8 pm; Saturday January 27, 9:30-10:30 am and 1:30-2:30 pm. Register by January 24. Email: shalomssm@shaw.ca; Phone: 705-254-4690. Visit website: www.shalomplace.ca Cost: Your gift allows the ministry of Shalom Place to continue.

Holy Name Ring the Bell Raffle Lottery — Win $25,000: All proceeds to bell tower restoration. Main Prize Draw of $25,000 on Easter Sunday 2024. Early Bird Draw of $1,000 this coming New Year's Eve. Tickets are $20 available at Holy Name or call 495-1501. Must be 18+ to purchase a ticket. Lottery License M853216.

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.