

26 February
2017

8th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!

SOME PEOPLE
ARE SO POOR
ALL THEY HAVE
IS MONEY

**Choose today
whom
you will serve**

The first reading ensures the people of Israel that God will not forsake them. In the second reading, Saint Paul extols us to live in a trustworthy manner so that when God judges and reveals the hiddenness of our hearts, we will be judged worthy. In the Gospel, Jesus encourages his followers to place their trust in God alone. Today's Gospel reminds us that we cannot serve both God and mammon (the desire for material wealth). This means we must choose either to serve our own selfish desires, or choose to serve God and strive to love him above all things. Only one of these choices provides an inexhaustible treasure in heaven. Given this, let us seek in prayer the grace needed to choose wisely.

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.

PASTOR Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse, D. D.
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

RECTOR
Msgr. Dave Tramontini

ASSISTANT
Rev. Rex Lumine

IN RESIDENCE

Msgr. Normand Clement Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools
Rev. A. Man-Son-Hing Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle & St. Elizabeth Temagami

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
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Our faith community dates back to 1886 when we were originally located on Main Street West and called St. Mary's of the Lake and 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.

Parish Liturgies

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: Every Saturday from 3:00 until 3:45 PM.

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: On the First Friday of each month from 10:00 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	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON
TUESDAY to FRIDAY	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

WEEKLY READINGS

27 February - 05 March

Monday	Sirach 17. 24-27, 29; Mark 10. 17-27
Tuesday	Sirach 35. 1-12; Mark 10. 28-31
Wednesday	Joel 2. 12-18; 2 Corinthians 5. 20-6.2; Matthew 6. 1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30. 15-20; Luke 9. 22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58. 1-9a; Matthew 9. 14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58. 9b-14; Luke 6. 27-32
Sunday	Genesis 2. 7-9, 16-18, 25; 3. 1-7; Romans 5. 12-19; Matthew 4. 1-11

WE NEED YOU!

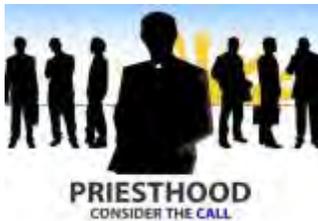
The Pro-Cathedral Music Department welcomes anyone who is interested in this special ministry. Singing at the 11 AM mass, warm-up takes place at 10:30 AM in the Lower Sacristy. Regular rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral.



If you have a love of music and want to be involved, contact Jane for more details at the Music Office ... 472-2032. No special skills needed - bring your voice and join us!

ALSO ...

Do you play a musical instrument – Piano? Violin? Organ? Brass or Wind Instrument? Call Jane - our music ministry could use your talents!



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST? "COME & SEE"!

Have you ever felt that God was calling you to something more? Have you ever considered the possibility of the priesthood? Spend a weekend in prayer, discussion and reflection with priests, faculty and seminarians at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, on March 24-26, 2017.

This weekend is open to all single men 17 years of age and older.

For more information or to register, please contact your parish priest or Fr. Pat Woods, Vocations Director, at [705-949-1072](tel:705-949-1072) or email: pwoods@diocesecentre.com

Agere Contra—This popular Ignatian term means "to act against." It means that we can deliberately choose to go against what our tendency might be. It's useful in avoiding temptation or bad habits but can also stretch us spiritually. So if you realise that Facebook is a bit of an addiction for you, you can practise *agere contra* and give it up for Lent. Maybe you choose to "go against" picking up that gossip mag. Or you find yourself lazy and about to turn on the TV; instead you "go against" and call a friend you need to catch up with. It will certainly stretch you, give you greater attention to your habits and tendencies, and allow you to focus on other things like spiritual reading or quiet time for prayer (or your family).

Weekday Masses
are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 27 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Lillian Sullivan - Ann Sullivan
Vitoria Battigaglia - Nicholas and Michelina Candelaro
Edith Hendry - The Rosary Group

Tuesday, 28 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Ella Mae Markham - The Markham Family
Bill Balfour - Mary Ellen Balfour
Intention of Sr. Shirley McNamara and Remi - Joyce Pitt

Wednesday, 01 March - Ash Wednesday

**** NO Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Today**

12:05 PM Solemn Celebration for Ash Wednesday

5:00 PM Solemn Celebration for Ash Wednesday

Thursday, 02 March - Weekday in Lent

Rose Moher - Diane Carmichael
Monica Edwards - Dave Brennan and Family
Helen McIsaac - Velma Jones

First Friday, 03 March - Weekday in Lent

Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Gloria Tiernay - Art and Family
Emma Vendetti - Domenic and Nicolina Mascioli

4:00 PM Saturday, 04 March - First Sunday of Lent

Marty Martinello - Rachel Pineault
Giuseppe D'Agostino - Domenic and Nicolina Mascioli
Intention of Jack and Monica Sullivan - Brian Sullivan & Family

Sunday, 05 March - First Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Adam Paszkiewicz - Nipissing Elementary Teachers
Intention of Benefactors - E. Roy
Jeanne Paquette - Connie Zimbalatte

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Msgr. Dave Tramontini



UPDATE ON OUR PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY



The directories are here and will be distributed at all masses THIS WEEKEND—February 25 & 26. If you are not attending mass this weekend, please drop by the parish office to pick up your photo directory during office hours. **** Note—directories are only given to those people who participated by having their photograph taken for our parish photo directory. Thank you to everyone who participated and thank you to all of you for your patience waiting for our directories to arrive!**

Collection: 19 February 2017

Sunday Offering

\$5,571.55

Building Fund

\$689.70

Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention

COMFORT FOR THE AFFLICTED

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities

Catholic Women's League

Next General Meeting: Since Ash Wednesday falls on the first Wednesday in March, *the next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 8.*

Family Life News — At the Heart of the Matter

Visit: www.colf.ca Catholic Organization for Life & Family
Promoting respect for human life and dignity,
and the essential role of the family.

North Bay will be hosting this year's 97th Annual Diocesan Convention from April 28 to 30 at the Best Western. For more information please contact Maudena Farnsworth at jfarnsworth64@gmail.com

The new theme for the CWL is Inspired by the Spirit Women Respond to God's Call. The Dove represents the Holy Spirit – advocate, counsellor, intercessor. The Cloud & Light represents living, saving God of glory. The Fire represents transforming energy of Pentecost Disciples. The CWL members respond joyfully to God's call in word and action. The Cross, Anchor & Heart represents Faith – lived, professed, witnessed and spread, Hope – strength to sustain and preserve us, and Love – the first and greatest of all virtues.



Gentlemen ~ Did you know that since the month of December the Pro-Cathedral has served over 400 people during five funeral lunches? **We need you.** Yes we can still use your brawn, but we could also use your talents serving coffee and washing dishes. There are a

million small jobs that need doing by both men and women to support our parish families in their time of grief. Volunteer doing a job that is just right for you and you will feel a sense of fulfillment!

Are You Using These Envelopes?

We have the following envelope numbers being used for 2017 and we do not know who you are. Please call the parish office as soon as possible to identify that you are the user of the following envelopes:

31, 233, 253, 374, 386, 394, 415

ALSO — Please do not use envelopes from any other year than 2017. It affects our record keeping.



The Lenten season is a time to come closer to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

As people of faith, we invite others in our parish, our schools and our community to join us in opening our hearts and to be in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South. We call on them to take action together to build a better world.

For the last 50 years, Canadian Catholics have faithfully responded to the cry of the poor by giving generously to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. We walked side by side with women, men and children who experience the injustice of poverty, no matter where they may be.

In this Jubilee year, we have decided to put forward a theme that is dear to us, a theme that is both a source of hope and a catalyst for change. This Lent, Development and Peace will be joining its voice to that of Pope Francis, who is in his video message of May 3, 2016, invited us to pray with him "that in all countries of the world, women may be honoured, respected and valued for their essential contribution to society."

Together, let us take full advantage of the sacred moment that is Lent to create a space for dialogue that will allow us to contemplate a future of justice and dignity for all. A space to put forward the undeniable contribution of women who are at the heart of Change and who, for the past 50 years have been vital actors in Development and Peace's programs.



What a Success!

discovering
CHRIST

**Meal .. Prayer ..
Video .. Small
Group Discussions**

Discovering Christ has been running for several successful weeks now—what an experience. Here are some comments from participants:

- "From the moment you enter the door you feel welcomed"
- "Great food, great videos, meaningful sharing!"
- "One couple is experiencing it as their "date night" for the week and loving it."
- "Validates my personal journey."
- There is "healing in the sharing of stories."
- "Recognize that I am not alone in my journey."
- "Leaves me with lots of hope."
- "When do you ever get asked "what is the meaning of life, why are you here, is life intentional or random?" "We get to discuss these important questions in a non-judgmental environment."



REGIONAL NEWS

World Day of Prayer 2017 – AM I BEING UNFAIR TO YOU? Everyone is invited to join the World Day of Prayer Service provided by the Women of the Philippines on Friday, March 3, 2017 at 2:00 pm at Trinity United Church. A reception serving pineapple upside down cake will follow the service.

Soup & Card Party 4th Monday of the Month at Holy Name of Jesus Hall. Form a foursome or come with a friend. \$6/person for soup, sandwiches, tea, coffee and a table to play cards until 4:00 PM. Lunch served at noon. **Next party is February 27.** For information or to reserve a table, call Roy at 477-4084 or John at 845-1020. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 12106.

North Bay & Area Right to Life/Pro Vie 27th Annual Spaghetti Meatballs & Lasagna Fundraising Dinner will be held Sunday, March 5 at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Two sittings: 4:15 PM and 5:30 PM. Adults/\$12 Children 3-10/\$5 and Take Out/\$8. Tickets—Call: Harley 752-4105, Nancy 472-6099, Jeannine 724-3424 or Office at 474-3666. Also having a silent auction table. If you have a new or "just like new" or "collectible" item that you want to donate, please call Nicky at 474-3018 and leave a message.

2nd Annual Fest of St. Francesco da Paola Pasta & Meatball Dinner Saturday, April 1 at 5:15 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Coffee, Tea, Salad, Buns & Dessert too! For tickets call 497-1367. \$12/Adults, \$6/Children 11 and under, Free/Children under 5 years of age. Take out is available.

North Bay will be hosting this year's 97th Annual Catholic Women's League Diocesan Convention from April 28 to 30 at the Best Western. For more information please contact Maudena Farnsworth at jfarnsworth64@gmail.com

Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region: Every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to be Evangelizers. For more information call Fran at 476-4146 or Holy Name Parish Office at 495-1501

The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at St. Peter's Parish.

Lenten Retreat Day at St. Joseph's Motherhouse in the Bishop Carter Room on Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 AM to 1:45 PM. Celebration of Sunday Eucharist at 2:00 PM. "As we are taken into Jesus' passion, death, waiting and new life, we will discover, with new eyes, our own answer to the question Jesus posed to Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" Facilitated by Patricia Dennis, B.A., M.R.E. – 35 years experience as a spiritual director, facilitator and teacher of theology. Call the Motherhouse to register at 474-3800. \$30/Suggested Offering

Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs).

St. Joseph's Motherhouse first Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM in Holy Family Chapel and Pro-Cathedral First Friday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

The New Evangelization Summit 2017 is scheduled for May 12-13, mark it on your calendar. Eight great speakers – including Bishop Robert Baron. Cost is \$25.00/person. For more information contact Len Lanthier lanthier@gmail.com 705-724-1368

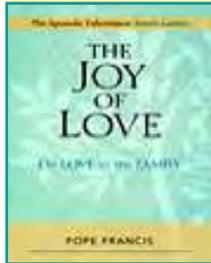
CLAY- (Catholic Love Attitude Yes!) A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, Powassan, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For more information please contact Laurie Dobbs at 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

Join with the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and the Coalition for Healthcare and Conscience in asking the Ontario government to add conscience protection for healthcare workers in Bill 84, the province's new medical aid in dying legislation. EFC President Bruce Clemenger will co-host two webinars this week on the call for conscience protection in Ontario. See TheEFC.ca/Conscience for details. Contact your MPP to request his support

Palliative Care Bill Passes Second Reading – Good News! Private member's Bill C-277 passed second reading in the House of Commons and has gone to the Health Committee for review. This bill requires a palliative care framework to be developed, which would increase caregiver support and data collection, as well as identify palliative care education and training needs. Palliative care is vital for Canadians, and only 30% of Canadians who need palliative care have access to it. Ask your MP to support increased palliative care in Canada.

L'Arche North Bay and Community Living are hosting a Wine and Canvas event on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Davedi Club, 313 Airport Rd. This is a artist-led event and art materials are provided, and conclude with lunch and wine. Cost: \$40. Deadline: March 5. Contact Karen Sherry 474-8673 or karensherry@sympatico.ca

THE EDGE Catholic Youth Group: Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Join us Mondays at 6:45 PM in the hall of St. Joseph's Church, Clark St., Powassan. THE EDGE uses live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, Scripture, crafts and other cool stuff to explore issues about our Faith, solid values, youth concerns and happy living!! No need to pre-register. Call Pauline 724-5964 for information or transportation.



Sister Mae Kierans will facilitate a book study on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family"

No matter who you are, you are part of a family, and Pope Francis wrote this love letter to you. He addresses all the myriad realities of families today with compassion, hope and encouragement.

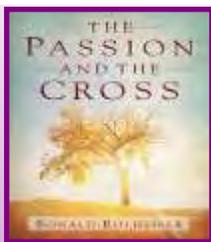
Gatherings 10:00 to 11:30 AM ~ Pro-Cathedral Hall

Saturdays, April 1- 8-22-29, 2017

Cost: \$10/Person for Book

Call Parish Office 472-3970 to Register

Limited Registration — Call Now!



Take a journey into the deeper meaning of Lent with facilitator, Sister Mae Kierans

Ronald Rolheiser, one of the most influential spiritual writers of our day, offers profound reflections on the central mystery of our Christian faith. We will study his beautifully written meditations on the passion and the cross inviting you to a new understanding of redemption and offering insight into the meaning of your own loss and suffering.

Gathering Tuesdays 1:30 to 3:30 PM

7, 14, 21, 28 March 2017

Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall Cost: \$15/ Person for Book

Call Parish at 472-3970 to Register

