

17 JANUARY  
2021

# PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

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

Due to Covid-19 & Provincial Lockdown there are no Celebrations until Further Notice

**Watch our Live-streamed Mass from the Pro-Cathedral  
Saturday, 16 January at 4 PM - View on our Website at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca)**

The Lord keeps calling Samuel, who does not answer him, until Eli advises him how to respond the next time he hears the Lord. Samuel is to say, *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening*. Saint Paul writes the Corinthians, telling them that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and they ought to therefore glorify God in their body. In the Gospel, John the Baptist sees Jesus and declares him to be the *Lamb of God*. Andrew leaves John to follow Jesus, and brings his brother Simon Peter. The youth Samuel hears God's voice but does not recognize it at first. But God keeps calling and with Eli's help, Samuel is finally able to hear God's word. The disciples of John the Baptist follow Jesus at his invitation, and bring along Simon Peter. We often come to serve the Lord through the invitation of others. We can offer that same invitation to those who have not yet heard the Gospel message.

## 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. Thomas Dowd, D.D.  
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

**RECTOR** Msgr. Dave Tramontini **ASSISTANT** Rev. Rex Lumine

### 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

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

Due to the coronavirus new directives are in place for the preparation and celebration of our sacraments. Please call the parish office if you require more information for:



Marriage, Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick.

**Reconciliation** is postponed until further notice. Please watch for updates on our webpage at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca) and on our Facebook Page.



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 CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

EMAIL & TELEPHONE MESSAGES WILL BE PERIODICALLY CHECKED DURING THIS TIME

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK 18 - 24 January 2021

Monday	Hebrews 5. 1-10; Mark 2. 18-22
Tuesday	Hebrews 6. 10-20; Mark 2. 23-28;
Wednesday	Hebrews 7. 1-3, 15-17; Mark 3. 1-6
Thursday	Hebrews 7. 25—8.6; Mark 3. 7-12
Friday	Hebrews 8. 6-13; Mark 3. 13-19
Saturday	Hebrews 9. 2-3, 11-14; Mark 3. 20-21
Sunday	Jonah 3. 1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7. 29-31; Mark 1. 14-20

### WATCH OUR MASS

**Live-streamed from the Pro-Cathedral at 4:00 PM on Saturdays which will remain posted on our website for viewing at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca)**

**The mass link will also be at [facebook.com/procathedral](https://facebook.com/procathedral)**

**The Provincial authorities have announced that the " Lock Down" remains in place. The parish will not be holding masses until the end of this lock down time.**

**Masses will be re-scheduled in the order they were received.**

**Thank you for your patience while we go through this trying time.**

**A dispensation from mass is still in place if you are unable to attend mass.**

**Pope Francis invites us to make a Spiritual Communion — that is to invite Christ in to our hearts, and ask that Christ come close to us, and that we come close to Christ.**

**You can join Pope Francis for Spiritual Communion Posted on Our Website under LINKS at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca)**

### **Catholic Women's League**



I'm sure we never anticipated being in lockdown during the first month of a new year! I know it is a very difficult time for all and the isolation can be very tough. I would still encourage you to phone friends just to chat and have a tea, talk about good things to come, like the arrival of spring and gardens and a time when it will be easier for most to go outdoors. If you are able go for a daily walk, (it doesn't have to be a long one), but the fresh air is most beneficial. That is the one thing I still do each day and it helps.

I pray, that with the vaccine rolling out this year, we will meet and what a celebration it will be. I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

I would like to share a little quote I found from St. Augustine, " Understanding is the reward of faith. So do not seek to understand in order to believe, but believe so that you may understand"

#### **THANK YOU! MERCI! MIIGWECH!**

I am overwhelmed by the generosity of YOU, our parishioners! We collected **500** pairs of socks for those living in shelters! Plus we collected donations of hats, mitts and children's PJ's. These items are a welcome gift for those in need! Thank you to those who took the

time to make hand knit items! They were lovely! Here is a list of the places that benefit from your generosity: The North Bay Crisis Center, The Gathering Place, the North Bay Transition House, The low-barrier shelter, Owl (an indigenous women's shelter) and Hope Awaits (a men's shelter)!

Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, President

**Care for Our Common Home:** Dr. Cory Andrew Labrecque, associate professor of bioethics and theological ethics at the University of Laval and speaker at the League's

Summer Speakers Series, indicated that recycling is important; however, there is a need to focus more on reducing and reusing items. It is important for members to be actively involved in protecting the environment and actively understanding climate change.



How can you reduce your footprint on Mother Earth? What do you have in your home that you can reuse, right now, rather than throw away in the garbage? Try this: Reuse ketchup bottles as a pancake squirter!

Leah Pierce, Education and Health Chairperson

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION!**

**With the extended lockdown, our preparation for Confirmation will be delayed.**



**Even though our preparation is postponed - please register as soon as possible so we can keep in touch with you with further updates.**

Students in Grade 7, 8 or 9 are invited to register now to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation! Our preparation program will begin soon.

Our preparation program brings everyone from across our region to prepare together. Youth will celebrate at the parish where they are registered and attend.

**Registration for all Candidates is available online only at: [www.holynametalphonsus.com/confirmation](http://www.holynametalphonsus.com/confirmation)** A complete list of preparation dates and confirmation procedures can be found here as well.

Our preparation sessions will adhere to all safety protocols and are designed to inspire, have fun, deepen faith and build new friendships.

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

In today's Gospel, John immediately recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God. Hearing this, do the disciples ask for a second opinion or draw up a pros and cons list? Nope. They follow him. They recognize the Messiah and act. Their response of faith challenges us to think less and do more, to worry less and pray more. We may not see Jesus in his human form walking by, but we can see his image in others, and hear him through the Scriptures and at Mass. Let us pray for the grace to respond wholeheartedly.



Everyone loves an invitation, though perhaps we've forgotten what those are like during these months of pandemic. Today's readings remind us that, pandemic notwithstanding, we all have a standing invitation from God; it's up to us to respond. When Samuel heard God's voice in the night, he listened. In today's responsorial psalm, we hear, "Here I am Lord; I come to do your will." And the Gospel tells us how the disciples dropped everything to follow Jesus. Through prayer, we, too can listen for God's voice and respond. And, just as Eli realized God was calling Samuel and John encouraged the disciples, we can accompany others. By sharing our experience and inviting others to share the way Jesus has spoken to them, we can encourage one another as we seek to turn our lives over to God.



**VATICAN NEWS:**

**"World Needs Unity, Fraternity, to Overcome Current Crisis"**



In an interview to Italian TV channel "Canale 5", Pope Francis speaks about issues ranging from the pandemic to the defence of life and the weak, the value of unity in politics and the Church, vaccination, and the need to rediscover the value of faith as a gift from God.

To Watch the Interview with Pope Francis visit our website at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca) under **LINKS**.

**Free Children's Liturgy of the Word Videos**

Free 25 minute Children's Liturgy videos every week. This interactive programming encourages children to participate, appeals to various learning styles, and helps young children understand the Gospels and their faith more fully! You can access this free catechetical resource by visiting [Children & Youth](#) under Ministries on our website at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca)



**PRAYER LINE**

**The prayer line is a group of parishioners who pray for the needs of others.**

**Concerns great and small are presented to the Lord on your behalf. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the group call Sister Shirley McNamara at 474-3800, Ext. 295 or Lorraine Atchison at 474-0613**

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***Miscarriage & Loss***

A miscarriage can have deeply felt and long-lasting effects on a woman and a couple. It is heart breaking no matter when it happens during pregnancy.

The parish is making available a Care and Comfort Package to parents who have lost a child through miscarriage in order to help in your time of loss and grief.

If you wish to receive a package, please call or email the parish office. Your information will be held in the strictest confidence.



### Parish Donations 2021

We thank the many members of our community who continue to support the parish through planned giving.

While our public activities diminish, we still have many fixed operational expenses in our budget that need to be met. Your support during this time is welcomed and appreciated.

If you are currently not contributing financially we ask that you prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to the parish.

#### Ways You can Help Support our Parish

**2021 Parish Envelopes:** Available from an usher at all our masses. Or, please call or email the parish office and a box of envelopes can be mailed to you.

**Have you thought about changing to pre-authorized donations through your bank or credit card?** It's a safe and reliable way of supporting the Cathedral while allowing us to better budget!

**NOTE: If you are already donating through pre-authorized bank account or credit card donations your deductions will continue the same into 2021 unless you would like to revise the amounts deducted. Contact the parish office if you would like to revise your contribution amounts. If you donate through automatic withdrawals, you do not need to take parish envelopes.**

#### Pre-Authorized Bank & Credit Card Donations

Please download the Banking Pre-Authorized Form or Credit Card form from our website at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca) under About Us, Stewardship/Contributions. Complete the form and mail or drop it off back to us at in the mailbox to the left of the rectory office door (480 McIntyre Street West).

You can also simply email the parish office at [office@procathedral.ca](mailto:office@procathedral.ca) or call us at 472-3970 and we will figure out how best to get the documentation to you.

#### Other ways you can contribute:

- We continue to accept **envelopes** at the parish door through the mail slot—you can drop off current and postdated cheques.
- Use our **"Donate Today"** button on our website. Just click and fill in the blanks and you can make a donation to the Cathedral.
- **E-transfer from your bank account through interac e-transfer** to [music.finance@procathedral.ca](mailto:music.finance@procathedral.ca) Put in the message of the e-transfer how you would like your funds disbursed (i.e. Sunday, Building, Easter, etc.)

As it does not cause hardship to you, we are grateful for your continued support.



### **FINAL COLLECTION DEC 2020**

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
<b>\$6,297.80</b>	<b>\$2,110.00</b>

### **COLLECTION: 03 & 10 JANUARY 2021**

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
<b>\$4,244.00</b>	<b>\$1,541.00</b>

#### REGIONAL NEWS

**Shalom Place presents "Dear Heart Come Home: The Path to Midlife Spirituality"** by Joyce Rupp an on-line small group opportunity. Midlife is a summons to grow and a challenge to discover our authenticity. We evaluate our goals, hopes, dreams, beliefs, behaviours, experiences, all that has marked us and contributed to the person we have become. We ask ourselves: "Is this the person I want to be in the future?" Using Joyce Rupp's book as the source of input, private journaling and group sharing during our sessions we will meet with facilitator Sister Stephanie Romiti, CSJ on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:00 PM January 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; and March 3, 10. A free-will offering is appreciated. Participants are asked to obtain their own copy of the book. Meet from the comfort of your own home—we will meet using zoom. To register contact [shalomssm@shaw.ca](mailto:shalomssm@shaw.ca) or call 705-254-4690. You can also complete the contact form at [www.shalomplace.ca](http://www.shalomplace.ca)

#### **North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource**

**Centre:** Appointments can be made to see clients/visitors by calling 475-9270. Along with guidance and support, did you know that we provide layettes to new moms and also have a baby clothes closet? Donations of diapers, wipes, baby wash, etc. & much more are appreciated. Please call to see what our requirements are. Looking for volunteers for different roles as well! Please call if you can help. If you would like to be part of our prayer ministry, email [judyproulx@icloud.com](mailto:judyproulx@icloud.com)



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

#### **Are You Being Called? Have Questions?**

**Call our Local Diocesan Vocation Director**

**Fr. Daniele Muscolino**

**705-495-1501**



**In this weekend's Gospel, sensing the two disciples following him, Jesus turns and asks them, 'What are you looking for?'**

**In the circumstances, the question is natural but it is in effect the question that everyone desiring progress in the life of the spirit must constantly put to themselves:**

**'What am I really looking for? What are my deepest desires?' A vocation will not succeed unless and until it is seen to respond to a yearning in the depths of one's being.**

**'Come and See' - Are you being Called?**