

Eleventh
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time
13 JUNE 2021

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Ezekiel speaks for the Lord, who will take a shoot from a cedar and plant it *on the mountain heights of Israel*, where it will *bear fruit*. In the second reading, Paul writes that *we walk by faith, not by sight*. In the Gospel, Jesus describes the kingdom of God using parables of a wheat field and a mustard seed. Jesus speaks his Word to the crowds in parables because that is how *they were able to understand it*. Today, he uses agrarian images. Although farming is dependent on many variables the farmer has no control over, the seed of faith planted on our hearts is totally in our control. Will we take the time to weed? Will we take the time to water?

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.

Parish Sacraments

Please call or email the parish office if you require more information for the following:



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

You can also visit our website at procathedral.ca

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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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 - Thursday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Lord Jesus, what small, seemingly insignificant seed of goodness can I plant in the world today? Please help me plant well.



READINGS: 14 - 20 JUNE

Monday	2 Corinthians 6. 1-10; Matthew 5. 38-42
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 8. 1-9; Matthew 5. 43-48
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 9. 6-11; Matthew 6. 16-18
Thursday	2 Corinthians 11. 1-11; Matthew 6. 7-15
Friday	2 Corinthians 11. 18, 21b-30; Mt. 6. 19-23
Saturday	2 Corinthians 12. 1-10; Matthew 6. 24-34
Sunday	Job 38. 1-4, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5. 14-17; Mark 4. 35-41



WELCOME BACK!

Social-distancing protocols are in place as you attend mass in person.

Seating will be at the direction of our ushers. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated as we all work together to keep each other safe.

It is very important that you sit in the pew you are directed to and do not move once seated to another location. Moving locations cross-contaminates and does not allow time for proper sanitization.

Reminders:

- * A dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation to participate in the Mass remains in place for all Catholics. *Pope Francis invites you 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 on our website under LINKS*
- * Anyone who is in an at-risk health group or does not feel comfortable attending a public gathering should stay home. Even with the best health practices and increased efforts to clean the Church, there is a risk of infection anytime a person enters a public space.
- * Anyone who is sick or has recently been exposed to the coronavirus should refrain from attending a public Mass as it is an act of charity to safeguard the health of others.
- * Attendance at Masses is still restricted to ensure proper social distancing.
- * We are mandated to wear masks by the Ontario Medical Office of Health and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario. We ask that you *please bring and wear your mask before entering the Cathedral.*
- * Follow all directions from our ushers so social distancing can be maintained.

MARRIAGE BANNNS

There is a promise of marriage between:



Alex Winsor Courvoisier, son of Jerry Courvoisier and Lillian Winsor and Kayla Marie Pavone, daughter of Lucio Pavone and Nicole Lamothe. ♥

Thank You!

Sincere thanks to Karen Beaulieu, Richard Levesque, Judy Kelly-Manary and Celine Mayer for their incredible dedication by leading the faithful Virtual Rosary Group each weekday while we were under the provincial stay at home order.



Due to the re-opening of the Pro-Cathedral this weekend, the Virtual Rosary will no longer be available.

Thank you also to everyone who joined us!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 14 June - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Cameron MacIntyre - Teresa Daoust, Marcella Christiansen & Families
Georgiana Levesque - Art and Elizabeth Appleton
Sam Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi

Tuesday, 15 June - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Walter Blahey - Tammy Chassé
Deceased Parents of Lloyd and Katherine Voisin - Katherine Voisin
Dr. Karen Morris - Bonnie Parslow

Wednesday, 16 June - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Albert Fava - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Arthur Thomas - Jeannine Guillemette
Sam Domanico - Rod and Rolande Gauthier

Thursday, 17 June - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League
Mary Thomas - Andrée Cornish
Hector Ricci - Al and Shirley Falconi

Friday, 18 June - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Gino Tedesco - Maria Gosselin and Family
Angie Duquette - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Intention of Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

4:00 PM Saturday, 19 June – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Giuseppe Pavone - Paul and Mary Lou Smith
Msgr. Norm Clement - Friends
Georgiana Levesque - June Leduc

Sunday, 20 June - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mike Rossi - The Family
Jennifer Armstrong - Ray Laplante
Lou Gosselin & Giuseppe Tedesco - Maria Gosselin and Family

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

Respectful Ceremony at Pro-Cathedral

Tuesday, 08 June 2021

After consultation with Elder George Couchie, a smudging ceremony took place at the front of the Cathedral with the involvement of his granddaughter, Grace, Bishop Thomas Dowd, Msgr. Dave and four young leaders from Nipissing First Nation.

The young leaders respectfully removed items from the steps that were left to honour the children who were found buried at a residential school in Kamloops, BC.

The North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre gratefully accepted the items that were removed.

Please continue to pray for healing and respectful dialogue between the Church and our First Nation communities.



Confirmation Update

Dear Candidates for Confirmation, Parents & Families:

First, we would like to thank you for your patience as we have had to postpone our Confirmation program for the better part of this year. We know that many of you were looking forward to this special celebration, as we were as well.

With the recent announcement from the province regarding a three-stage reopening plan, churches will not be able to open until the province moves to Stage Two, which may not occur until the summer months.

With that announcement being made, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our Confirmation program until the Fall of 2021.



Please note that you will **not** need to register again, and we will communicate with you our new dates and times for our preparation sessions, and the new date for the actual celebration of the Sacrament when we know more information about the current situation.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. May God bless you and your families during this time.

Students in Grade 7, 8 or 9 are still invited to register now to begin preparation when our sessions resume. If you have not already registered, please do so now so we can be in touch with you in the Fall. Thank you!

Preparation is completed as a region. Registration for all candidates no matter what church you attend is available at: www.holynametalphonsus.com/confirmation



Pope Francis Tweet: *"We are grateful to those working tirelessly to combat the pandemic, which has challenged our solidarity and authentic fraternity. We must reflect on our health systems and ensure they are accessible to all of the sick, without disparity."*

Development and Peace Stamp Collection

Don't forget that your stamps affixed to the right corner of your envelopes can help fund Development and Peace projects as they sell them to stamp collectors. Please support this initiative by simply cutting off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging perforations.



Save them in baggies/envelopes & drop them into the office mail slot.

Our D & P Coordinator, Lorraine Atchison, will make sure they are sent to the Stamp Project. Thank you!

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel verse within the Alleluia proclaims, "The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever." By our baptism, we are called to continue the work of Christ, sowing the word of God in our world. This may seem an intimidating expectation for all of us who doubt that we have the expertise to "sow" God's word.

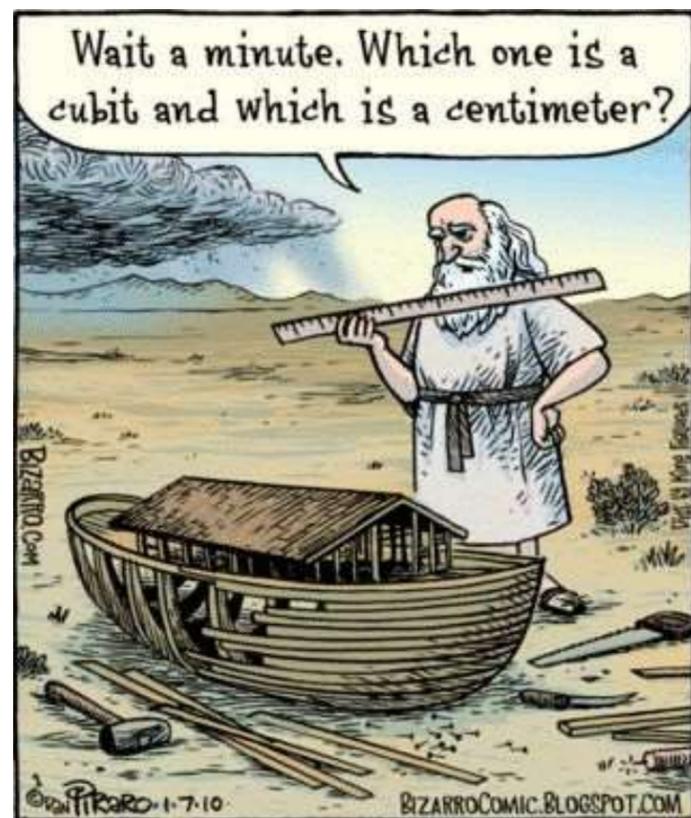
But in today's Gospel, Jesus tells the crowds that the kingdom of God is like the smallest of seeds, that once sown, becomes the largest of plants. If we believe in Christ and "aspire to please him,"



God can use our smallest gestures to sow his word in the world. We may not see how our small acts of kindness accomplish this. But if we scatter these "seeds" out of love for God, we can trust they will take root, grow abundantly, and call others to "come to him [and] live forever."

What "seeds" of welcome can you scatter among those you encounter? Make your "random acts of kindness" regular, intentional acts that express God's love.

As St. Thérèse of Lisieux said: "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."





The Pro-Cathedral Prayer Line consists of 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

Looking for Meaning in Your Life?

- Are childhood memories surfacing?
- Have you made mistakes?
- Do you need to forgive others?
- Do you need to be healed?
- Looking for fullness of truth and grace?
- Want your children to have a faith foundation?
- Looking to be part of a community?
- Want to help other people?
- Do you hunger for the Eucharist?

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 Come back to the Catholic Church
 We will Welcome You!
 Have Questions?
 Call us at 472-3970
 Email us at office@procathedral.ca

DID YOU GET YOUR CWL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR YET? IT'S NOT TOO LATE!



Collection Report: 30 May & 06 June	
<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$4,107.00	\$956.00

MAY Pre-Authorized Banking Donations	
<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$7,642.00	\$2,277.00

New to the Cathedral?
 Please Register so we can get to know you better!
 Email: office@procathedral.ca

REGIONAL NEWS

Help Near North Palliative Care help our community. 12th Annual Live Butterfly Release 2021: Online Livestream Saturday, July 17 from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Broadcast to you from the gardens of St. Joseph's Motherhouse. Facebook Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/NearNorthPalliativeCareNetwork>

YouTube Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JN7SPCAKmRY&feature=youtu.be>



The Good Samaritan Corner: The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs. If you can donate your time, please consider:

Are you downsizing? Have your baby birds finally left the nest? You may be looking for a home for your gently used furniture. Well, you are in luck! Low Income People Involvement (LIPI) of Nipissing is looking for used furniture. Often when people move from a shelter to an apartment, they must start all over, having nothing to set up a home. This is where you come in! Please contact LIPI at LIPI@LIPInipissing.com or at 472-1337 to make arrangements for pick up.

Did you know that the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay is on Facebook? Please visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay> There, you will find inspirational messages, the latest news on the homeless and ways you can help our brothers and sisters in need in North Bay.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - PARISH SECRETARY

The Catholic Parish of Holy Name of Jesus, North Bay & St. Alphonsus Liguori, Callander is welcoming applications for the position of Parish Secretary. Duties include, but are not limited to, secretarial and receptionist services for the community, parish ministries, committees/groups/programs as required, to maintain accurate confidential records of parishioners, order supplies, some daily, weekly, monthly and annual accounting duties, record weekly envelope contributions and issue income tax receipts at year end. Training will be provided. Employment is based on a one year renewable contract. Interested applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume **by June 25, 2021 by email** (holynamestalphonsus@ssmd.ca).

Salary commensurate with experience. The successful applicant will be required to provide references, a police records check and comply with the requirements of the Diocesan Screening Initiative. The parish office is located at 895 Memorial Drive, North Bay. For more information, please call 705-495-1501 or see a more detailed job description at: www.holynamestalphonsus.com.