

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time  
19 SEPTEMBER  
2021

# Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

## Welcome to Your Father's House!



In Wisdom, the wicked speak of testing *the just one* until he sins or until God intervenes. In the second reading, James says that *the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace*. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus teaches about his passion but the disciples do not understand; he then demands humble service of his followers.

A common thread in today's readings is that the marks of faithfulness are humility, peacemaking, and service to the lowliest among us. In the midst of cynicism, which is so often the reality of our modern world, how can we better witness to the world the peace of Christ?

### 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** Rev. Larry Rymes  
**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

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](http://procathedral.ca)



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



IS GOD CALLING YOU  
TO BE A PRIEST?

[WWW.BEAPRIEST.CA](http://WWW.BEAPRIEST.CA)

### READINGS: 20 - 26 SEPTEMBER

Monday	Ezra 1. 1-6; Luke 8. 16-18
Tuesday	Ephesians 4. 1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9. 9-13
Wednesday	Ezra 9. 5-9; Luke 9. 1-6
Thursday	Haggai 1. 1-8; Luke 9. 7-9
Friday	Haggai 2. 1-9; Luke 9. 18-22
Saturday	Zechariah 2. 1-5, 10-11; Luke 9. 43b-45
Sunday	Numbers 11. 24-29; James 5. 1-6; Mark 9. 38-43, 45, 47-48



Our next Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 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, September 20.

*Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*

*"We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this."*

Pope Francis

**Welcome Back to many of our parishioners who are now beginning to feel comfortable attending mass.**

**We just wanted to let you know that the contact tracing forms that the ushers are using on the weekend are not a reflection on whether you are a registered parishioner or not.**

**Please be patient as we continually update the tracing forms to add your name.**

**Thank you to our ushers who are doing an amazing job of helping us all be safe and keeping accurate records for the parish.**

### Mass for the Bereaved & The Book of Life

On November 2 we traditionally celebrate All Souls Day - a way of remembering and celebrating the lives of all those who have died.

**This year, our celebration will be held at the 11:00 am mass on Sunday, October 31 with the reading of the names of our loved ones who died within the past year.**



Everyone is welcome to attend this mass and we extend a special invitation to those who have lost a loved one in the last year.

Each year at this time we also update "The Book of Life," our parish book that records the names of our deceased loved ones. The names of all those who have died from our parish during the past year (01 November 2020—26 October 2021) are recorded on the front page. For anyone who would like to update their page or add a page for their deceased loved ones, please contact the parish office for direction.

If you have lost a loved one in the last year call the office or drop us a note through the collection with the name of the deceased and your name and telephone number.

**All names must be received by Tuesday, October 26.**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Celebrations are Held at 12:05 PM

**Monday, 20 September - St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest  
Paul Chong Ha-Sang, & Companions, Martyrs**

**COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Tuesday, 21 September - St. Matthew, Apostle/Evangelist**

Msgr. Norm Clement - His Friends

Allan Parslow - Karen Beaulieu

Louis Taillefer - Theresa Taillefer and Family

**Wednesday, 22 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Lloyd Voisin - Katherine Voisin

Ron Truchon - Frances Malette

Intention of Msgr. Dave Tramontini - Fran Dignan

**Thursday, 23 September - St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**

John and Mary Doyle - The Family

For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

In Honour of Saint Padre Pio - Maria Miscio and Family

**Friday, 24 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Intention of Kristy Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

**4:00 PM Saturday, 25 Sept. - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sheila Flannery - Jeannette Ward

Intention of Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Ron Truchon - Dave Brennan and Family

**Sunday, 26 September - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 AM** Mildred Puddister - The Family

Linda Leblanc - Carmela and Tony Campanaro

Intention of the Donors and those Remembered in the

Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

**11:00 AM** Intention of the Parishioners - Rev. Larry Rymes

### Needs of the Church in Canada Next Weekend ~ September 26



The collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and provides financial support for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops which is crucial in helping Bishops in Canada exercise their pastoral ministries (i.e. evangelization, faith education, ecumenism, social justice, liturgy, theology, the marriage tribunal, etc.).

In addition to contributions, the members of the Church are also asked to pray for the work of the Bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**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**





## Catholic Women's League

### BAKE SALE — Apple & Pumpkin Pie

Pickup in Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall on Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM



#### 9" Pies - \$15 / 5" Pies—\$6

Make sure you get yours and help the CWL with this fundraiser! Pre-order and pre-pay by calling Annette Dutrisac at 495-3584.

When picking up, masks are required and social distancing will be followed!

### Why Become a CWL Member?

This week a note from Anne Marie Westenenk.

*My mother-in-law signed me up when I was newlywed and I wasn't familiar with the CWL. It was a great opportunity to meet other women in the new community I moved to. When we moved to North Bay I continued my membership as a way to meet women in our new community.*

*As a working woman/mother it has been challenging to participate in the monthly meetings but I have enjoyed volunteering at the Christmas bazaar and some special events.*

*I am glad to support the women of the CWL so they can act on social justice issues and services to our community at a local, provincial, and national level.*



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 or Lorraine Atchison at 474-0613



### North Bay & Area Right to Life/Pro-Vie LIFE CHAIN

An annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Please join us this year along Lakeshore Drive for one hour to pray silently for an end to abortion.

Life Chain 2021 will take place on October 3 2:00 to 3:00 PM on Lakeshore Drive. Signs will be available at our location between Fodor and Charles Street.

For more information contact Jeanine at 724-3424



## Food Bank Collection NEXT WEEKEND



Bring your donations for the Catholic Charities Food Bank to mass next weekend or drop them off at the parish office. We are in need of individually wrapped snacks, drinking boxes, granola bars, etc. Other suggestions: peanut butter, jam, canned meat, tuna, salmon, spaghetti sauce, vegetables, beans, powdered milk, rice, pasta and cooking oils.

### Ways to be a Better Witness for Christ

- ✦ **Be Filled with the Spirit:** It is important to be in a right relationship with God as you talk to others about how they can know God. This means yielding our life to Jesus and seeing Jesus' influence and direction in our life.
- ✦ **Be Authentic:** People don't care about how much you know, they want to know that you care for them. Don't put on a front, but instead maintain a humble attitude. The Apostle Paul writes to the Christians in Philippi and expresses care and concern for them: "For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:8).
- ✦ **Ask Questions:** As you talk to others about Jesus, don't do a stand-up monologue. Engage in conversations that keep the focus on the message of the gospel.
- ✦ **Ask for a Response:** Take the time to ask the person to respond to Christ's invitation. Really listen and support them ~ invite them to attend church.

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).



Deadline for registration is September 29

Students in Grade 7, 8 or 9 can register online at:

[www.holynametalphonsus.com/confirmation](http://www.holynametalphonsus.com/confirmation)



Preparation will be done in our region together with our other parishes. For the complete Confirmation Registration Package—view on our website at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca) under SACRAMENTS/CONFIRMATION

Candidates should have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion. If this is not the case, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.



### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oh, to be first! There is nothing inherently wrong with healthy competition. However, constantly striving to be the “best” or the “first” in other areas of life – career, parenting, even holiness – can quickly lead to frustration and burnout. As the disciples jostled for “first place,” Jesus gently but directly corrected them: “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Like the Apostles, we tend to focus on our achievements as a measure of our worth, forgetting why we are here: to serve others. We can ask Jesus to help us gain the “wisdom from above” and the characteristics so beautifully described by Saint James: pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits.



Reading today’s Gospel from Mark, we are struck by the image of Jesus embracing a child: “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” Most of us picture our own children, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, or nephews. Of course

we would embrace them! However, Scripture scholars point out that for Jesus, the child symbolized the *anawim*, a Hebrew word for the poor, the lowly, the vulnerable, the oppressed. Picture, then, not just children but those we might be less eager to immediately embrace, not just children: ragged men on the corner, immigrants at the border, the neighbor’s son with schizophrenia, prisoners or ex-convicts. Jesus challenges us not to avert our eyes but to “embrace” them – whether that means offering a cup of coffee, becoming a pen pal, stopping to chat, or finding another way to accompany them. Scholars tell us that the *anawim* share a total dependence upon God, something we all have in common regardless of our life’s circumstances.



### Employment Opportunity Executive Assistant to the Bishop Sudbury, Ontario

The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie with parishes from North Bay, Sudbury, and Sault Ste. Marie and beyond requires a permanent, full time Executive Assistant to the bishop of the diocese.

Responsible for providing a wide variety of administrative supports to the bishop and his office, the successful candidate will possess superior organizational skills, written and oral communication and the ability to maintain confidentiality is required.

Thorough knowledge of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie would be beneficial.

Personal proficiency in all MS office products and Google Workspace is advantageous.

**For more information on this employment opportunity visit our website at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca) under NEWS**

### REGIONAL NEWS

**Mother St. Bride School is looking for a Noon Hour Supervisor.** If you are interested in joining an exciting, motivated team for two hours a day; 10:30-11:30a.m. and/or 12:50-1:50p.m. We are looking for caring people who enjoy working with children to assist with tasks such as supervision, coaching through problem-solving, and ensuring children’s safety. At Mother St. Bride School we are rooted in faith and alive in spirit. Please contact Lori Schlueting at 472-1524 to discuss your availability. A vulnerable sector check from your local police station will be required.

**Marriage Preparation Weekend—North Bay:** Hosted at Holy Name of Jesus Church, this regional preparation meeting is open to all couples planning on marrying in the Catholic Church. Held October 22 from 6-9:30 pm and Saturday, October 23, from 9 am-5 pm. To register, please call Samantha at 471-3284.

**St. Mary’s Cemetery and Holy Cross Cemetery:** Many items are being placed or planted on gravesites which do not comply with the Cemetery By-laws. Staff will be removing items/plantings after October 15 to align with the Bylaws. Families are asked to remove items that are not part of the permanent grave memorial before October 15<sup>th</sup> as these items may be irretrievable after that time. Families are encouraged to review the By-laws. Contact the Cemetery Office: 495-8986 or [info@nbrcc.ca](mailto:info@nbrcc.ca) for a copy.

**St. Kevin’s Parish in Val Therese is seeking a Custodian/Building Maintenance Person** to provide both cleaning and some basic maintenance duties for their two church buildings, St. Kevin’s in Val Therese and Our Lady of Peace in Capreol. Details can be found in the website [www.stkevinparish.ca](http://www.stkevinparish.ca), or by contacting the Parish Office at 705-969-3663. **Deadline to apply is September 30.**



**The Good Samaritan Corner:** The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs.

**Have you noticed the marginalized are approaching vehicles on city streets and highways?** Have you been approached in a parking lot for a handout? You may want to consider having on hand an emergency care package. Instead of cash, you can provide a brother or sister essential items that will show how much you care. Items in the care package can include: socks, bottled water, granola bars, wipes, crackers, juice box, package of gum/mints, and if it’s cold—mitts/gloves/toques.

**Just in time for voting day,** Vote Housing at <https://www.votehousing.ca/>, an organization whose mission is ‘To engage Canadians to pledge to vote housing in the upcoming federal election and ensure all political parties support making bold investments in affordable housing and ending homelessness, hosted the National Housing Debate. To learn more about each political party’s platform on housing visit Vote Housing - 2021 National Housing Debate - YouTube



For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/> or contact Leah Pierce at 705-472-5687 or at [pn.thebay@gmail.com](mailto:pn.thebay@gmail.com)