

31st Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

31 OCTOBER
2021

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Moses speaks to the people, telling them to observe the commands of God and to love him with all their heart, soul, and strength. In the second reading, Jesus is acknowledged as the perfect sacrifice who has redeemed us. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims the two greatest commandments are to love God completely and to love your neighbor as yourself. The greatest commandments are these; to love God first with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and then to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus tells us there are none greater than these, and understanding and living these commands brings us ever closer to the kingdom of God.

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

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ASSISTANT

Rev. Rex Lumine

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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



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.

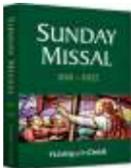


OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

READINGS: 01 - 07 NOVEMBER

Monday	Revelation 7. 2-4, 9-14; Matthew 5. 1-12a
Tuesday	Wisdom 3. 1-9; Romans 6. 5-11; John 6. 37-40
Wednesday	Romans 13. 8-10; Luke 14. 25-33
Thursday	Romans 14. 7-12; Luke 15. 1-10
Friday	Romans 15. 14-21; Luke 16. 1-8
Saturday	Romans 16. 3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16. 9-15
Sunday	1 Kings 17. 10-16; Hebrews 9. 24-28; Mark 12. 38-44



SUNDAY MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED!
Scripture readings, reflections, calendar of saints, papal prayer intentions & more.

\$5.00/Each - Available at the Parish Office

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our request for lovely cards for the children. Your response was so awesome that we have enough cards for a few years to come. The children were delighted by the variety of Prayer, Christmas and Easter cards. The children in Level 1 & 2 (aged 3—8) were able to choose their favourite religion card and add it to their prayer folder.

As we journey toward Advent, the time of preparation for the wonderful Feast of Christmas, our level 2 Atrium is in need of your assistance once again. Do you have any of the following you could donate? Perhaps you have a Nativity Set that you are no longer using?



Small child size figures are needed for children to hold as they reflect on scripture stories/narratives:

- The Annunciation (Angel, Mary)
- The Visitation (Elizabeth & Mary)
- The Birth of Jesus & the Adoration of the Shepherds (Joseph, Mary, Baby Jesus in Manger, Angel, Shepherds, Sheep)
- The Maji (Mary, Joseph, Child Jesus, Wisemen with Gifts)
- The Presentation in the Temple (Joseph, Mary, Baby Jesus, Anna and Simeon)

All donations are gratefully appreciated — we have the tools to adapt the materials to meet the needs of the children. Thank you once again for keeping the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in your thoughts and prayers.

Your Catechists,



Let's listen to the voices of our brothers & sisters fighting for the right to a healthy environment

World leaders have gathered for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26). Although these powerful decision-makers are debating the future of the planet, they are probably too far removed from the realities of its most vulnerable people. It is up to us to hear and amplify the voices of those who are defending their rights and the environment against economic ravage.

Medarda Hernandez, whose community in Honduras has been repeatedly harmed by large industrial projects, including supposedly “green” projects, says, “if other extractivist projects start in our community, we are not going to let them pass. I ask the international community to come to our aid, because we are really suffering.”

So that people like Medarda do not go unheard, let's make Canadian companies operating abroad responsible for protecting human and environmental rights. Join Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign to make this happen. Visit <https://devp.org/en> to learn more.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Celebrations are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 01 November - Solemnity of All Saints

COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, 02 Nov - Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

Bertha Yzereef - Helena Potter

Georgiana Levesque - Richard Levesque

Wednesday, 03 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

Martino Severino - Michelina Candeloro

Thursday, 04 November - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Lise Hudebine - Joe, Joanne and Louise

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

First Friday, 05 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle

Msgr. Norm Clement - His Friends

4:00 PM Saturday, 06 November – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

For Family of Renata Dolata

Wasalena and George Hutual - Livia Hachkowski

Sunday, 07 November - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Intention of Cindy Sanginese - Richard Levesque

Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

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

Note: Only weekday Masses are announced verbally.

Love your neighbour as yourself.

Love your neighbour like Christ loved you.

Be a Good Samaritan.

Get to know and Pray for your neighbours.

Respond to your neighbours needs—offer an uplifting word or a tangible gift to alleviate a hardship.



Brick Campaign

WOW!

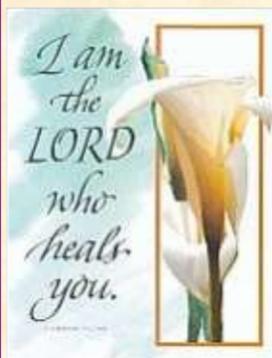
Can you believe how beautiful the bricks are?

If you can help support this project—please consider making a donation .
Our Goal is to Raise \$56,000.

Any Donation Amount is Appreciated!

Included with your donation is a “Virtual Brick” that we will place on our website to build a “Virtual Brick Wall”. These bricks can be inscribed with your custom message. You can donate in memory of a special loved one, in honour of someone, recognize your school or business, or even to mark a special date in your life (graduation, birthday, sacrament, anniversary or wedding) - the possibilities are endless!

Please visit our website under NEWS for the link to make a donation and to create your Virtual Brick.



Welcome to those who are attending this weekend for our Special Bereavement Mass in which we remember our loved ones who have found peace in the Lord over the last year.

Please know that the Lord walks beside you through the darkness and will lead you back to peace.

May the memories of your loved one bring you comfort ~ we are praying for you during this difficult time.

Catholic Women's League



Over the years in November we always recognize our members who died during the past year. Last year we celebrated a beautiful Mass for our sisters that were called home to be with our Lord. It was truly a special celebration!



We will not be holding our November General Meeting, and instead will again celebrate a special memorial mass for our deceased members.

Fr. Larry will celebrate and everyone is welcome!
Wednesday, 03 November at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral
Please come and celebrate this mass with us!



Protecting our planet starts with YOU: Remember to reduce, reuse and recycle – cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.

North Bay Regional CWL Spiritual Reflection "We Honour God's Creation"

Wednesday, November 10
2:00 PM
Virtual Presentation via Zoom

You are invited! All are welcome!



The North Bay Regional CWL members will be hosting our monthly time of prayer and fellowship and we would love you to join us as we pray and reflect on the wonder and beauty of God's Creation.

You may join the Spiritual Reflection by visiting our website at procathedral.ca under GROUPS/Catholic Women's League and click on the Zoom Link that is posted.

**Contact our Prayer Line so that your concerns, great and small, can be presented to the Lord.
Call Sister Shirly McNamara at 474-3800, Ext. 295
or Lorraine Atchison at 474-0613.**

Going Stir Crazy at Home?



Want a fun escape from the house to spend time with others just to have a chat, enjoy a cup of coffee, exchange books, or even possibly do a craft (not required—we're not all crafty!)?

Come and join us on Saturday, November 6 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall for some fun and laughter. Bring a book to share, a craft that you are working on, a deck of cards, or a story about how you survived being house-bound during Covid-19!! Call Annette at 495-3584 if you are interested in this very informal, social get-together!

Parish Donations

If you need any information on our donation options, please do not hesitate to call or email the parish office - we are still checking in to make sure we can connect with everyone!

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

- Envelopes - 2022 Envelopes Available Late November
- 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

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!

If you are already donating through pre-authorized bank account or credit card donations your deductions will continue the same into 2022 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.

**We appreciate your support
as long as it does not cause hardship to you.**

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel you may think, "Oh no," - "another scribe trying to trick Jesus." But this scribe agrees with Jesus: Loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself are the greatest commandments. When the scribe explains that



loving God and your neighbor are worth more than all offerings or sacrifices, Jesus recognizes that the scribe took these commandments "to heart," as Moses had taught. He doesn't just know the law, he understands it. Because he understands it, Jesus assures him that he is not far from the kingdom of God.

So, how can we grow in our understanding of what it means to love God and love our neighbor? We grow in our love of God through the gift of faith and by the graces received in spending time with him. We do this by spending time in Scripture and "taking to heart" his words; by prayerfully reflecting on Jesus' life and giving thanks for his sacrifice for us; by drawing closer to him through the sacraments; and by asking him to help us grow in our love for God, and for one another. An authentic love for God will show itself in love of neighbor, and the more we truly love one another, the greater our love for God will grow.

Loving our neighbors is essential if we seek to draw them to God's love. For many of us, that's much easier said than done. It's not easy to love someone with whom we disagree or are in competition with. And these days, with so much division in society, it is all too simple to assume the worst rather than the best about others with whom we interact, or see on television. Can we commit to truly seeing others as God sees them - his beloved children, made in his own image? After all, it is through Jesus and in keeping his word that we become more like him, in thought and deed: "Whoever loves me will keep my word ... and my father will love him and we will come to him." Let us pray to see our neighbors as the Lord does; and pray that we ourselves might be the kind of neighbor in whom others may see God's image! We have the opportunity to be an example of, and a witness to, a love that forgives and is not overcome by fear or division.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - PARISH SECRETARY Holy Name of Jesus & St. Alphonsus Liguori Churches

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, 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. Knowledge of the Catholic faith an asset. Training will be provided. 28 hour work week, Tuesday to Friday. Employment is based on a one year renewable contract. Interested applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by November 8, via email (holynamestalphonsus@ssmd.ca). Wage 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 information, call 495-1501 or view complete job description at: www.holynamestalphonsus.com/hiring

REGIONAL NEWS

Holy Name Church is hosting a Take-Out Turkey Dinner with all the fixings on Sunday, November 7. Tickets are \$15/each and you can choose a pick-up time between 4:30 and 6:30 PM. You must call 495-1501 to purchase your ticket and reserve a pick-up time for your take-out dinner!

North Bay Roman Catholic Cemeteries Special Remembrance—Tuesday, November 2, Feast of All Souls: Beginning at 3:30 PM and continuing throughout the evening you are invited to place your own battery-operated luminary on the lawn in front of All Saints Mausoleum as a holy remembrance to those who are interred in St. Mary's Cemetery, Holy Cross Cemetery and All Saints Mausoleum. Open to the public—128 Golf Club Road. Please remove your luminary by noon the next day, November 3 as items left will be discarded by cemetery staff. Call 495-8986 if you have questions.

North Bay Roman Catholic Cemeteries Tree of Lights Campaign: Your donation in memory of a loved one will benefit lane repairs to be completed next year. Lights are \$10/each or \$25/three. They can be in memory of a loved one, or for a special intention. A campaign list can be viewed on the website at www.nbrcc.ca or you can remain anonymous. Cheques can be mailed and made payable to North Bay Roman Catholic Cemeteries, 132 Golf Club Road, North Bay ON P1B 9T8. Contact the office at 495-8986 or email manager@nbrcc.ca if you have questions. The lighting of the tree will be on December 3 at St. Mary's Cemetery.

North Bay Right to Life works to deepen respect for human life and heighten public opposition to abortion and euthanasia and other threats against human life both in the Christian Community and among the general public.



The Good Samaritan Corner

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

What can you do to provide help to the homeless in the cold weather?

- 1) Donate winter clothing - winter coats, heavier jackets, boots, hats and gloves to Rebuilt Resources 1356 Regina St.
- 2) 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 24-hours crisis line at 474-1031.
- 3) Volunteer your time - you can make a big difference in the life of a brother or sister. If you are looking for ways to volunteer consider The Gathering Place, the North Bay Food Bank, or our very own Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay!

Backpacks of Love Campaign—Winter Campaign: Accepting drop-offs at the New Apostolic Church on 46 Joseph Street on Saturday, November 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Essential items include: Backpack - Camping Style - Approximately 45L; Silver Emergency Blanket; Tarp; Mini First Aid Kit; 6 pack of heavy socks; Winter slippers; Package of masks; Reusable water bottle; Travel containers for soap; Deodorant; Toothpaste; Travel containers for toothbrushes; Toilet paper; Feminine products; Hairbrush; Scarf; Toque; Mitts/Gloves; 1 pkg of hand and foot warmers; Lip balm; Flashlight; Towelette pack/wipes; 1 Reusable bag; 1 Drawstring bag; 10 Granola bars/Energy bars; 2 Travel packs of Kleenex. We are also looking for volunteers to help sort donations and pack the backpacks. For more information call Rebecca at 471-2473 or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay>