

27 February 2022	PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 2Z4

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Lord, let
my heart
be good
soil.

Sirach writes of revealing the qualities of things: pottery in a furnace, a shaken sieve, the fruit of a tree, and the speech of a person. In the second reading, Paul affirms Jesus' victory over sin and death. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that a person with a store of goodness in his or her heart produces good, while a store of evil produces evil. We all know there are times when something "slips out" in our speech. There are times when we perform some questionable action or react more strongly than we intended. The Scriptures today alert us to the relationship of what is in our hearts and minds with what is on our lips. Only goodness can overcome evil and produce goodness – as incorruptibility and immortality overcome that which is corrupt and mortal, and as Jesus Christ overcame the sting of death.

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.

Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

Rev. Larry Rymes
Pastor of the Pro-Cathedral Parish



PERMANENT MINISTERS

<i>Deacons</i>	<i>Diocesan Order of Women</i>
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi	Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago	Mrs. Norma Milligan
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin	Miss Ruth Godon
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk	

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



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: Saturdays 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: Each Friday from 11:00 am until 12:00 noon.

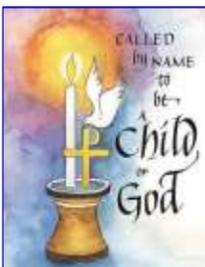
Baptism: Please pick up a Baptism Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

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

READINGS: 28 FEB - 06 MARCH	
Monday	1 Peter 1. 3-9; Mark 10. 17-27
Tuesday	1 Peter 1. 10-16; 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 5. 27-32
Sunday	Deuteronomy 26. 4-10; Romans 10. 8-13; Luke 4. 1-13



Congratulations to the following family who recently celebrated the baptism of their child!

Tim Denomme & Kristine (Garate) on the baptism of their daughter Kloe Antoinette Denomme.

May your lives be filled with love and peace and may God bless and protect your child!

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Catholic Women's League

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Now available for pickup in the church. Ask an usher and they will assist you in picking up your card.

Membership Dues If you haven't already joined or renewed your membership, the \$25 Membership Fee for 2022 is due now.

Drop off with your name and address through the parish office mail slot or into the collection clearly addressed "CWL MEMBERSHIP CHAIR" Call Brenda Passmore if you have questions — 474-0447

All women are welcome to be members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Come join us!

Sign up for the CWL Newsletter!
Visit: <http://eepurl.com/hRWo19>



LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY
EXPERIENCE PEACE AND LOVE THROUGH THE BEAUTIFUL SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:
CONFESSIONS HEARD SATURDAYS 3:00-3:45 PM



Collection Report: 20 FEBRUARY	
Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$2,150.00	\$555.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Celebrations are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 28 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time
COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, 01 March - Weekday in Ordinary Time
For Souls in Purgatory
Living and Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League
Intention of Shirley Thompson

Wednesday, 02 March - Ash Wednesday
**** NO Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Today**



12:05 PM Solemn Celebration for Ash Wednesday
5:30 PM Solemn Celebration for Ash Wednesday

5:30 PM Mass live-streamed for those who cannot attend

Thursday, 03 March - Weekday in Lent
Liberato Campanaro - Carmela and Tony Campanaro
Intention of Paul Brisson - Andree Cornish
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, 04 March - Weekday in Lent
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am to 12 Noon
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Rosanna Gregoris - Kevin and Maureen O'Connor
Intention of Pat Anderson - Pro-Cathedral Sacristans

4:00 PM Saturday, 05 March - First Sunday of Lent
Sam Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
Shirley O'Donnell - The Corkum Family

Sunday, 06 March - First Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM Bertha Yzereef - Helena Potter
Sam Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT
5:30 PM in the Cathedral



USHERS NEEDED AT 11 AM MASS



Ushers represent our parish community as we welcome parishioners and visitors to celebrate mass. If you have a heart to serve the Lord in a powerful way, the Usher Ministry could be the opportunity you've been looking for!

The role of our ushers is to welcome parishioners/visitors to all celebrations; assist with seating, the collection, run the elevator and hand out bulletins and other materials as required.

No special gifts or talents are required; only a sincere desire to warmly welcome those that visit our church.

Training is provided so you feel comfortable and prepared. If you can help us out, call the parish office. Thank you!

Parish Donations

As we reach the end of February, we want to thank you again for your generous financial support last year, especially during the stressful times of the pandemic.

While Covid-19 continues to affect people's comfort level in returning to church, it also affects our collections, causing real revenue concerns. In our finance letter sent out earlier this month we indicated that our collections are down by \$78,000. The trend continues, in spite of our appeal asking parishioners to increase donations by \$5.00 per week or \$20 per month.

For some, this may not be feasible and we ask for your continued prayers for the good health of our parish. For others, we ask you to prayerfully consider this request for additional funding to ensure that our expenses can continue to be met. And for those who have already responded by increasing their donations—we say thank you for your generosity!

When we make an appeal for additional funding it is so we can continue to provide for our church, our people, and our community.

This year, we will need to support our upcoming capital expenses to repair water damage in our tower with the possibility of roof replacement. We are currently awaiting an engineer report to determine the extent of repairs.

While this will be a major financial concern, the good news is that we continue to provide a spiritual home and beautiful celebrations for the faithful and offer programming in order to prepare for the sacraments and evangelize in our community. As well, we also provide continuous support through our outreach programs for the disadvantaged.

If you need any information on our donation options, please do not hesitate to call or email the parish office.

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

- Parish Envelopes
- 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

Only if it does not cause financial hardship—we appreciate your financial support!

NOTE: 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.

NEXT EVENING OF THE CATHOLIC CONVERSATION SERIES

END OF LIFE CARE

**Wednesday, 16 March at 7:00 PM
St. Peter the Apostle Church**

Presenters

Dr. Cheryl Clayton & Rev. Francis Ezenezi

**TO FIND OUT MORE & REGISTER, VISIT:
<https://www.catholicconversation.net/>**

**LINK IS ALSO POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE
AT PROCATHEDRAL.CA
UNDER NEWS AND LINKS**

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 the perforations. **Save them in baggies/envelopes & drop them into the collection or into the office mail slot.**

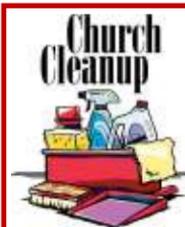


IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart ... He will direct your path."
(Proverbs 3: 5-6)*

WWW.BEAPRIEST.CA

**If you have moved or now use a cell phone number
please call or email the parish office so we can
change this information on our parish data system**



Volunteer Church Cleaners

Would you be interested in joining us on Friday mornings to help clean our beautiful church? Light dusting, wiping down pews, re-stocking pew envelopes, etc. No major cleaning such as vacuuming or washing floors. If you can help, please contact the parish office by email or telephone. We aim to begin at 8:30 AM to be finished by 10:00 AM, Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you for considering this ministry!



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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parenthood can be humbling. When our children are young, we celebrate even the tiniest accomplishments: “You put on your socks!” or “Wow, good job putting your dish in the dishwasher!” And rightly so. Then come the teen years, and some of us can err on the side of criticism. “Why did you put off that project until the last minute?” “Turn off the electronics by 10 p.m. or else ...” “What, another energy drink?” (We say, looking up from our own phone with a cup of tea in hand ...)

The same can be said of our spiritual lives. We want our children to pray and participate in the sacraments, but we may rush through Grace before meals, skip opportunities for confession, or treat holy Mass as an afterthought. Today’s Gospel reminds us why our admonitions won’t work if we don’t walk our talk: The blind can’t lead the blind. None of us is perfect, and neither are our children or the other people in our lives. But as our second reading reminds us, Jesus has won for us victory over sin. When we ask Jesus to help us remove the “wooden beam” from our own eyes, we can see his will for us more clearly and lift up those around us.

We don’t have to be perfect to encourage one another in our faith. Like the “good tree” Jesus describes in the parable and the tree that bears “good fruit” in Sirach, however, we need to nourish our faith before we can share it with others. It can start with something as simple as adding prayer to our morning routine. We can bring our flaws, our doubts, our bad habits to Jesus and ask him to free us from whatever might be holding us back. As we accompany others, whether it is those with whom we live, work, or worship, we can turn to Jesus to help us be a force for good. We will stumble. But as St. Paul reminds us, “Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

Pope Francis’ prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it’s a loving and merciful encounter between us and God.

The video opens with the Pope himself going to confession, “in order to be healed, to heal my soul.”

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REGIONAL NEWS

Looking for a Catholic Podcast? The Catholic Buzz Podcast is a weekly Catholic podcast recorded in our own Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie! Hosted by Fr. Daniele Muscolino, Josh Sullivan and Mat VanMilligen, these three tackle all sorts of Catholic topics, news and answer your questions too. You can watch the podcast on YouTube, or listen on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music and more! Visit <https://linktr.ee/thecatholicbuzz> for all the links, or follow on Facebook (@thecatholicbuzz) or on Instagram (@thecatholicbuzzpodcast).

Near North Palliative Care Network presents free phone based activities for people 55+. Trivia and Reminiscing on Mondays at 11:00 AM; Saturday Coffee Convo at 10:00 AM—Chat with other seniors from the comfort of home; Information with Q & A Time on various topics on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. To register or for more information, call 497-9239 or email events@nnpncn.com. You can dial into an event at 1-866-279-1594 and use guest code: 565758

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.

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. If you would like to volunteer, or be part of our prayer ministry, email judyproulx@icloud.com

The Good Samaritan Corner

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

Did you know that the True Self – Debwewendizwin, Employment & Training Program promotes the safety, self-sufficiency, and wellbeing of individuals and their families by fostering a structured collaborative community response? At the day-time warming centre run by the Gathering Place, the organization work with Indigenous people who have been victims of violence, and help them with a variety of services, with the end goal being to find them employment. They also have peer outreach workers with lived experience. For more information or to find out how you can help contact Donna Forget, Manager at 705-474-4058 and visit <https://nfn.ca/true-self/>

During the Honourable Anthony Rota’s question and answer session with the committee, he mentioned the need for a **Guaranteed Livable Basic Income in Canada**. With the rise in the cost of living, more than ever it is time to add your voice and tell your MP to vote YES today! To learn more about Bill C-223 and to sign the petition visit: ubiworks.ca Let’s end poverty now! Let’s end homeless now!

Soles for Souls: Mitts, thermal socks and approximately 50 pairs of brand-new winter boots were donated to the homeless. In addition, the committee received coats, blankets, and scarves. Thank-you to True-North Chevrolet who made the Compassionate Committee’s Soles for Souls campaign their 50/50 ticket recipient! As well, a heartfelt thank-you to the countless individuals who donated essential items and monies during our drop-off days.