

15 January
2023

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!

In the first reading, God reminds Isaiah that Israel is the Lord's servant. Paul greets the Church of Corinth, announcing he has been called to be an Apostle. In the Gospel, John announces Jesus as *the Lamb of God*. As followers of Jesus, we are duty-bound to bring the good news of salvation to a world very much in need of saving. As disciples of the one true God, we must find our voice and speak his holy truth even when it may be inconvenient or unwanted.

Behold the Lamb 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.

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: 3:00 to 3:45 PM each Saturday.

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.

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

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenek

Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Mrs. Norma Milligan
Miss Ruth Godon



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.



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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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

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

Scripture Readings: 16-22 January 2023

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	Isaiah 9. 1-4; 1 Corinthians 1. 10-13, 17-18; Matthew 4. 12-23

CHECK YOUR POCKETS!

Have you taken one of our HEARING RECEIVERS home by accident? Please return to an usher as soon as possible - thank you!



Last Week to Register - First Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22!

The on-line registration form can be found on our website under SACRAMENTS under both Eucharist & Reconciliation. The forms have the option to register for one or both of the sacraments and once completed, they can be emailed to: office@procathedral.ca

Children who have already celebrated Baptism are invited to participate in Reconciliation and Children who have received Baptism & First Reconciliation can register for First Eucharist.

Preparation Dates—All Gatherings in Parish Hall Sacrament Celebrations in Church

1st Reconciliation AND 1st Eucharist Meeting

Welcome Meeting Sunday, 22 January 10:00 AM

Meet and greet for all children celebrating either one (or both!) of these sacraments will be held.

First Reconciliation Preparation Dates

Gathering One	Thursday, 02 February	6:15 PM
Gathering Two	Thursday, 23 February	6:15 PM
Rehearsal	Sunday, 05 March	10:00 AM
Celebration	Wednesday, 08 March	6:00 PM

First Eucharist Preparation Dates

Gathering One	Wednesday, 10 May	6:15 PM
Gathering Two	Wednesday, 24 May	6:15 PM
Rehearsal	Sunday, 04 June	10:00 AM
Celebration	Sunday, 11 June	9 or 11 AM Mass



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

Weekday Masses
are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 16 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 17 January - Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot
Jim Molnar - Vivian Molnar
Mr. Colquhoun - Mary Lou Smith
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, 18 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Frank and Rita Kelly - Robert and Judy
Lois Wishak - Catholic Women's League
For Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Friend

Thursday, 19 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Carol and Tom O'Connor - Vicki Doucette
Jackie Gagno - Margaret Anne Lafontaine and Family
Intention of Richard Levesque - Divine Will Prayer Group

Friday, 20 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Emile Lamothe - Louise Cappadocia
Intention of the Veraldi Family - Myrtle Veraldi
Intention of Karen Beaulieu - Celine Mayer

4:00 PM Saturday, 21 January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul Smith - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
Intention of Pedro and Jessica Costa and Family - Robert and Judy

Sunday, 15 January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Paul Smith - Nadine and Paul Condon
Robert Lough - Elsbeth Dillig

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

We don't have to wait til we are perfect to bear witness to Jesus; our proclamation begins today, right where we live. And it does not begin by trying to convince others, but by witnessing every day to the beauty of the Love that has looked upon us and lifted us up. Pope Francis



Catholic Women's League

CWL MEMBERSHIPS

You may pick up your Membership Cards in the CWL Box at the entrance back Pew, Algonquin Side. It is never too late to Renew! We invite those not yet members to consider joining - Your Voice Matters.

We understand that the annual fee of \$40 can be cost prohibitive for some people. Please contact Mary-Lynn in strict confidence if the \$40 membership presents a difficulty for you. We don't want to lose you — your membership is important! Members, if you are in a position to financially sponsor a membership fee for someone else, please contact Mary-Lynn at 474-3082.

For those who purchased before December 31, the **EARLY BIRD DRAW**, winner will be drawn at our first General Meeting of 2023, March 1.



Most families in our parish data system were entered long before email was even "a thing" - can you imagine? For our records, we would like to add emails whenever possible to your contact information. Could you please complete the following so we can update our system? Just drop this back to the parish office or email us with the information at: office@procathedral.ca **THANK YOU!** *Please print clearly.*

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____ **FIRST NAME:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ARE YOU REGISTERED? IF NOT, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Please help keep our records up-to-date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place in the collection.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ P/C: _____ Cell Phone: _____

- I am new to the parish and I wish to register
- I am unsure if registered, please check
- I have recently moved, please update



- I wish to donate using:
- Contribution Envelopes
 - VISA/MasterCard
 - Pre-Authorized Bank Donations

- ◆ **Are you using envelope 180 in 2023?** We don't know who you are - please call the parish office.
- ◆ Please do not use any envelopes from any year other than 2023 or put previously used numbers on envelopes.
- ◆ If putting your envelope number on Roof Campaign envelopes, make sure it is your 2023 number and put your name on the envelope for the month of January so we can cross-reference what number you are using.
- ◆ 2022 was closed off January 1, 2023. If you made any donations in 2022 envelopes after this date, they have been posted to this year and will be added to your 2023 income tax receipt.

Parish Donations ~ We Need Your Support

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!

Collection: 08 January 2023	
<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$3,517.85	\$837.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN (Second Collection)	ROOF CAMPAIGN (In Regular Collection)
\$1,017.35	\$3,721.00

Gold Envelopes are in the pews for our weekly second collection for Roof Campaign Donations

Bank Donations DECEMBER	
<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$6,916.00	\$3,177.00

Supporting our Priests

Join us on January 23 for one hour of prayer, intercession and adoration for our priests.
Holy Name of Jesus Parish – 7:00 pm
Come and bless your priest!

The priest in the North Bay Region are taking a course called Kick Start offered by Divine Renovations. The course helps develop a vision and the structures necessary for our priests to meet the needs of the Church today.
They are committed to doing this to better serve us.



The dove is a powerful symbol for Jews and Christians alike, representing love and a deep sense of peace. The dove has special significance for Christians, as a sign of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, John the

Baptist testifies, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him ... He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." The Baptist further testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. The *catechism* (701) reminds us that John the Baptist not only paved the way for Jesus, but for all of us who followed: "The Spirit comes down and remains in the purified hearts of the baptized." Through our baptism, we can follow in the footsteps of John the Baptist by telling others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit will give us what we need in order to become messengers of love and peace to those we encounter.

As we listen to the reading from Isaiah, in which the Lord vows to make Israel "a light to the nations, we are reminded that our salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." John the Baptist baptizes with water to prepare the people for Jesus' coming.

As we settle into the dark days of winter, today's readings challenge us to become points of light to others, leading them to Christ. How we do that will differ for each of us – praying for others, visiting an elderly relative, writing that letter we've been putting off. We may not be prophets like Isaiah and John the Baptist, but we have the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to inspire us.



ALPHA EXPERIENCE BEGINS FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Imagine what it would look like if each one of us invited one person that we already share life with to explore a relationship with Jesus through Alpha and find new hope this year.

We are asking our parishioners to have the courage to invite someone or even sponsor them through the Alpha Experience, where they can come to learn more about faith and ask the tough questions that prevent them from having a relationship with Jesus.

Alpha begins February 6 and continues for 11 weeks each Monday evening at Holy Name of Jesus Church (895 Memorial Drive). A free meal begins each session. More information at www.alphanorthbay.com

Who will you invite?

Catholic Young Adults (Aged 18-35): Meet other Catholic Young Adults looking to deepen faith, grow in relationship with Jesus, and make some Catholic friends. To receive updates on events that are planned, email youngadultsnb@ssmd.ca to get on the mailing list. Facebook and Instagram @youngadultsnb

EDGE for students in grades 6, 7 & 8—Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 PM: Students are welcome to join us for games, music, prayer, friends and faith at Holy Name of Jesus Church. www.holynamestalphonus.com/edge

OVER THE EDGE for students in high school grades 9-12-Thursdays at Holy Name from 8:00 -9:30 PM. Come to support one another in growing as young people who know and love our faith in Jesus. Nights include games, talks, prayer and socializing. Now more than ever, we need good friends to support our faith journey in life! www.holynamestalphonus.com/overtheedge

North Bay Pregnancy Help Resource Center: We have a **Prayer Team** who are vital to this ministry—you are welcome to join! For more information contact Judy at judybnphrc@gmail.com or call 475-9270.

Family Enrichment Program, a targeted resource program for parents and their children age birth to four is looking for volunteers. For more information on how you can help, call 472-2152

St. Francis Table Community Meal: Third Saturday of every month at Holy Name Church from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. All are welcome for free food and friendship. Call 495-1501 for more information.

Regional Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Holy Name. **We need adorers—can you help?** Please call Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.

North Bay Right to Life Collects returnable bottles and cans—drop off at 1498 Pinegrove Crescent under the carport. Thank you!

Good Samaritan Corner

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

Did you know that The Daytime Unsheltered Hub, also known as the warming centre, is now open!

It is located at 590 Chippewa Street, basement site. The centre is open 7 days a week, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



If you are able, please consider donating folding chairs, cleaning supplies, coats, blankets, dried soup, oatmeal packets, tea and coffee to The Daytime Unsheltered Hub.

They are also looking for volunteers from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The volunteers would be responsible for assisting with various administration duties (COVID screeners, referrals, and general support). The facility will have two security guards, three staff and one volunteer per shift. Safety and first aid training will be provided.

For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bryan Eade at 705-358-9639 or at bryaneade@gmail.com

For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/> or contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687 or at compassionnorthbay@gmail.com