

23 JULY
2023

16th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!

The author of the Book of Wisdom ponders the mystery of God's power, which he exercises with justice and leniency. In the second reading, Paul describes how the Holy Spirit helps us pray. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about the kingdom of heaven through a series of parables. In our daily lives, it can be challenging to persevere in faith, in charity, and in kindness when dealing with people who appear to be the opposite – mean, vengeful, thoughtless. But Jesus reminds us that it is still possible to bear fruit under these conditions, and that even a small seed of faith can yield abundant fruit.



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly

The third **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** is celebrated this year on **Sunday, July 23**. Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church each July, either on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, to help “treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.”

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's World Day is “**His mercy is from age to age**” (Luke 1:50), underlining the relational interconnection between old and young. This theme is particularly well suited to the upcoming World Youth Day in Lisbon, which will take place from 1 to 6 August.

Let us encourage our youth to find concrete and creative ways of drawing closer to the elderly. Together, young and old, let us be protagonists of generosity in our world and witnesses to the love of Christ, a love that is both fruitful and supportive.



3rd Annual Catholic Family Retreat

August 5, 6 & 7 at Sacred Way Farms, Powassan. Our Retreat Leaders this year

are Ken & Janelle Yasinski! Join us for prayer, family fun, activities and inspiring talks! Camping is available on property. To register or for more information visit: holynamestalphonsus.com/familyretreat



New to the Pro-Cathedral?

Please Register so we can
get to know you better!

Email: office@procathedral.ca

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

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools



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 to Thursday	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED

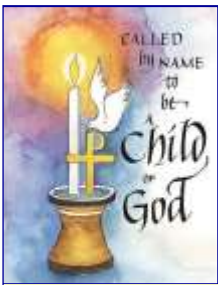
READINGS: 24 - 30 JULY

Monday	Exodus 14. 5-18; Matthew 12. 38-42
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4. 7-15; Matthew 20. 20-28
Wednesday	Sirach 44. 1, 8, 10-15; Matthew 13. 16-17
Thursday	Exodus 19. 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt. 13. 10-17
Friday	Exodus 20. 1-17; Matthew 13. 18-23
Saturday	Exodus 24. 3-8; John 11. 17-27;
Sunday	1 Kings 3. 5-12; Romans 8. 28-30; Matthew 13. 44-52



 (705) 472-3970
 (705) 494-8222
 office@procathedral.ca
 www.procathedral.ca
 facebook.com/procathedral

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.



Congratulations to the following families who recently celebrated the baptism of their children!

Trenton Luxton & Alexie (Plante) on the baptism of their daughter, **EVELYN SYNDY LUXTON**

Jerick Del Carmen & Divine (Marigomen) on the baptism of their son, **JEDRICK EMMANUEL MARIGOMEN DEL CARMEN**

Derek Brash & Mabel (Plourde-Doran) on the baptism of their son, **BOBBY ROSS EDGAR BRASH**

Ian Garrioch & Agnes (Plourde-Doran) on the baptism of their daughter, **IVY MABEL GARRIOCH**

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



JULY TICKETS ~ LAST WEEK FOR SALES!
www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral

Tickets Amount
1 for \$5, 4 for \$10, 20 for \$20, 100 for \$50
Purchaser must reside in Ontario.

This raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay under Licence #RAF1286202

North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre

Offering guidance, support and layettes to new moms.
 If you can donate diapers, wipes, baby wash, etc.
 call 475-9270 or email: judyroulx@icloud.com

Sunday Collection: 16 July 2023

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$3,039.35	\$686.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	\$128,987.28
<u>Week Ending Sunday, July 16</u>	
41 Tax Receipted Donations	\$ 554.65
Roof Loose	\$ 486.10
<u>Orchard Gift Card Sales</u>	
14 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	\$ 70.00
Profit to 16 July	Total: \$ <u>2,773.00</u>
Garage Sale Additional Funds	\$ 271.62
Roof Campaign Balance July 9	\$130,369.65

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 24 July - Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 25 July - Feast of St. James, Apostle
 Carmen Fruci - Maria Miscio
 Geoffrey Laplante - Margaret Anne Lafontaine

Wednesday, 26 July - Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Emile Lamothe - Susan Boudreau
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 27 July - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Frank Toth - Aurelia Toth and Family
 Intention of Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque

Friday, 28 July - Weekday in Ordinary Time

For Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner
 Intention of Riel Levesque - Richard Levesque

4:00 PM Saturday, 29 July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lucy Saini - The Saini Family
 Intention of Paul and Sue Aultman - Ella Lamothe

Sunday, 30 July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mary Lou Stone - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
 Joseph Slattery - David Slattery
 Intention of the Donors and those Remembered
 in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

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



The Kingdom of Heaven is like a Mustard Seed



The reality of this world, is that temptation and sin surround us. Fortunately, Jesus gives us himself as the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, and we have the gift of mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation. These sacraments, as well as prayer, give us the “nutrients” we need to ensure that we remain the wheat God has sown in his field, and that we can help others be that too.

While the sacraments can fortify our faith, what about our neighbors, friends or family who are not Catholic or who have fallen away from the Church? This is where evangelization comes in – inviting someone to join you at Mass or suggesting a religious book they might enjoy reading. If you don’t think such a simple act could make much difference in the life of another, take heart in the parables contained in the long form of today’s Gospel. In those, Jesus reminds us that it doesn’t take much to spread the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. The smallest of seeds can turn into the largest of plants and a small amount of yeast can leaven much flour. And if we have moments where we lack courage or feel in need of assistance, St. Paul reminds us that “the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness.” Never underestimate the power of the Advocate: he can help us pray, can intercede for us, and provide what we need to be good seed in the world.

Let us pray this week for the strength to live out our baptismal promise to reject evil, and to gain courage so as to be a witness to God, and to work toward building his kingdom on earth wherever and whenever we can.