

05 NOVEMBER  
2023

31<sup>st</sup> 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 prophet Malachi in today's first reading explains the consequences of showing partiality – division from one another and from God. In the second reading, Paul speaks of his affectionate love for the Thessalonian Church. In the Gospel, Jesus chastises the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees, calling for humility and service. At the heart of today's Gospel is this truth: *The greatest among you must be your servant.* Jesus' scorn for the scribes and Pharisees was based on their inability to understand this. Jesus took on the role of servant, giving his very life on behalf of the world.

### 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

#### 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

### IN RESIDENCE

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

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:** 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.



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

### READINGS: 06—12 NOVEMBER

Monday	Romans 11. 29-36; Luke 14. 12-14
Tuesday	Romans 12. 5-16a; Luke 14. 15-24
Wednesday	Romans 13. 8-10; Luke 14. 25-33
Thursday	Ezekiel 47. 1-2, 8-9, 12; John 2. 1-22
Friday	Romans 15. 14-21; Luke 16. 1-8
Saturday	Romans 16-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16. 9-15
Sunday	Wisdom 6. 12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4. 13-18; Matthew 25. 1-13

**What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week**  
**Monday, 06 November to Sunday 12 November**

Date	Time	Location	Event
Tuesday	1 PM	Sacristy	The Divine Will Gathering
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Sacristy	Alpha Planning Meeting
	6:30 PM	Hall	R.C.I.A. Gathering
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium & Hall	Level I, II, III Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	5:00 PM	Hall	Board Game Night
Sunday	12:15 PM	Church	Baptisms

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM**

**Monday, 06 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
**No Celebration on Mondays**

**Tuesday, 07 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu  
 Intention of Ray and Marlene Walter - Robert and Judy

**Wednesday, 08 November - Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Lise Hudebine - Lorraine and Don Cappadocia  
 Intention of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

**Thursday, 09 November - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
 Frank Toth - Aurelia Toth and Family  
 Frederick Stachow - Ray and Marlene Walter

**Friday, 10 November - Memorial of St. Leo the Great**  
 Carmen Fruci - Cathy Fruci  
 Kathy Belcourt - Pro-Cathedral Choir Members  
 Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Friend

**4:00 PM Saturday, 11 November- 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Eugenio Gerbasi - The Family  
 Clarence Lefebvre - Carol Lefebvre and Family  
 Ron Breslin - Kim and Michelle

**Sunday, 12 November - 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**9:00 AM** Ellena Gulick - Rita Morrissette  
 Ray Zuback - Cheryl Zuback and Family  
 In Honour of St. Francis Cabrini - Ann Sullivan

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



**Thank you so much for your generous donations to our Catholic Charities Food Bank last weekend. Just a reminder that we can use all non-perishable food items and the following items in particular to go with our bread donations:**



**2023-2024 Sunday Missals**  
**Available in Sacristy for Pick Up**  
**\$5/EACH**

Sunday 29 October 2023	
Sunday Offering	Building Fund
<b>\$3,085.40</b>	<b>\$1,093.00</b>

**ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT**

Roof Campaign Balance **\$159,299.70**

**Sunday, 29 October**

Roof Loose \$ 414.30  
 37 Receipted Donations \$ 444.00

**Orchard Gift Card Sales**

12 Cards X \$5.00 Profit \$ 60.00  
**Total Profit to 29 October \$ 4,263.00**

**New Roof Campaign Balance \$160,218.00**

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

*Our D & P Coordinator, Lorraine Atchison, will make sure they are sent to the Stamp Project. Thank you!*



**Winner of the OCT 2023 Draw**  
**of \$712.50**  
**is Msgr. Dave Tramontini (Ticket #C-1065)**  
**congratulations!**

Raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay, Ontario under License #RAF1286202. Each draw is generated by computer and the winner is chosen randomly. Rafflebox is a government regulated raffle provider.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT!**





The celebration of First Reconciliation will be held in March 2024 and First Eucharist will be held in June 2024.

Please pre-register your child now. Preparation Dates as well as the on-line registration form can be found on our website under SACRAMENTS under both Eucharist and 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](mailto: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.

As with all of our sacraments for children, the preparation process takes place “in the midst of the community” especially when it gathers at the Sunday assembly throughout the year. Children preparing for the reception of the sacraments are invited to participate in the Sunday Celebration of the Word with Children at the 9:00 AM mass.



**\$25 Gift Cards**

**ORCHARDS**

Available at Parish Office

**Great Chance to Win  
We need your support!**



**NOVEMBER TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

Visit our Homepage: [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca)

**Tickets Amount**

**1 for \$5, 4 for \$10, 20 for \$20, 100 for \$50**

**Purchaser must reside in Ontario.**

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**Let's Stand for the Land!**

For Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *Create Hope: Stand for the Land* campaign, our partner ERIC–Radio Progreso has asked that we support the defenders of human rights and the environment in Honduras. Since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been fighting to preserve their rivers and the Carlos Escaleras National Park from mining. To find out more, visit [devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign).



**“Communities are displaced. Rights are violated. Access and rights to water denied. All this to give priority to the extraction and pillaging of resources.”**

— Leonel George, member of the Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Colón

**Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act)**



**Assisted death up 31% in 2022**

Quinton Amundson, The Catholic Register

A new Health Canada report revealed the number of euthanasia deaths in 2022 was 13,241, 31.2-per-cent higher than the 10,092 Canadians who requested assisted suicide in 2021. It also indicated that 4.1 per cent of all deaths in Canada last year were from medical assistance in dying (MAiD) procedures.

Nicole Scheidl, executive director of Canadian Physicians for Life, is dismayed by how rapidly the numbers are rising.

“I think that it is pretty clear that it is being so integrated into our health-care system that it is becoming the first option offered and counselled to people, particularly individuals with longer wait times,” said Scheidl.

“They don’t have all the options they might otherwise want, or maybe not even being offered to them because they are not easily available. MAiD, you can have it very quickly if you want it in our health-care system.”

Scheidl was in the company of many medical professionals in late October at the annual Canadian Physicians for Life conference in Ottawa. Most expressed concern over “individuals who are very enthusiastic about people having access to MAiD.”

Alex Schadenberg, the executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, wrote in a blog post that “sadly, Canada has quickly become the most permissive euthanasia regime in the world.”

“Further to that, a Canadian government committee report recommended expanding the law to include euthanasia for children, ‘mature minors’ and euthanasia for incompetent people by advanced request. Recent stories indicate that Canadians are now dying by euthanasia for reasons of poverty, homelessness, disability, a lack of access to medical treatment and mental illness,” wrote Schadenberg.

According to the report, there have been 44,958 MAiD deaths since 2016. The annual year-to-year growth rate during that time is 31.1 per cent. Of the assisted deaths recorded in 2022, 463 provisions were for people whose natural death was not foreseeable. The passage of Bill C-7 in 2021 removed anticipated natural death as a guard rail against approving the procedure. Another key safeguard is set to be removed on March 17, 2024: individuals who solely suffer from mental illness will no longer be prevented from requesting assisted suicide.

## Miscarriage & Loss

A miscarriage can have deeply felt and long-lasting effects on a woman and a couple. It is heart breaking no matter when it happens during pregnancy.

The parish is making available a Care and Comfort Package to parents who have lost a child through miscarriage in order to help in your time of loss and grief.

If you wish to receive a package, please call or email the parish office. Your information will be held in the strictest confidence.



### [The Good Samaritan Corner](#)

**The Unsheltered Hub will be opening its doors this week**, on Wednesday, November 1 and anyone needing to **get out of the cold any day of the week** this winter can go to the new warming centre location at 579 Fraser Street, during the hours of 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Over the summer, the District on Nipissing Social Services Administration Board, along with the City of North Bay and Crisis Centre North Bay worked to identify an available location that could be opened as a warming centre. This centre, operated by The Gathering Place, will remain open until March 31 with an option to remain open until April 30 if cold weather persists. About 40 visitors can be accommodated at the Fraser Street site.

**The low barrier shelter on Chippewa Street remains open overnight** for people experiencing homelessness.

For more information about the Compassionate Committee or how you can help, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/> or contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687 or at [CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com](mailto:CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com)



## LECTORS

New Workbooks are available for pickup in the Sacristy this weekend. Pick yours up soon!

**Plan on getting married in 2024? Register for Marriage Preparation for the weekend of November, 24-25 at Holy Name of Jesus. Call Samantha Briggs at 471-3284 to register.**

**North Bay Right to Life Religious Christmas Cards** for sale. One package of ten cards \$8.00, three packages \$20.00 To purchase call Lori Jean at 498-2241

**Christmas Gift Fundraiser for our clients of North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre.** Goal is to raise \$4,500.00 to provide a grocery gift card, goodies and a toy for the baby. Follow on Facebook as we colour in the Christmas Tree as donations are raised! Donations can be made in person at our office, 357 Ferguson Street North Bay or by e-transfer at [nbphrc@hotmail.com](mailto:nbphrc@hotmail.com)

**Community Living North Bay looking for compassionate host families** to open their hearts and homes to an adult with an intellectual disability. Reach out to [familyhomje@clnb.org](mailto:familyhomje@clnb.org) or 476-5117 ext. 225 for more information about remuneration, support and relief.

**That Man is You!** is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Food, fellowship and faith Saturdays at 7:00 AM at St. Peter's. For more information or to register visit: [tmiynorthbay.ca](http://tmiynorthbay.ca)

**EDGE** for students in Grades 6, 7 & 8 - Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8pm beginning November 9! Students are welcome to join us for games, music, prayer, friends and faith at Holy Name of Jesus Church Visit for more info: [www.holynamestalphonusus.com/edge](http://www.holynamestalphonusus.com/edge)

**OVER THE EDGE** for students in high school Grades 9-12 -Thursdays from 8pm - 9:30pm beginning November 9! 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 and take place at Holy Name of Jesus Church or visit for more info: [www.holynamestalphonusus.com/overtheedge](http://www.holynamestalphonusus.com/overtheedge)

**CLAY** is a fun, faith-filled youth group led by parent volunteers, for grades JK-grade 5. Join us Thursdays 6:30- 8pm at St. Joseph's Parish, Powassan. Contact Jessica Shepherd 497-6219 for info.

**Pray During the Day!** Holy Name of Jesus Church is open daily Tuesday to Friday from 11:30am to 4:30pm for prayer in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You can pop in at any time, for how long or how short you would like. Take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to spend time with our Lord Jesus!

**Trinity United Cookie Walk** Saturday, November 25 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM or until everything is gone! Holiday treats sold by the container—come early! Use side entrance off McIntyre.

**Release Back Pack Project**—Nursing students at Nipissing are collaborating with the Aids Committee and True Self to fill backpacks with resources to give to prisoners released from custody who have limited resources. Required: non-perishable food items, tarps, socks, hats, gloves, rain ponchos, toiletries, lighters, lip balm, wet wipes, flashlights, etc. For more info email [sldudley825@my.nipissingu.ca](mailto:sldudley825@my.nipissingu.ca)