

26 January
2024

Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



On the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we learn the importance of listening to God's word. Nehemiah showed the people that reading and understanding Scripture brings joy and strength. When we take time to listen to God's word, we find guidance and comfort. It helps us grow in our faith and live better lives. The gospel also shows us that Jesus studied and understood Scripture. Jesus knew God's word well and used it to teach and help others. By following His example, we can also learn more about God and how to follow Him. Studying Scripture helps us know what God wants for us and how we can live in a way that pleases Him. The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C encourage us to not just hear God's word but to act on it. It is not enough to listen and understand; we must also live out our faith. This means helping others, being kind, and following God's commandments. By doing this, we show our love for God and others. Living out God's word every day can be challenging, but it is what we are called to do. We are reminded that God's word is our guide and strength. When we listen, understand, and act on it, we grow closer to God and become better people. Let's make a commitment to read, study, and live out God's word in our daily lives.

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

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.



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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 Noon. 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: 27 JAN - 02 FEB

Monday	Hebrews 9. 15, 24-28; Mark 3. 22-30
Tuesday	Hebrews 10. 1-10; Mark 3. 31-35
Wednesday	Hebrews 10. 11-18; Mark 4. 1-20
Thursday	Hebrews 10. 19-25; Mark 4. 21-25
Friday	Hebrews 10. 32-39; Mark 4. 26-34
Saturday	Hebrews 11. 1-2, 8-19; Mark 4. 35-41
Sunday	Malachi 3. 1-4; Hebrews 2. 10-11, 13b-18; Luke 2. 22-40;



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

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 26 January—02 February

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Sacristy	Sacramental Prep. Team Mtg.
Thursday	6:00 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:30 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	10:00 AM	Rectory	Liturgy Committee Meeting
	1:00 PM	Sacristy	Catholic Girls League Executive
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word

**With the postal increase this year,
mailing out income tax receipts
will cost the parish approximately \$1,000.**

**If you have the capacity to receive your income tax receipt
by email and are willing to receive it in this manner,
please email the parish office at: office@procathedral.ca
with the following information:**

Donor Name, Phone Number, Email Address

**Please have this information to the parish office
by February 10, 2025**

Thank you for your consideration!

Baptism of the Lord — 19 January

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$3,015.30	\$917.00

Credit Card Donations January

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
\$4,583.00	\$1,421.00	\$1,375.00

Roof Campaign - Investment Shares

\$20,000.00

**Thank you to our anonymous donor
for their generous donation!**

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 19 January 2025

Roof Campaign Balance	\$4,248.45
<u>Sunday, 19 January Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$520.85
33 Receipted Donations	\$1,592.25
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$27,736.55

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 28 January: Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Judy Kelly-Manary - Mary Lou Smith
Michael Boudreau - Ben and Theresa Boudreau

Wednesday, 29 January: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest 12:05 PM

Lloyd Voisin - The Family
Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 30 January: Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Geno Cundari - Mary-Lynn and Family
In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Arthur & Lucille Schiavo

Friday, 31 January: St. John Bosco, Priest 12:05 PM

Abraham Barrios - The Barrios Family
Intention of Robert Manary - Jessica Costa

Saturday, 01 February: The Presentation of the Lord 4:00 PM

James Saini - Nadine and Paul Condon
Intention of Jessica Costa - Jane Renette

Sunday, 02 January: The Presentation of the Lord

9:00 AM Judy Kelly-Manary - Jessica Costa
Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi

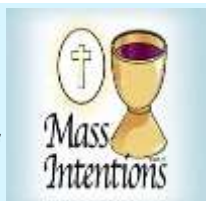
11:00 AM Pat and Rita Masciangelo - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Bill Demarco - Darlene Truchon
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



**Available at All Masses
Last Weekend of the Month
or at Parish Office During the Week**



Offering Mass intentions is a tradition of prayer, support, and community. You may request a mass for someone who is deceased; for the intentions of someone who is living; for those who are sick and suffering who need prayers; or in celebration of a special occasion. Contact the parish office to book a mass. A Mass Stipend is \$15.00 and an income tax receipt is provided.



PARISH DONATIONS

Just a reminder to please consider using our pre-authorized methods for your contributions in 2025 as it allows us to have a steady stream of income, even when you are away from the parish.

Other ways you can support:

- 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
- Download the app Tithe.ly
- Text "GIVE" to 1-833-423-1163 and follow instructions
- Support our Monthly 50/50 RAFFLE
- Purchase Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards



A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on **Tuesday, February 11** beginning at 6:30 PM. Call the parish office by Monday, February 10 to register.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan policy.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ.

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (John 20:21-23).



**CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD IN THE CATHEDRAL
EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3:00 TO 3:45 PM
JUST PRIOR TO THE 4:00 PM MASS.**

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.



It's that time of year again when members of the CWL renew their memberships. Thank you to the 88 members who have already renewed their memberships thus far! Last year, at our membership peak, we had a total of 178 paid members. Let's see if we can beat that number in 2025!

We have exciting news! We would like to take this opportunity to announce that our CWL Parish Council has 6 new and transferred members!! We look forward to seeing these new faces at our General Gatherings and wish them well on their journey as a member of the CWL at the Pro-Cathedral.



If you have new contact information, please contact Leah Pierce, Vice-President, at 705-472-5687 or at pn.thebay@gmail.com.

From time-to-time we need to reach our members, such as in support of funeral services or our annual bazaar, and it is easiest if we have your updated contact information on file.



Building Fund VS Roof Campaign

Roof Campaign donations specifically go to the expenses we will incur as we do the work on the tower and roof. We need to raise these funds to have on hand for this planned work.

The **Building Fund** is a collection for ongoing, regular maintenance of our facilities such as repairs, utilities, snow removal, etc.

We ask that people make a regular commitment to the building fund and view the roof campaign as an extra contribution specific to our fundraising goal.

For those who are currently not contributing to either of these funds, we ask that you consider donating to them in your planned giving. Thank you!

Welcome to all Single Women!! (Divorced, Single, Widowed)



Make 2025 the year you join the Pro-Cathedral single ladies social group. Together, we go to a movie, dinner, antiquing, shopping in the surrounding area, coffee every Thursday, theatre (local/Shaw/Stratford), berry picking, card nights, sleigh ride, long & short trips and a number of events we decide together to do.

If this is something you might enjoy, please call Karen for more information at 705-495-6675, or email kbeaulieu914@gmail.com or text 705-493-4191.

We only have two meetings per year to set the agenda and you can choose to attend or not attend any event that is planned. Entirely at your commitment and comfort level.



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 office mail slot.**

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

OVER \$760,000 RAISED TO DATE WITH YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS - THEY COUNT!

JANUARY
Tickets
on sale
now!

**PURCHASE TICKETS
BY VISITING**
[www.rafflebox.ca/
raffle/procathedral](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral)




50/50
RAFFLE

This raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay under License #RAF1438966


We can set you up for the Parish Office to purchase your monthly 50/50 tickets.

Call Karen at the Office to see how she can do this for you!

Safe and reliable so you can enter the draw each month



DIDYOU KNOW that you can bring your own headphones to plug into the FM system? Although the headphones we have are sanitized after each use, you may be more comfortable bringing your own headphones to use in our FM hearing system. Just bring your headphones, plug them into the receiver that you get from an usher when you enter the church and VOILA! You have sound. Any questions, give Karen a call at the parish office.



"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone" Colossians 4: 6

Check out our website under BULLETINS to view the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's **Pastoral Letter on the Use of Social Media & Video Series** below featuring Bishop Scott McCaig and Bishop Pierre-Olivier Tremblay. You will also find links to YouTube videos on several topics including:

- Check for Accuracy and Seek Greater Perspective
- Value Human Dignity in Online Interactions
- Bring Curiosity into Conversations and Distinguish Between Intention and Impact;
- Prioritize Real-Life Encounters and Manage Online Time

Nipissing Serenity Hospice Open House 799 John Street on January 29 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Tour, information, and light refreshments to celebrate 5 years of operations.

Shalom Place, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph offering:

Scriptures for Everyday—Zoom presentation on Wednesday evenings facilitated by Janet Norman. Together we will explore the scripture stories and Psalms to glean hope, wisdom and new energy to be God's faithful, empowered people in our community. Held Wednesday evenings February 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Register by February 3

Walking with Jesus by the Sea, facilitated by Lorna Connolly: Do you seek some quiet time to explore your inner life? Would you like to imagine walking with Jesus by the sea? Join us on **Zoom** from 7:00 to 8:00 PM on the third Monday of each month beginning on Monday, February 17. You will have the opportunity to pause and go inward with spiritual music, a guided imagery meditation, personal reflection time and optional sharing. Register for one or more or all. Each session stands alone. Register by the Friday preceding the session, e.g., for the February 17 session, register by February 14.

Register for Shalom Place offerings at: shalomssm@shaw.ca, (705) 254-4690 or at www.shalomplace.ca. Cost: Your gift allows the ministry of Shalom Place to continue. Thank you!

GOOD SAMARITAN CORNER

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

What do you do if you come across a person you are concerned about? If they are in medical distress – call 9-1-1. If they do not require medical attention and you are willing to interact with them, ask them what they require. They may need warm clothes, a hot meal, a ride to somewhere warm or a place to sleep.

There are eight churches from different Christian faiths that are part of the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay and each church has a copy of the **Quick Reference Guide** with useful information on the resources available to provide help to the homeless. You may also find the Quick Reference Guide online at <https://northbay.ca/our-community/community-directory/>

For your own copy of the Quick Reference Guide please contact Leah Pierce at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com

Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay> or contact Leah Pierce at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com for more information about the Compassionate Committee of North Bay.

