

23 February
2025

Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke
6:27-28

In the first reading, David spares the life of his enemy Saul, because Saul is God's anointed. In the second reading, Paul speaks of the first man, Adam, from earth and the last Adam, from heaven. He says, *Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.* In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples to love their enemies and be merciful as God is merciful, for they will be treated the same in return. Though our enemies may mistreat us, Jesus teaches us not to respond in judgment. Rather, we are to be loving and forgiving, just as our Father is kind and merciful. We must see others as God sees them, in the same way that David is able to see his enemy Saul as God's anointed, and Jesus is able to see sinners as worthy of goodness and love.

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

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

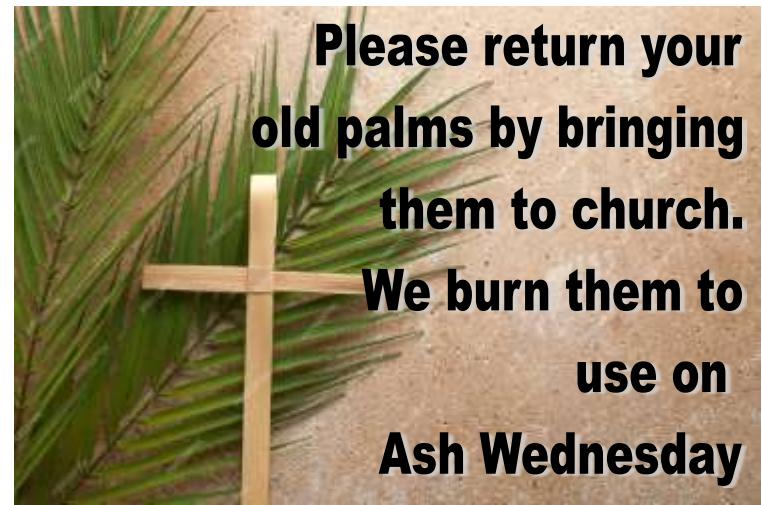
READINGS: 24 February—02 March

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| Monday | Sirach 1. 1-10; Mark 9. 14-29 |
| Tuesday | Sirach 2. 1-11; Mark 9. 30-37 |
| Wednesday | Sirach 4. 11-19; Mark 9. 38-40 |
| Thursday | Sirach 5. 1-8; Mark 9. 41-50 |
| Friday | Sirach 6. 5-17; Mark 10. 1-12 |
| Saturday | Sirach 17. 1-4, 6-8, 10-15; Mark 10. 13-16 |
| Sunday | Sirach 27. 4-7; 1 Corinthians 15. 54-58; Luke 6. 39-45 |

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.

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 24 Feb - 02 March

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday | 6:30 PM | Hall | CWL Executive Meeting |
| | 7:00 PM | Sacristy | Reserved |
| Wednesday | 6:15 PM | Hall | 1st Reconciliation Preparation |
| Thursday | 6:00 PM | Church | Choir Practice |
| Saturday | 9:30 AM | Atrium | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd |
| | 1:00 PM | Hall | Ladies Faith Encounter |
| Sunday | 9:00 AM | Sacristy | Children's Liturgy of the Word |
| | 4:30 PM | Church | Syro-Malabar Mass |



Pre-Authorized Bank Donations January

| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Building</u> | <u>Roof</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| \$7,221.00 | \$2,145.00 | \$762.00 |

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 February

| <u>Sunday Offering</u> | <u>Building Fund</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| \$4,424.30 | \$1,471.00 |

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 16 February 2025

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| Roof Campaign Balance | \$38,396.60 |
| Sunday, 16 February Collection | |
| Roof Loose | \$471.65 |
| 33 Receipted Donations | \$705.10 |
| Tip Tap Pay Machine January | \$60.00 |
| CAMPAIGN BALANCE | \$40,395.35 |

Thank you for your continued generosity!
The Campaign requires an average of \$3,847
weekly to reach our goal of \$200,000 this year.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 25 February: Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM

Lorenza Thompson - Jessica Costa

Addie and Laura Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Intention of Philip Edwards - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, 26 February: Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary

Carmela Demarco - The Demarco Family

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 27 February : Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Susan Levesque - Richard Levesque

Roger and Michelle Mathieu - Yvon and Jackie Cadrin

Intention of Frank and Barb Gurini - Friends

Friday, 28 February: Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Bill Balfour - Mary Ellen Balfour and Family

Gabriel Livingstone - Grandmother

Ken Carey - The Carey Family

Saturday, 01 March: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM

Judy Kelly-Manary - John and Carol Rowe

Int. of Retired Deacons & Diocesan Order of Women - A Parishioner

Sunday, 02 March: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Tom Killoran - Ella Lamothe

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



**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**
Each Friday 11 AM - NOON

MARCH 2
4:30 PM



Everyone Welcome to join us!
Time for Confession Before & After Mass

Sunday Liturgy  **GATHERINGS
AT OUR
9:00 AM MASS**
With Children

Sunday Liturgy With Children is held every Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass from September to June 2025 for all children ages 4-12 years old. The focus of each group is to incorporate a variety of experiences that appeal to a young child's natural sense of wonder about God.

A prayer for Pope Francis

Lord, we ask that you watch over Pope Francis and grant him the courage, strength, and healing he needs.

Grant wisdom, compassion, and empathy to those caring for him and as well as others entrusted to their care.

Grant those of us who love your Church faith in your healing heart and unite us in prayer for all those experiencing pain and illness.

In Jesus' holy name we pray.
AMEN.



Purdys Easter Chocolate Campaign is Active!

Visit our Homepage at
<https://procathedral.ca>



All profits go to our
Roof Campaign.
Catalogues in the
Church or online
at the above website - ORDER S

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](https://tithe.ly)
- Text "GIVE" to 1-833-423-1163 and follow instructions
- Support our Monthly 50/50 RAFFLE
- Purchase Twigs and Orchard Gift Cards

Thank you to everyone who came out last Sunday and joined us for a few Euchre Rounds! We had a great time with cards, friendship, and snacks!



The winner of the Euchre Tournament was the team of Daley Boutilier and Father Larry! Guess it pays to pray ☺
Thank you to our great team of organizers led by Katie Laporte for such a fun afternoon!



Catholic Women's League

Next General Gathering

Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30

Yes, that is Ash Wednesday!

Plan on attending Ash Wednesday Mass at 5:30 pm and the CWL General Gathering immediately following in the Parish Hall.



2025 Memberships Due Now: It's that time of year again when members of the CWL renew their memberships. Thank you to the 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!

There are many ways to pay your \$40 membership fee. You can pay by cheque, made out to the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL and place it in an envelope in the collection basket, you can e-transfer to 480cwlpro@gmail.com, or you can pay cash and place it in an envelope in the collection basket. Please include your name, address, phone number, and email address in the envelope.

Good news for ladies who would like to become members! The membership application forms, and information pamphlets can be found at the back of the church by the bulletin board.

If you have new contact information, 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.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE THROUGH PRAYER NORTH BAY REGIONAL CWL ENCOUNTER

The North Bay Regional Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites all women to attend a faith encounter titled "Pilgrims of Hope through Prayer"

It will be facilitated by Carol Williams-Boegel, North Bay CWL Regional Spiritual Advisor who will be speaking on contemplative prayer. The presentation will be followed by a prayer folder activity lead by Michele McGuire, the Sudbury CWL Regional Spiritual Advisor.

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 pm (coffee and tea to follow)

Location: Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Hall

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.



This weekend, the Gospel is taken from St. Luke (Luke 6:27-38). It would at first sight appear that the demands that Christ makes on our charity here are anything but easy. **Loving one's enemies is asking a lot.** Blessing them and praying for them might be all right for St. Francis but expecting it of us seems to be going very far. Asking for a blow on the second cheek while the first is still twinging with pain seems fit only for a martyr. Not to try to take back what was stolen from us looks very foolish. Yet it was Christ who made all these demands.

However, before we give up in despair, and decide that this type of Christianity is not for us, let us look a little more closely at the demands that are made. To love our enemy does not mean we must throw our arms about him every time we meet him (he would not let us anyway!). It means we must do all in our power to rid our minds of any hatred of him, and try to see the good that is in him. Not judging and condemning comes under this heading. Human sinful beings that we are, our faculty for seeing in our neighbor the real man as he is before God, is very limited and very prone to error. There are justly convicted robbers and murderers in our jails, in whom God can see a lot of goodness even now, and perhaps future citizens of heaven later on.

Not demanding back what was unjustly taken from us does not mean that we may not have recourse to the legal or other means available to us for obtaining compensation in such cases. What it does forbid is personal (generally forceful) restoration of our rights and property.

Another consoling point to bear in mind is that the vast majority of our fellowmen have no inclination to injure us in our person or our property and will never do so. If we feel we have a lot of enemies only waiting for the chance to pounce on us, we would do well to examine our own consciences very carefully and then look for the many good points there are in our neighbour's character.

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, life for life" was the practice amongst the Jews at the time of Christ and for centuries before (Ex. 21:23-25). Christ sets up the "golden rule" of fraternal charity in place of this Law of Talon. **Every man should truly love his neighbor for he is his brother.** What is more, Christ's mission on earth has made him a son of God and an heir to heaven. Our chief interest in our neighbor must therefore be a spiritual interest. If he offends us, he offends God which is much more serious. Our charity should help him to seek God's forgiveness. That he should seek ours is of very minor importance in comparison with that.

You would like your neighbour to help you to reach heaven. "You go and do likewise" to your neighbor, and you will both get there.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan O.F.M.

Do you have a credit card but maybe not a computer? Or are you not comfortable going online to purchase 50/50 tickets?

50/50 RAFFLE

Karen at the parish office can purchase tickets IN YOUR NAME so you can get in on the draws for a chance to win \$\$ Call the parish office to see how she can help you support the 50/50 Raffle.

PURCHASE TICKETS BY VISITING
www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral

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



GOOD SAMARITAN CORNER

Helping people experiencing homelessness can be done through volunteer efforts such as:

- being a mentor
- being an administrative assistant
- being a tutor
- being an appointment escort
- at special events
- being a gardener
- your professional services
- at health services centres



Please consider volunteering the gift of self by Googling volunteer opportunities in North Bay, Ontario.

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

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**The Catholic Community of
Volunteers ~ Hospital Ministry**



The availability of the Eucharist to patients is on Wednesday, Friday and Sundays. In order to receive Eucharist, a patient must be identified as Catholic. *Privacy rules do not allow us to look at patient lists. The patient or family member must authorize the visitation of a volunteer.*

For more information, contact Carol Williams-Boegel at 705-495-7110 or Hospital Chaplain Services at 705-491-0318 to arrange to receive the Eucharist.



**Ministers of the Eucharist
are needed for this Ministry.
If you can help out, please call Carol.**



The Prodigal Son - A Story of Homecoming Lenten Book Study

Join us for a study of Henri Nouwen's work "The Prodigal Son — A Story of Homecoming" as he shares the deeply personal and resonant meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell.

Register by 21 February by contacting Parish Office
(705) 472-3970 or office@procathedral.ca

Five Tuesdays: March 18 ~ April 15

6:30 to 8:00 PM at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall

Cost: \$10/Book or Bring Your Own

Facilitator: Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR

