10 APRIL 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!

Obedience to God is an Expression of our Love for God.

In the first reading, Peter and the Apostles are again ordered not to preach in Jesus' name. They boldly proclaim, *We must obey God rather than men.* In the reading from Revelation, John shares a vision of witnessing all of creation giving praise and honor to the Lamb who was slain. The Gospel recounts a post-resurrection appearance of Jesus to the disciples, where Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him. The second reading offers a vibrant visual of what is taking place during our Sunday Mass. As the *Catechism* says, "In the earthly liturgy we share in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy." (CCC 1090) Like the Apostles in the first reading, we, through our prayer and ritual action, boldly profess Jesus as Lord. Again, according to the *Catechism*, we "join the unending praise that the Church in heaven, the angels and all the saints sing." (CCC 1352)

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.

PASTOR **Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse , D. D.**
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

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Msgr. Dave Tramontini

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Rev. Rex Lumine

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Rev. Gilles Grandmont Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish

PERMANENT MINISTERS

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Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
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Our faith community dates back to 1886 when we were originally located on Main Street West and called St. Mary's of the Lake and 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.

Parish Liturgies



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: Every Saturday from 3:00 until 3:45 PM.

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: On the First Friday of each month from 10:00 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.

WEEKLY READINGS: 11—17 APRIL

Monday	**Acts 6. 8-15; John 6. 22-29**
Tuesday	**Acts 7. 51-8.1a; John 6. 30-35**
Wednesday	**Acts 8. 1b-8; John 6. 35-40**
Thursday	**Acts 8. 26-40; John 6. 44-51**
Friday	**Acts 9. 1-20; John 6. 52-59**
Saturday	**Acts 9. 31-42; John 6. 53, 60-69**
Sunday	**Acts 13. 14, 43-52; Revelation 7. 9, 14b-17; John 10. 27-30**



OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**
Tuesday—Friday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie will come together for a time of prayer and decision-making from April 16-18, 2016. Please pray for God's guidance for this event.

Pope Francis APRIL 2016 Prayer Intentions

UNIVERSAL ~ Small Farmers: ***That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labour.***

EVANGELIZATION ~ African Christians: ***That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.***

Catholic Women's League

Our CWL Council will honour our patroness Mary, whom God chose to make mother of His Son, in the Feast for Our Lady of Good Counsel at the 11:00 AM Mass, Sunday, April 24. We will be ushers, lectors, and ministers of the Eucharist. Wear our scarves and pins if you attend this Mass. Also, the CWL Regional Council will be holding a Mass and celebration for the Feast for our Lady of Good Counsel Tuesday, April 26 at Holy Name Church at 7:00 PM.

The 96th Annual Diocesan Convention will be held in Sault Ste. Marie May 13-15. Registration packages are now available from Maudena Farnsworth at 495-2532. Registrations and money must be in by April 15 in order to submit to the Diocesan CWL by April 22.

12 Hours of Prayer for Palli ve Care May 4, 2016

"Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer." – Pope Francis

Barbara Dowding, CWL National President, writes, "At the February national executive meeting, it was decided unanimously to call upon this power of prayer and to initiate a nationwide **12 Hours of Prayer for Palli ve Care** on May 4, 2016. This is designed to take place during the National Hospice Palliative Care Week (organized by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association) as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life.



For more information visit http://cwl.ca/12-hours-of-prayer-for-palliative-care-may-4-2016/

Relay For life will be June 10, 2016 at CFB North Bay Athletic Field. WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!!! Looking for Captain and Co-Captain this year! We are hoping to put a team in again. If you are interested heading this up contact CWL President, Diane Carmichael, at 471-5096.



Women 16 years of age and over wishing to join the CWL are to contact Maudena Farnsworth at 495-2532.

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 11 April - Memorial of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr
Eugenio Gerbasi - Lidia Rossi and Family
Stephen Zimbalatte - Connie Zimbalatte and Family
Earl and Jeannette Foster - Armand and Barbara Foubert

Tuesday, 12 April - Weekday in the Easter Season
Murray Cangiano - Teresa Cotter and Family
Mary Soleau - Jeannette and Randy Dominico

Wednesday, 13 April - Weekday in the Easter Season
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
John Wilson - Audrey and Gerard Kunkel
Teresa and frank Piekarski - Trudy Lang-Flumerfelt
Intention of Thomas Duggan - Julia Duggan

Thursday, 14 April - Weekday in the Easter Season
John Dawson - Bonnie Parslow
Intention of Nicholas Beaulieu - The Family
Mario Vannelli - Craig and Pina Gagnon

Friday, 15 April - Weekday in the Easter Season
Mike Rossi - Lidia Rossi and Family
John Doyle - Laurette Goyette
Dennis O'Leary - Maria Gosselin and Family

4:00 PM Saturday, 16 April - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Rev. Mr. Jerry McIsaac - Helen McIsaac and Family
Anne Woods - Mary Doyle
Intention of Maureen Tallon - Karen Beaulieu

Sunday, 17 April - Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Murray Cangiano - Adele Palangio
Candida & Gaudenzio Mascioli - Domenic and Nicola Mascioli

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Msgr. Dave Tramontini

STEWARDSHIP:

2016 Envelopes are available in the Cathedral for regular offerings. Have you given any thought to donating this year through pre-authorized donations, VISA or Mastercard? If you are already using these methods, have you reviewed your stewardship commitment since you began?

YEMEN: Nuns Martyred



The Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia, which has jurisdiction over Yemen, described last week's massacre of 16 people including four nuns by gunmen at an old people's home run by the Missionaries of Charity in Aden as "religiously-motivated". Bishop Paul Hinder, the Apostolic Vicar of Southern Arabia, based in Abu Dhabi, said that the nuns and civilians "sacrificed their lives by following their own charism." The nun victims are Sisters Marguerite and Reginette from Rwanda, Anselm from India and Judit from Kenya. Pope Francis said the four nuns are "today's martyrs" and decried the "diabolical violence" that claimed their lives and the lives of a dozen others.

The Men's Group of our parish was formed to foster fraternity and attend to the needs of the Cathedral community. It is of interest to those men of the parish who are of post-secondary school age. The club takes on ventures such as renovations and fundraising for specific projects.

If you would like to find out more about our parish men's group, please join us at our next Men's Club Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, April 27 from 5:30 – 7:00. *We welcome new members* and will be setting our agenda for the next year.

LOST: Red & White Rosary from Medjugorje was left in a pew in the Cathedral last week. If you have seen this Rosary, it has great sentimental value to one of our parishioners. The Rosary can be dropped off through the mail slot at the parish office at any time (480 McIntyre Street West). Thank you!



Catholic Population Grows

The number of Catholics in the world increased during the nine years between 2005 and 2014 from 1,115 million to 1,272 million, representing 17.8 per cent of the world population compared to 17.3 per cent, according to the latest figures, writes James Roberts.

The figures published in the newly released Pontifical Yearbook 2016 and the Annuarium Statisticum Ecclesiae 2014 show that in every continent except Oceania the number of Catholics increased at a greater rate than that of the population as a whole.

The number of priests, diocesan and religious, from 2005 to 2014 increased by 9,381 from 406,411 to 415,792 but declined by 8 per cent in Europe.

Men's Club



Start Saving Your Treasures for the Men's Club Garage Sale that will be held on Saturday May 14

Items can be dropped off at the parish garages on Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday the 13th of May from 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Call church to get large items picked up.

No computers, Televisions or Air Conditioners—thank you!

Collection: 03 April 2016	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,293.85	**$622.00**

A Life Message: We need to open our eyes, ears and hearts wide to see, hear and experience the Risen Lord coming to our life in various forms, circumstances and events.

The Risen Lord gives us success and achievements: We often fail to acknowledge the presence of the risen Jesus behind our unexpected victories, great achievements, job promotions, miraculous healings and success in relationships. Let us not foolishly attribute a success in our career only to hard work; our good health only to daily exercise coupled with moderation in food and drink; and our sound financial position only to frugal spending habit and good management of money. *Let us remember the divine warnings, "Without Me you can do nothing" (John 15: 5); and "If the Lord does not build the house, the work of the builders is useless" (Ps.127: 1).*

Evangelization Message: Just as Peter recognizes the risen Lord and leaps into the waters, so Christians profess their faith in the risen Jesus and are baptized in water and the Spirit. Just as the first disciples share a meal with the risen Jesus, so we now regularly share the Eucharist with him. *And just as the risen Jesus commissions Peter to undertake a pastoral mission on his behalf, so the natural consequence of Baptism and the Eucharist for us is to share ourselves and our faith with others.*



"He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

MATTHEW 13: 33

Reflecting on the Image

In this parable of the Kingdom of God, Jesus uses a homely image of a woman mixing yeast into flour. Parables always have a surprising element, and in this one it is the quantity of flour used. Three 'measures' would have made enough bread for the woman to feed her entire village. This parable urges us to be mindful of the common good and it illustrates our mission to feed the hungry and show mercy toward all people.

Praying with the image

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace; bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God.

Spend some time observing this woman as an image of God's mercy. How do you relate to her gentle generosity? How is your own life a reflection of the quiet work of God's mercy?

The New Evangelization Summit 2016 is coming! Mark April 15-16 on your calendar. You can preregister by contacting Len Lanthier 724-1368 or lslanthier@gmail.com Price is still only $20.00 – ***deadline for registration is April 13 at the latest!*** This conference will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize.

Coming to North Bay ~ NEXT WEEKEND!!!!!

Hosted at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall
Bishop Carter Auditorium
THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

An international event that will inspire thousands of Catholics to be engaged in sharing the "Good News"! The Summit is a bringing dynamic presenters, simulcasting to Catholics all around North America – approximately 5,000 like-minded Catholics from the continent will be united in one goal: To be connected with each other and form a network of Catholic evangelists. The "new" refers to the new methods and expressions we use in word, deed or prayer to lead people into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Effectively, it brings the Good News to those who have forgotten the message or have never heard it or understood it. Held Friday April 15 from 6:00 to 9:15 PM and Saturday from 8:30 AM to 4:15 PM. Registration is only $20 and includes lunch and coffee breaks. Contact your local parish for a registration form. Everyone welcome! Visit www.newevangelization.ca for more information.

Thus to evangelize is not just a task undertaken from time to time; or even most of the time. It is, to put it simply, the Church's defining identity; it is what she exists for. Faith is only worth having when you give it away. Hasn't this been the point made again and again by Pope Francis?

REGIONAL NEWS

Holy Name of Jesus hosts "Building Dignity: A Compassionate Home for the end-of-Life's Journey" with Mathilde Bazinet, Chair of Nipissing Serenity House. April 20 at 12:00 Noon. Free will donation to Serenity Hospice welcomed. Bring your own bag lunch – coffee, tea, dessert provided. Presented by Canadian Federation of University Women.

Duke of Edinburgh Costa Rica Mission trip 2016 – 4th Annual Spaghetti Supper, bake sale & silent auction Sunday, April 17 sittings at 4:30 PM, 5:15 PM, & 6:15 PM at St. Peter's Church on Airport Road. Cost: $12/adult; $5/child 11 & under; Free for kids under 5 years. Tickets available from Frank 474-3809; Marcelle 475-1851; or at the door.

Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Soup and Sandwich Card Party April 25 at Holy Name Church hall from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. $6.00 person. Everyone is welcome! Contact Art Tiernay at 358-1368 for information.

The Milczarek Family Presents "Homecoming" – a beautiful musical concert at the Pro-Cathedral on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 PM. All tickets sold at door. $10/Adult, $5/Senior & Student, $30/Familyi. For information call 744-4321 or email milczarek@xplornet.ca

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held weekly at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Please come and visit Jesus even for a few minutes. He waits for us. Hours of Adoration: Monday and Thursday 12 noon to 5 pm; Tuesdays 12 noon to 9 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Lena Butler 497-3434.

Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs). **St. Joseph's Motherhouse** first Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM in Holy Family Chapel and Pro-Cathedral First Friday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

The Promises of Fatima Rosary Group – come pray with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM at St. Peter's Parish followed by Mass.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

Marriage Preparation Weekends: April 29-30; October 28-29. Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place on the weekend of your choice. Material cost is $40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Couples should register early!

Birthright: Pregnant? Need Help? Call 1-800-550-4900 or visit: www.birthright.org Email: info@birthright.org "We're in this for life!" A free confidential service as an alternative to abortion.

YEO (Youth Evangelizing Others) is a Catholic Youth Group designed for grade 8-12 students with a mission to bring other teens to know Jesus through testimonies, talks, skits, and games. Friday nights at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Gym from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. For more information, contact Sam at 496-0456.

THE EDGE Catholic Youth Group: Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Check out what living on "The EDGE" is all about. Live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, Scripture, crafts and other cool stuff to explore issues about our faith, solid values, youth concerns and happy living!! Snacks and prizes! Meets Monday 6:45-8:30 PM at St. Joseph Church in Powassan. Regardless of school or church you may attend or where you live – everyone welcome. Free Call Pauline 724-5964 or Jeannine 724-3424 for information or transportation needed.

Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Upcoming Events:
Film Series to help deepen your spiritual life facilitated by Sr. Pauline Guindon, and includes small group discussion. Bishop Carter Room from 6:00—9:00 pm. May 13 "Pushing Tin"; June 10 Gravity"

Motherhouse Taze prayer continues on the 3rd. Thursday each month in the Holy Family Chapel, from 7:00—8:00 PM.

Do you wonder if God might be calling you to Religious Life? The Sisters of St. Joseph are hosting a "Come and See" weekend at their Motherhouse in North Bay May 6 to 8. Spend some leisure time with Sisters and with God. This is open to all single women between the ages of 20 and 65. Free will offering gratefully accepted. RSVP by April 29 to Sr. Costanza Romano at cozromano@gmail.com or 705-255-0545.

April Showers Tea and Bake Sale at St. Brice's Anglican Church to be held on Saturday, April 16 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Sandwiches, pickles/veggies, tea and coffee for $5.00 (children under 10 yr. $2.50). Unique cards and painted glass will also be on sale. All welcome.

Redeemer Lutheran Church invites you and your friends to their Strawberry Luncheon and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 30 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Everyone Welcome!

St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Bursary and Scholarship Program provides financial support to graduating students who have committed to furthering their education through apprenticeship, college or university. Find out how you can support this important program by contacting Michael King at kingm@npsc.ca or 494-8600, Ext. 3232.