24 MARCH 2019

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading from Exodus, God speaks to Moses from the burning bush, announcing his presence as the God of his father, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, he speaks of the Old Testament ancestors, many with whom God was not pleased. In today's Gospel, the crowd tells Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus calls them to repentance and tells them a parable of the fig tree that produces no fruit. God's ways are not our ways. In order to bear good fruit, we must allow him to shape and mold our lives. This was not a new message that Jesus shared, but an affirmation of the covenant that God made with his people from the beginning. God is faithful – and so we are called to be. When we stray and wither or produce bad fruit, we have the opportunity to repent and try again.

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

ASSISTANT
Rev. Rex Lumine

PASTORAL INTERN
Mr. Chad Franklin, Seminarian

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

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.



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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.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

MONDAY	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**
TUESDAY to FRIDAY	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

Readings for the Week

Monday	Isaiah 7. 10-14; 8. 10d; Hebrews 10. 4-10; Luke 1. 26-38
Tuesday	Daniel 3. 25, 34-43; Matthew 18. 21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4. 1, 5-9; Matthew 5. 17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7. 23-28; Luke 11. 14-23
Friday	Hosea 14. 1-9, Mark 12. 28b-34
Saturday	Hosea 5. 15b– 6.6; Luke 18. 9-14
Sunday	Joshua 5. 9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5. 17-21; Luke 15. 1-3, 11-32

What's Happening At-A-Glance

Discovering Christ	Tuesdays	6:00 PM
Bible Study	Thursdays	2:00 & 7:00 PM
Stations of the Cross	Fridays	5:00 PM
TGIF Social NOTE: TIME CHANGE!!	Fridays	2:00 PM
D & P Walk & Hunger Meal	Friday, 29 March In the Parish Hall	10:30 Walk 12:05 Mass 12:30 Meal
Healing Mass for Widows	Sunday, 31 March	1:30 PM
Penitential Service	Wednesday, 03 April	7:00 PM
Lent Day of Confessions (At Holy Name of Jesus)	Thursday, 04 April	10 AM—8 PM
Baptism Preparation	Tuesday, 09 April	7:00 PM
Truth & Reconciliation	Thursday, 11 April	7:00 PM
Mass of Chrism—Sudbury	Thursday, 11 April	7:00 PM



Our next Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on TUESDAY, April 9 beginning at 7:00 PM. Those who wish to register for this meeting to have their child baptized are asked to call the parish office by Monday, April 8

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.

Easter Memorial Flowers & Decorations

A beautiful way to remember loved ones during this holy season is to donate memorial flowers and decorations in their memory. Your donation will help decorate the altar and sanctuary during the greatest season of the year ***... the Resurrection!***



Pre-printed white & green envelopes are available for your donation at the entrance to the church. Please fill out the requested information as neat as possible (printing would be best!).

Include your donation and return the envelope to the office or in the weekly collection. A listing of remembrances will be printed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. All donations over $10 are tax deductible.

Remember your loved ones this Easter and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for this beautiful season!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 25 March - The Annunciation of the Lord
Maudena Farnsworth - Robert and Judy
Lou Goyette - Laurette Goyette and Family

Tuesday, 26 March - Weekday in Lent
Pauline Borden - Lorraine and J.P. Guillemette
Annie and Leo Donnelly - Doris Chapman

Wednesday, 27 March - Weekday in Lent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Today

Teresa and Frank Piekarski - Trudy, George and Jillian
Joanne Sokolowski - John Davis



Thursday, 28 March - Weekday in Lent
Gertrude Souliere - Vivian Molnar
Bill McMahon - Denise McMahon
Bill Balfour - Mary-Ellen Balfour and Family

Friday, 29 March - Weekday in Lent
Cecilia Truchly - Emelia Hlusek
Sam Verrillo - Giuseppina Verrillo and Family

4:00 PM Saturday, 30 March - Fourth Sunday in Lent
Ventura Castiglione - The Family
Vern Leacy - Pam and Jim Zucchiatti

Sunday, 31 March - Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM Gordon Sexton - Fred and Vicki Sexton
Intentions of the Donors and those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

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

Reminder: Masses scheduled on a Saturday or Sunday are not verbally announced masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT
5:00 PM in the Cathedral



Volunteers Needed

We have a special ministry at the Cathedral that we need assistance with. The laundering of our altar linens called purificators.

Purificators are small, white cloths the size of a handkerchief that are used to wipe the Precious Blood from the rim of the chalice. We need people to pick them up from the sacristy, take them home and launder and iron them and return them to the Cathedral. You may collect the linens after the mass that you normally attend, we ask only that they are returned the following week before the 4:00 PM mass. Currently the commitment is only once monthly but more volunteers would = more hands, less work! **Can you help?**

P.S. All cleaning products are provided and cleaning directions will be provided to you.

COLLECTION - 17 MARCH	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,589.25	**$992.00**

Hi Everyone,



Often we need to do repairs and alterations to items at the Cathedral such as altar server albs, linens, clothing, vestments, etc.

We are wondering if anyone has a sewing machine that they no longer use and would be interested in donating it to the Cathedral?

We would use this machine in our laundry room where it would be accessible to our volunteers.

Call Karen at the parish office if you have a machine in good working condition that you would like to donate.

Thank you so much for your consideration!

Happy Birthday to Josie Verrillo who turns 101 on Sunday and Mary Doyle who turns 90 on Saturday!

May you be gifted with God's blessings on your special day and always!

With love, your parish family.

Food Bank Sunday ~ Next Weekend

Our next Food Bank Collection will be held NEXT WEEKEND! Please be generous in helping to stock our shelves for our neighbours in need!



Lent & Fasting & Abstinence



We may give up meat or other desirable foods on Fridays during Lent, and especially on Good Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.

Our abstinence for Catholics 14 years and older (as long as there are no health issues) is another way of sharing in Christ's work of saving the world. We may also substitute other good actions for abstinence. These could include special acts of charity (visiting the sick or aged, helping those in any need, contributing to a work of charity) or other acts of piety (taking part in a service of worship with others, praying with our family, spending some extra time in personal prayer, especially with the scriptures.

Widows Helping Widows Special Mass



On Sunday, March 31 at 1:30 PM in the Cathedral, Fr. Rex Lumine will be celebrating a Mass of Remembrance and Support for our Widows.

If you are a widow and would like to join us please know you are welcome. Even if you have not gathered with our ladies before, this is a special mass of comfort and healing for you.

A social gathering with light refreshments will follow.

If you would like to attend our special mass and need a ride, please call Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.

The Pro-Cathedral Widows Group gathers informally for support, comfort and social gatherings — with no commitment. You just come out when you want to.

Circles of Dialogue and Reconciliation: Responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action:

Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

April 11 The Power of Story & Steps in Reconciliation;
May 9 NPSCDSB Indigenous Education & Calls to Action.

To register call parish office at 472-3970 Ext. 0 or email office@procathedral.ca

Free Will Offering Accepted

Facilitated by Sr. Priscilla Solomon, an Ojibway woman and a Sister of St. Joseph

CWL Membership cards are available for pick up from on top of the book case at the back of the church.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our Finance Committee's request to consider using the pre-authorized donation methods. We appreciate everyone who has adopted this means of donations that is important to bring stability to our cash flow.

Again, ***if you are not currently donating*** we would be grateful if you could contribute whatever is within your means to help support the good works of our parish.

2019 Envelopes are in the Church for pickup. Forms for pre-authorized donations from your bank account, VISA or Mastercard are included in this weekend's bulletin, can be found on our website and are also located in the Cathedral entrance pamphlet holders. They can also be emailed to you—just call the parish office.

REGIONAL EVENTS

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Return to me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12

Regional Penitential Service - Wednesday, April 3
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption at 7:00 PM
Followed by Individual Confession

Lent Day of Confessions - Thursday, April 4
Holy Name of Jesus - 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Beginning this Week! 3-Evening Lenten Mission March 25-27 "From Indifference to Encounter: Why life is meant to be lived for Jesus" with reflections led by Fr. Daniele Muscolino. This mission takes place each evening at 7:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church, North Bay. Evenings will include prayer, reflections, music and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone Welcome!!!!

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 Soup and Card Party March 25 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. $8 entry fee includes lunch. For table reservation call John at 845-1020 or Roy at 477-4084.

Pancake Brunch hosted by The Knights' of Columbus Sunday, March 31 from 11 AM to 1 PM, at Holy Name of Jesus Church. All proceeds are for the North Bay Pregnancy Help and Resource Centre. $8/person, children 6 and under are free. Menu includes pancakes, maple syrup, sausages, baked beans and hot/ cold beverages.

Catholic Women's League Italian Lunch Fundraiser for our 100th Anniversary will be held Friday, April 5 from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM at The Davedi Club, 313 Airport Rd. Tickets are $20 person and available at The Davedi Club or by calling: 493-4164.

Lenten Mission: A Lenten Mission, "Journey with the Canadian Martyrs" will be held at St .Joseph's Catholic Church, 120 Memorial Park Drive, Powassan, **Sunday, March 24 to Wednesday, March 27** starting at 7:00 PM every evening. The retreat master is Rev. Father Steve LeBlanc, S.J. , from the Canadian Martyrs Shrine in Midland, Ontario. The Reliquary of the Martyrs will be exposed in the Church. Individual blessings with the relics of the Canadian Martyrs will be given. Each evening includes a reflection on the self-sacrifice of the Canadian Martyrs weaved into the passion narratives of Jesus Christ. Please mark the dates on your calendar. Everyone welcome. Goodwill Offering. Information: Laurie: 705-724-2118.

"Raising Responsible and Resilient Children: Tools and skills needed to face life challenges successfully". Join parenting expert and family counsellor, Alyson Schafer, for a free, fun and informative talk as she moves from theory to actionable tools and techniques to ensure our children develop the four protective core beliefs and life skills needed to face the challenges of life successfully. April 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Auditorium. Please RSVP at npsc.ca or 472-1201, ext. 31221. Presented by the *Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board Parent Involvement Committee*

Is your child starting Kindergarten this September? Contact your nearest English Catholic School and join us for a kindergarten orientation session. For a list of schools and their orientation dates visit www.npsc.ca

April Showers Tea and Bake Sale at St. Brice's Anglican Church on Saturday, April 13 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Sandwiches, Pickles/Veggies, Dessert, Tea and Coffee will be served. Adults $5.00 and children under 10 years $2.50. Cardmakers' unique cards also for sale.

North Bay pregnancy Help & Resource Centre
323 Algonquin Ave, North Bay, ON P1B 8J8.
Open weekdays 10:00 AM–4:00 PM. Tel: 475-9270.

Share Lent—2019 "Share the Journey"

Every year, millions of people set off on sometimes perilous journeys in the hope of living with dignity and providing for their families.

What are forced migrants fleeing?

Armed Conflict: Drug wars, territorial struggles, war between nations, insurgencies, conflicts over natural resources.
Persecution: Based on ethnicity, religion, nationality, political opinion, etc.
Development Megaprojects: Mining, oil, tourism, gas exploitation, agri-business plantations, electric dams.
Environmental Causes: Drought, water shortages, food insecurity, famine, climate change, natural disasters.
Economic and Political Causes: Extreme poverty, mass unemployment, political instability, denial of basic rights and freedoms.

Flight is not a choice but a necessity



We are currently looking to recruit new Lectors to proclaim the readings at our masses. We need you—many of our previous lectors have retired!

Training is provided and yes….. you CAN do it!!

Please call or email the parish office if you are interested.

***Catholic Charities** collects clothing for free distribution to those in need. Clothing for men, women, children and infants, shoes, or accessories. Also towels, tea towels and sheet sets. Drop off to Catholic Charities entrance off Algonquin Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:30 AM or weekdays to the Pro-Cathedral Rectory (480 McIntyre Street West.). Items should be clean and in good repair. PLEASE — Due to Space Limitation Seasonal Clothing Only!*

Marriage Preparation Weekend May 31 & June 1, October 25-26 (6:30 PM Friday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday): Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place. Material cost is payable at registration. Limited to 18 couples register soon!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Alphonsus in Callander: Every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs).
St. Peter the Apostle: First Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Everyone is invited.
Holy Name of Jesus: Tuesday to Friday 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Gisele Champagne at 497-1911.
Pro-Cathedral: First Friday of the month 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon followed by 12:05 PM mass.
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.

Sisters of St. Joseph – Motherhouse Present:
Christian Meditation: Tuesdays 1:30-2:30 pm at the Motherhouse. Contemplative prayer is the opening of oneself to the love of the Spirit of God.
Taize Prayer: Third Thursday each month 7:00--8:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. Taize prayer includes song, scripture, and silence. The silence is to meditate and pray for openness to God's presence in our lives, and Peace in the world.