31 MARCH 2019

4th 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, God stops the miraculous manna as soon as the Israelites are able to eat the produce of the Promised Land. Paul tells the Corinthians they are a new creation through reconciliation with God. The prodigal son demonstrates God's willingness to welcome us back as soon as we turn to him. Jesus' famous parable of the prodigal son depicts God as a father always ready to take back those who stray from him. No matter how we may have turned away from God, we have only to turn back to him through the sacrament of reconciliation. Lent is the perfect time to be reconciled to God and to be a new creation for Easter.

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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Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

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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 65. 17-21; John 4. 43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47. 1-9, 12; John 5. 1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49. 8-15; John 5. 16-30
Thursday	Exodus 32. 7-14; John 5. 18, 31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2. 1a, 12-22; John 7. 1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11. 18-20; John 7. 40-53
Sunday	Isaiah 3. 16-21; Philippians 3. 8-14; John 8. 1-11

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, 01 April - Weekday in Lent
Pauline Borden - Joyce Sjolin
Intention of Josie Verrillo - Bonnie Parslow

Tuesday, 02 April - Weekday in Lent
Raymond Turcotte - Gordon Robinson
Intention of Bonnie Parslow - Mike and Delma Ketter

Wednesday, 03 April - Weekday in Lent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Today
Gino Tedesco - Maria Gosselin and Family
Intention of Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 04 April - Weekday in Lent
George Sawko - Diane Carmichael
Intention of Beverly Brown - Robert and Judy

First Friday, 05 April - Weekday in Lent
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Gino Tedesco - Sue, Jamie and Stephen
Intention of Levon Levesque - Richard Levesque

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS
DURING LENT
5:00 PM



4:00 PM Saturday, 06 April - Fifth Sunday in Lent
Tom and Dale Hanley - Dan and Judy Alexander
Amelia Lucenti - The Davedi Club Ladies Auxilliary Members

Sunday, 07 April - Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM Marguerite Lanois - Betty and Tom Murphy
Dorothy Desjardins - Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Louis Valenti - Shirley Valenti and Family

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

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

COLLECTION - 24 MARCH	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,245.40	**$1,631.00**

First Eucharist Preparation:



A reminder for all children who have registered to celebrate First Eucharist! Our first preparation meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15 at 5:15 pm in the Parish Hall.



This gathering includes a Pizza Dinner!
Please RSVP by Monday, May 13 at the latest

(kathystorie@icloud.com or Parish Office 472-3970)

Only the children who are preparing for their First Eucharist and their Parents/Guardians should attend.

If you have a child who is interested but did not register in September 2018, please contact the Parish Office to pick up a Registration Package and to drop off a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate.

We'll see you Soon!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Membership: Not a member yet? Please consider joining us. Come out for a meeting to see what we are all about. Our next General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. ***Please note the new time!*** Membership cards are in and can be found at the back of the cathedral!

Relay For Life: For the fourth year in a row, the CWL council of the Pro-Cathedral is forming a Relay For Life team, this time with a new and permanent name **'CWL Soul Sisters'**. This year's Relay event will take place on Friday, June 21 from 6 to 11 PM at the athletic field at CFB North Bay. If you are interested in joining our team or would like more information please Leah Pierce at pn.thebay@gmail.com or at 472-5687. If you cannot relay that is ok. Instead, support one of our wonderful team members! For more information visit www.relayforlife.ca

Sound System: We have successfully negotiated the sale of the sound system to Robert Beauchamp.

Embracing this year's theme Care for our Common Home: Parishioners, did you know that as the exclusive retail partner of Terracycle, Staples launched a writing instrument recycling program in 2012. The program encourages customers to drop off used writing instruments such as pens, pencils, markers and highlighters at local stores, to be shipped to Terracycle for recycling.

Catholic Women's League - Italian Lunch Fundraiser
In support of our 100th Anniversary Celebrations

EVERYONE WELCOME
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BELONG TO CWL TO COME OUT AND ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL LUNCHEON!

Friday, April 5 ~ Davedi Club
11:45 am - 2:00 pm

Menu: Pasta, Meatballs, Sausage Pepperanata, Pan Fried Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Chef Salad, Buns, Coffee/Tea and Dessert.



Tickets: $20 / Person
Available for purchase at the Davedi Club or by calling Lisa Henry 493-4164 or Louise Defonzo 494-7474

Men's Club Dinner Meeting

The next **Men's Club Dinner Meeting** will be held Wednesday, April 17.

Gathering at 5:30 PM, we will enjoy a wonderful roast beef dinner and discuss how we can be a positive influence on helping to build up our parish community.

If you are a gentleman over the age of 18 years, come out and help us plan some 2019 endeavours ~ we can do good things together!

The Men's Club was formed to foster fraternity and attend to the needs of the Cathedral community.





Share Lent began on Ash Wednesday and we have been advertising the "Share the Journey" information on forced migration, where people are forced to flee their homes. Never have so many people fled war, persecution, natural disasters, extreme poverty, and development megaprojects.

Next Sunday—the Fifth Sunday of **Lent**, a **collection** takes place in all of the parishes across Canada to support the work of **Development and Peace**. People are encouraged to make a concrete gesture of solidarity by financially supporting the efforts of our partners in the Global South to build a more just and equitable world.

For millions of people, our gifts make the difference between eating or going hungry, working or being unemployed, studying or having no future prospects, being free or being repressed, having health care or living in despair. Above all, they make the difference between dignity and humiliation, because Development and Peace helps people organize and empower themselves to ensure their own development.

When Pope Francis launched the "Share the Journey" Campaign he invited us to open our hearts to hope and to spread a culture of encounter. We invite you to be part of this culture of encounter by being generous with your support to the Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign.

To make a donation, please use an envelope that is attached to this weekend's bulletin (also located on the book cases in the Cathedral) and place it in the collection next week. **Thank you on behalf of the 68.5 million migrants in the world today!!**

Widows Helping Widows Special Mass



This 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.

New Evangelization Summit 2019 May 4: Join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada, the US, the UK, and Australia. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Fr. James Mallon, Michael Dopp, Cardinal Gérald Lacroix , Michelle Moran, Fr. Jon Bielawski, and Michele Thompson . The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. North Bay is incredibly excited to be a host site for NES. This year, the Summit is **FREE** for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. Visit www.newevangelization.ca to register. Held at Pro Cathedral, May 4 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Those who can't register online can call Len at 492-8311.

YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO:

- ⇒ NEW IDEAS
- ⇒ NEW PROGRAMS
- ⇒ A NEW WAY OF LOOKING AT EVANGELIZATION IN OUR EVERY DAY LIVES



All in! Why God Wants you to Live with Purpose! Northern Ontario Youth Conference will be held Saturday, May 4 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall featuring speaker, musician and TV host, Michael Chiasson. Sponsored by the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board and the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie this day will include time for socializing, recreation, personal reflection, prayer and reconciliation. The theme will help students to reflect on their relationships with others and with God, and encourage them to live out their unique mission in life with purpose.
Visit www.procathedral.ca under NEWS for more information and to register online or call or visit your parish office.

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

Lent is a time that calls for a continual repentance through fasting, almsgiving and prayer, to move towards a renewal of our baptismal promises which we celebrate at Easter.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an integral part of this preparation. The sacrament provides a powerful means to bring about ongoing renewal and conversion; the purpose of the sacrament is not just about forgiveness but healing and empowerment too as each of us chooses to reject sin and profess faith.

REGIONAL EVENTS

The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM at St. Peter's Parish.



Regional Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 19: Begins at St. John's Anglican Church (301 Main St. East) at 5:00 PM and up Main Street to Pro-Cathedral. The youth stop along the way to enact each Station. All are welcome to come and support our youth in this sacred evening by walking with us or joining us at the Pro-Cathedral at approximately 5:45 PM. Regional Indoor Way of the Cross follows at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral.

St-Vincent-de-Paul Garage Sale April 26 & 27 in Parish Hall from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Donations welcome Monday to Friday 9 AM to 5 PM. Items in clean, good working condition only. No TV's, clothing, VHS tapes, children's expiry date items such as strollers, high chairs, etc. or university/college textbooks. For more information call Georgette 476-0953 or Denise 472-9235.

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.

"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*

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-12:00 Noon
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.

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