Fifth Sunday of LENT | 29 March 2020

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

Do not be afraid; for I am with you.

In the first reading, God promises life and liberty to the Israelites. In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds the Romans that they must strive to overcome their sinful natures so as to live in union with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and makes the bold proclamation that those who believe in him will never die. Our worldly desires bind us up in burial cloths fashioned from our sins that block the will of God from our sight. By putting aside selfish ways and trusting in God's love and mercy, we allow Christ to call us forth from death so that we might lead a resurrected life in the Spirit.



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.

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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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READINGS: 30 MARCH - 05 APRIL	
Monday	**Dan. 13. 1-9, 15-16, 19-30, 3 33-64; Jn. 8. 1-11**
Tuesday	**Numbers 21. 44-9; John 8. 21—30**
Wednesday	**Daniel 3. 13-20, 24, 449-50, 91-95; Jn. 8. 31-42**
Thursday	Genesis 17. 3-9; John 8. 51-59
Friday	**Jeremiah 20. 7, 10-13; John 10. 31-42**
Saturday	**Ezekiel 37. 21-28; John 11. 45-57**
Sunday	**Matthew 21. 1-11; Isaiah 50. 4-7; Philippians 2. 6-11; Matthew 26. 14-27. 66**

Thank you for Your Thoughts & Prayers

Thank you for your kindness to me and my family at the occasion of the passing of my mother. In John 11: 36: "See how he loved him!" the words which refer to Jesus' relationship with Lazarus apply to all of us. Trusting in God's love whether at the moment of death, or at any time during our day, will be the action that grounds us in God's peace.

Sunday Masses

Resources for viewing masses can be found on our website under CURRENT NEWS. Locally recorded, Sunday English and French masses; Salt & Light; EWTN, and more. Also, Living with Christ is offering free prayer resources and downloads of the daily mass texts. Visit our website at procathedral.ca to view these exceptional resources.

Bells & Prayer

When our bells ring at 12:00 noon and 6:00 PM it is customary to pray the Angelus. Perhaps during this time we can say an extra prayer for our healthcare workers and those who have been infected by the coronavirus.

Yours in Christ,

Msgr. Dave

In compliance with Ontario Government directives the Cathedral and Parish Office are closed until further notice. Parish email and telephone messages will be checked and responded to in a timely manner. Please visit our website at procathedral.ca for updates.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of good health and peace that we have enjoyed for so many years. As we find ourselves in this time of crisis today, we ask for your divine intervention and mercy to be upon each of us.
Come and guide the minds of those working to discover a treatment to the COVID-19 virus. Grant them wisdom, knowledge, and clarity of mind, so that all peoples will be free from the threat of this ailment.
We also pray for the healthcare workers that are standing in the front line of this battle. Father, we thank you for their hearts of service, putting the needs of society before their own, generously responding to the cry of Your people. We ask that You will grant them strength and protection. As they give of themselves in selfless service, may You fill them with your Holy Spirit as they work to be Your healing hands and feet!
Father, we also surrender to You all those who have been afflicted with the virus. Grant them Your healing grace, merciful Father, so that they may recover swiftly and continue to be witnesses of Your love in their lives.
Mother Mary, we ask for your intercession in this great time of need. Cover each of us with your blue mantle of protection, so that we may be preserved in good health to continue to glorify your son, Jesus Christ.
We make this prayer through Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen

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Easter Memorial Flowers & Decorations



At this time of year we usually offer the opportunity for parishioners to remember loved ones by donating towards decorations for the holy season.

Because we are in the unprecedented situation of cancelling our liturgies due to the coronavirus it may be that our Cathedral will not be decorated in its usual glory for Easter.

We do still wish to offer an opportunity for you to donate in the memory of loved ones and we will publish an on-line memorial list on our website and Facebook page as well as have printed copies placed in the Cathedral.

Memorial Donation Envelopes are available in the Cathedral, or you can use your own envelope. Carefully print the name of your loved ones and your name and address on your envelope. Include your donation and drop off the envelope to the parish office using the mail slot to the left of the rectory door (480 McIntyre Street West). All donations over $10 are tax deductible.

♥ REACHING OUT TO OUR LONELY & ISOLATED ♥

Do you know someone from our parish that may be isolated and require assistance? We have volunteers who are willing to reach out to them to offer support. Perhaps they need groceries, an errand run for them, or a wellness check?



Please call the parish office 472-3970 or email us at office@procathedral.ca OR call Deacon Al Falconi at 493-3320 or email him at algfalconi@gmail.com. Please leave your name and telephone number and the name and phone and/or email of the person who you feel may require this service. We would love to reach out to them!

Would you like to be part of the ministry of reaching out to those who may need support at this time? Call or email Deacon Al or the parish office and leave us a message.

Stations of the Cross On-line

Visit the Following Website:
https://www.olfatima.ca/virtual-stations-of-the-cross/

Beautiful Meditations of Pope Benedict XVI

New! Development and Peace Website to view a Catholic Schools Program to ***help engage children*** in the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church by raising awareness on social injustices occurring in the world.
Visit our website under CURRENT NEWS to click on the link!

Thank you to everyone for their generous response to our request for financial assistance. We are humbled by your commitment.

Ways to Continue Supporting the Cathedral:

- We continue to accept **envelopes** at the parish door through the mail slot—you can drop off current and postdated cheques.
- Forms for **Visa/Mastercard and Automatic Bank Withdrawals** can be found on our website under About Us—Stewardship. Drop off completed forms to the parish office.
- We now have a **Donate Today button** on our website. Just click and fill in the blanks and you can make a donation to the Cathedral.
- **E-transfer** to music.finance@procathedral.ca Put in the message of the e-transfer how you would like your funds disbursed (i.e. Sunday, Building, Easter, etc.)

Again, as long as it does not cause hardship to you, we are grateful for your continued support.