Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Palm Sunday
05 April 2020



Saint Matthew writes of Jesus' celebrated entry into Jerusalem, where some of *the very large crowd … cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road*. Isaiah prophesies of one who will *speak to the weary a word that will rouse them*. Paul writes to the Philippians about the total self-giving of Christ and his exaltation by the Father. In the Gospel, Matthew gives his account of the last hours of Jesus, including their Passover meal, his betrayal, and his passion, death, and burial. As we remember the suffering and death of Jesus, we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of God's steadfast love for all humanity: God so loved the world that he sent his only Son that all may be saved.

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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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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HOLY WEEK READINGS: 06 — 12 APRIL 2020	
Monday	**Isaiah 43. 1-7; John 12. 1-11**
Tuesday	**Isaiah 49. 1-6; John 13. 21-33, 36-38**
Wednesday	**Isaiah 50. 4-9a; Matthew 26. 14-26**
Thursday	**Exodus 12. 1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11. 23-26;** John 13. 1-15
Friday	**Isaiah 52. 13—53. 12; Hebrews 4. 14-16; 5. 7-9; John 18. 1—19.42**
Saturday	**Genesis 1. 1, 26-31a; Genesis 22. 1-18; Exodus 14. 15-31; 15. 20; Isaiah 54. 5-14; Isaiah 55. 1-11; Baruch 3. 9-15, 32—4.4; Ezekiel 36. 16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6. 3-11; Matthew 28. 1-10**
Sunday	**Acts 10. 34a, 37-43; Colossians 3. 1-4; John 20. 1-18**

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You can receive Holy Week and Easter videos to immerse yourself in this most holy season of the year!

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For Help Registering Call:

Brian at 705-358-6225

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Today our Passion Sunday reading is from Matthew's account of the crucifixion and death of Jesus. He is the only Evangelist to mention the message that Pilate's wife sent to Pilate while he was sitting in judgement.

This Gospel gives us the opportunity to reflect on discernment. How do I know which action is most obedient to the will of God? How do I know what is the moral thing to do? The right thing to do?

The first stage is our own discernment. Pilate actually knew the right thing to do. The chief priests and the elders push Jesus forward screaming "crucify him". Pilate asks "Why what evil has he done?" He knew that the motives of Jesus's accusers were unjust and that Jesus did not deserve to be crucified. He knew the right thing to do.

The second stage of discernment comes from outside of ourselves. For most of us that means reaching out and asking a spiritually wise person to confirm our reading of the situation. Sometimes the confirmation comes unbidden as a gift of the Holy Spirit. Pilate's wife chose at that moment to send a word to him "Have nothing to do with (the death) of that innocent man, today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him".

We wish that decisions were always so clear cut! We know the right thing to do and then it is confirmed!

But what happened that day? The loud voices of the crowd prevailed. Pilate gave in to fear and he ended up doing what was wrong rather than was right.

The problem isn't that God doesn't speak to us (disturbing as it sometimes may be), the problem is that we choose not to listen.

In this turbulent time, we at times find ourselves in the position of Pilate: "Do I choose what is right or what is wrong?" When God speaks will we listen?

Msgr. Dave

National Catholic Broadcasting Councils presents

The 2020 Catholic Mission

"Touching God's Compassion"

Holy Week (April 6-11)

Explore how we do this through the Sacraments of Baptism and Anointing with Mission leader ***Most Reverend Gerard Bergie Bishop of St. Catharines***. The 2020 Mission explores the following topics:

- Mary's yes to bringing God's love and compassion into the world at the Annunciation;
- Our Baptism as the gateway to the other sacraments of God's compassion ;
- Touching God's compassion in our time of need in The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick;
- Experiencing God's compassion on the Road to Emmaus.

Available on Monday April 6th:

YouTube: www.youtube.com/dailytvmass

Daily TV Mass Website: https://dailytvmass.com/

View more at: www.dailytvmass.com

♥ 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 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.

Catholic Women's League Updates

1. Executive Meeting – a teleconference will be held on Monday, 06 April 2020 at 7:00 PM.
2. 100th Annual Convention of the Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan CWL has been moved to the weekend of 30 October to 1 November, in North Bay at the Best Western.
3. All Relay For Life fundraising events across Canada this year have been cancelled. Our CWL Soul Sisters will be back in 2021 bigger and better than ever!

REMINDERS

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 those who continue to work during this time, especially for our healthcare workers. Pray too for those who have been infected by the coronavirus.

PLEASE HELP: If you recently requested three masses, one for Maureen Cross, Mary Boivin and for The Intention of Armand P.M.E. Lalande — can you please call or email the parish office and identify yourself so we will know who the masses are to be from?
With apology, I took down the names and did not write who they were requested by. Thank you!

Karen

✝ MEMORIAL FUND ✝

The following name has been received at the request of donors in memory of our deceased friends and relatives:

ANTONIO MUSCATELLO

In this time of COVID-19, we pray:
When we aren't sure, God, help us be calm; when information comes from all sides, correct and not, help us to discern; when fear makes it hard to breathe, and anxiety seems to be the order of the day, slow us down, God;
help us to reach out with our hearts, when we can't touch with our hands; help us to be socially connected, when we have to be socially distant; help us to love as perfectly as we can, knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."
For the doctors, we pray, for the nurses, we pray, for the technicians and the janitors and the aides and the caregivers, we pray, for the researchers and theorists, the epidemiologists and investigators, for those who are sick, and those who are grieving, we pray, for all who are affected, all around the world… we pray for safety, for health, for wholeness.
May we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and house those without homes; may we walk with those who feel they are alone, and may we do all that we can to heal the sick— in spite of the epidemic, in spite of the fear.
Help us, O God, that we might help each other.
In the love of the Creator,
in the name of the Healer,
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all, we pray.
May it be so.

—A prayer during times of COVID-19 by the Right Rev. Richard Bott

PRAYER LINE

The prayer line is a group of parishioners who pray for the needs of others. Concerns great and small are presented to the Lord on your behalf. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the group call Sister Shirley McNamara at 474-3800, Ext. 295 or Lorraine Atchison at 474-0613 and they will gladly pass them on to others who are waiting to receive your requests.

MASS REQUESTS

Please know that all masses that were booked or requested will be re-scheduled once our liturgies begin again.



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.

COLLECTION - 15 & 22 MARCH	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$8,070.00	**$4,489.00**



REMINDER: It's not too late to donate towards our Easter Memorial Listing in memory of your loved ones. Please send us your names by Monday, April 6 to be included in the Easter Bulletin.

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.

