PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

03 May 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The LORD is my Shepherd



In the first reading, Peter tells the community that their Savior was indeed the one whom they crucified. They are *cut to the heart*, they repent, and are baptized – adding *about three thousand persons* to the community. In the second reading, Peter calls the community to patient suffering when they know what they are doing is right. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about the shepherd and the sheep who know the sound of his voice. Turmoil enters our lives and even enters our Church, but we are called to persevere and keep our eyes focused on the risen Christ. Through repentance and living for righteousness, we are united with him who is the heart and core of our faith. The Shepherd is calling us. Let us heed his voice.

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

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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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READINGS: 04 - 10 MAY

Monday	Acts 11. 1-18; John 10. 11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11. 19-26; John 10. 22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12. 24-13, 5a; John 12. 44-50
Thursday	Acts 13. 13-25; John 13. 16-20
Friday	Acts 13. 26-33; John 14: 1-6
Saturday	Acts 13. 44-52; John 14. 7-14
Sunday	Acts 6. 1-7; 1 Peter 2. 4-9; John 14. 1-12



Thank you to everyone for their continued commitment to donating to the Cathedral. We appreciate your generosity!

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.

MASS REQUESTS

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





We are here to help!
We have people ready and willing to assist you. Need a grocery pickup? A wellness call made to a family member? Other assistance? Give us a call or email and let us know how we can help!



CHECK OUT MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS FROM POPE FRANCIS ON OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK SITE

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10)

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, those who continue to work in essential services, and those who have been infected by the coronavirus.

Note: They are now also being rung at 7:30 PM as we join the North Bay community in "making some noise" for those who work in essential services.



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.



Catholic Education Week
May 3-8, 2020

This week our local schools would normally be celebrating many events to engage parishes, families and schools in Catholic Education.

This year the theme is "Igniting Hope" and Nipissing-Parry Sound schools will be taking the celebration online and into our homes. You are encouraged to share how you are recognizing the week using the hashtag #CEW2020.

Visit npsc.ca/news for Catholic Education Week resources. These include links for curriculum/lessons, book lists, audio files, liturgical resources and other learning resources.

You can also click on a link for a schedule of school events and activities taking place this year in an online capacity, including a special virtual mass with His Emminence Cardinal Thomas Collins from St. Michael's Cathedral.

Catholic Education Week Prayer

Loving God,
We thank you for our Catholic school community where we can journey in faith together.
Help us to accompany each other in our learning as we grow, living as joyful disciples of Jesus and bringing good news to the world.
May your love speak to our hearts, helping us to bring hope to others and a commitment to justice in all we do.
We make this prayer through Jesus, our Lord and teacher.
Amen

Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations ~ May 3

This World Day of Prayer for Vocations is a day set aside for the entire Church to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

This day challenges us to recognize the peace, the calm, the stillness, and the clarity of the One who loves us and continues to beckon: "Come!" Once we hear this call and this invitation, our responses may be varied. But we as a Church are called to create an atmosphere and an environment that is open to all vocations. Taking on the image of Christ the Good Shepherd, we share in the task of calling people to follow the Lord. We recognize that parents can have a positive impact on supporting vocations to priesthood and religious life for their sons and daughters. We recognize teachers and catechists play an important role in forming, in the minds and hearts of our young people, an image of Christ, the Good Shepherd. We know priests and religious are called to be examples of ordained ministry and consecrated life. And we understand bishops, as shepherds of local churches, are called to stir up in the priests, religious and laity the desire to work for and encourage vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Encourage, Invite Others ..... Investigate for Yourself

Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie?

Take this opportunity to pray for the priests and religious who have ministered to you in your life, and consider encouraging your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious sister or brother. Pray that those that the Lord is calling to serve the Church will overcome their fear, and allow God to shape them into who he has made them to be.

May all that we say and do reflect our fundamental call to serve God in our world, and may we encourage our young people to follow in the footsteps of the Master.

VISIT

https://vocationnetwork.org/en//en/

https://vocations.ca/

https://www.stpetersseminary.ca/



Month of May

Month of Mary



In May, the Catholic Church celebrates special devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary, honoring the Virgin Mary as "the Queen of May".

In solidarity with a number of Episcopal Conferences throughout the world, we are invited to consecrate our diocese and parishes to Mary, Mother of the Church, seeking her maternal protection during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Msgr. Dave and Father Rex will celebrate a special Prayer of Consecration for our parish in the Cathedral.

To complement this celebration, everyone is invited to pray the rosary at home and offer two prayers at its conclusion.

You can view the prayers and the letter from His Holiness Pope Francis by visiting these links.

These links are also posted on our website for a one-click link so you do not have to type these into your browser.

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/letter-on-the-month-of-may-full-text.html

We are also attaching the link to the Loreto Litanies, a beautiful prayer of supplication to atone for sins and to prevent calamities which can be prayed privately or together with your family:

http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/documents/litanie-lauretane_en.html