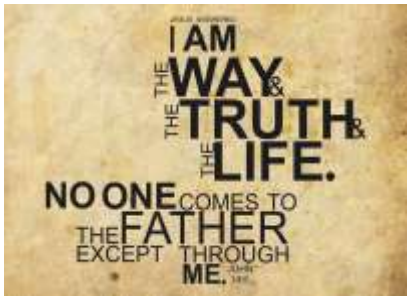


PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

10 May 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the first reading, the Twelve choose seven reputable men to be their assistants and serve at table. In his Letter, Peter writes that all who have faith are to be living stones, imitating Christ. In John's Gospel, Jesus declares himself the way and the truth and the life, calling those who believe in him to do the works he does. Let the Church rejoice as we, the living body of Christ, have recently welcomed many sisters and brothers, new members of the household of faith. Let us encourage those newly joined to us in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation to fully live their new identity as part of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.



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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Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

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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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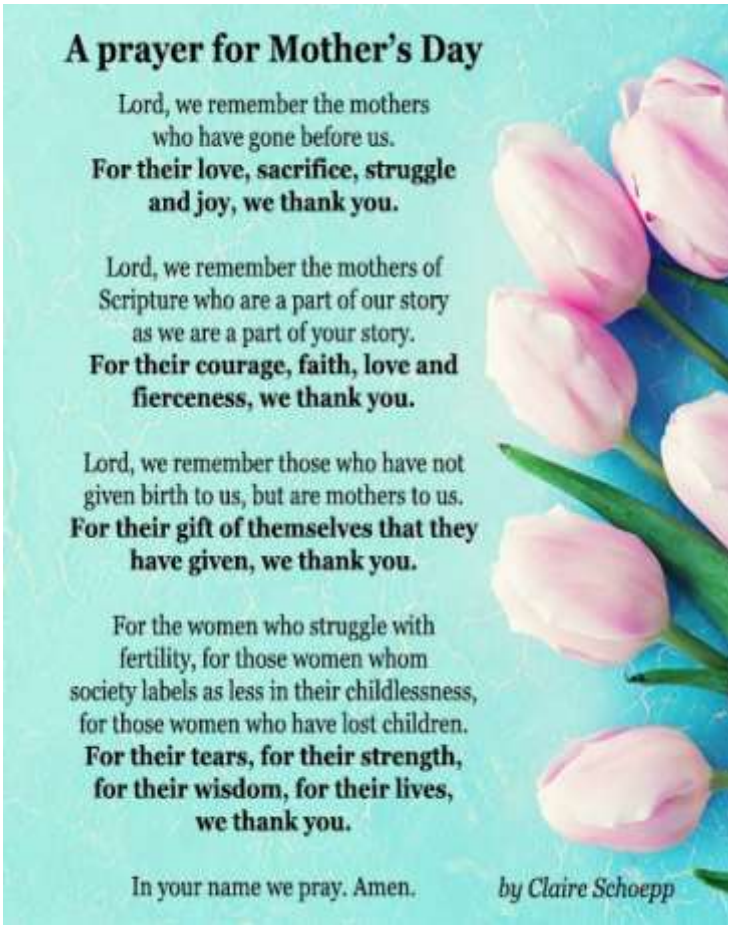
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READINGS: 11 - 17 MAY

Monday	Acts 14. 5-18; John 14. 21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14. 19-28; John 14. 27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15. 1-6; John 15. 1-8
Thursday	Acts 1. 15-17, 20-26; John 15. 9-17
Friday	Acts 15. 22-31; John 15. 12-17
Saturday	Acts 16. 1-10; John 15. 18-21
Sunday	Acts 8. 5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3. 15-18; John 14. 15-21







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!

Canada Health Day—May 12

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country.

This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

This day is especially poignant this year. Social distancing is a sign that we care for each other. How many posts have we seen of grandparents missing their grandchildren or adult children who made the decision to not visit their parents to keep them safe? All because we love each other and took responsibility for each other's health.



Let us thank our health workers who are on the frontline across the world risking their lives to save lives everyday from deadly diseases. This year, we pay tribute to those who lost their lives protecting others.

SUNDAY COLLECTION 26 April & 03 May	
Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$9,614.00	$2,740.00



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.



Through the mercy of God, may the souls of our recently faithful departed, rest in peace. Please keep them and their families and friends in your prayers.

Rose Lafleur

(Mother of Denyse Vendetti)

Make May a Marian Month!

May is a month traditionally dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate May as a "Marian month" with devotions and prayers in our churches and homes to honour the Mother of God.

This Marian month falls during the liturgical season of Easter. We thus particularly emphasize Our Blessed Mother's participation in the Paschal Mystery and her presence with the Church in preparation for Pentecost, as she prayed with the disciples in the upper room while they awaited the descent of the Holy Spirit.

There are many devotions that the Church recommends for honoring Our Lady during her month. Of course, the rosary is one of the most excellent Marian prayers and especially recommended in the month of May. Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary (e.g. the Litany of Loreto) are also special invocations for Our Lady's intercession under her various beautiful titles.

Each Wednesday afternoon you can view Fr. Rex praying the Devotion in Honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Follow along with the prayer sheet.

You can view the video and download the prayer sheet from our Homepage at procathedral.ca

You can also view and pray the Loreto Litanies and see the Pope's message regarding special devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the month of May, the Church calls us to open our hearts in a special way to Mary. Her presence in our lives is a motherly presence. We call her *Our Blessed Mother*. Indeed, from the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our Mother and entrusted us to her as her children. Jesus' words to John, the beloved disciple, were also addressed to all of us: *Behold your mother*! From the cross, Jesus gave us the beautiful gift of his mother to be our mother too. He made his mother the mother of all the members of his Mystical Body, the Church. Jesus invites us to accept Mary as our mother and to respond to her motherly love as true children.

It is very fitting that we celebrate Mother's Day during the Marian month. As we honor the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, we also honor our earthly mothers. On Mother's Day, we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, not only through material gifts, flowers, or cards, but also, and more importantly, by our prayers for them. We thank God for the gift of our mothers who conceived and gave birth to us, who cared for us, protected us, taught us, and loved us. Many passed on the precious gift of faith to us. We remember all our mothers, living and deceased. We thank them for their generosity and self-giving love.

Pope's Pastoral Works Collection Postponed until October 4, 2020— Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi.



The original collection date was to be next weekend, May 17.

Please save your envelopes from your collection boxes until that time. If you regularly donate through VISA or Mastercard or Pre-authorized Donations the amount will be withdrawn and processed as usual.

The amount will be added to your income tax receipts and you will not have to donate again in October.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

Thank you from Development and Peace! The Pro-Cathedral collected and donated $3,660.00 this year!

Wondering what Development and Peace Does? They work on the following themes in more than 22 countries throughout the world:

- Equality between men and women;
- Citizen participation and democratic development;
- Management and control of natural resources;
- Ecological justice;
- Peace-building and reconciliation and
- Emergency relief.

Whether it be helping domestic workers attain regulated working conditions in Bolivia or communities in Nigeria fight against forced evictions, the actions we take through our programs and partners are creating a world where there is justice for all and where people come first.

One way you can continue to help is to save your stamps. See below for more information:

Development and Peace Stamp Collection



The stamps affixed on the right corner of your envelopes can be very useful. Members of Development and Peace, who are philatelists, sell them to stamp collectors. The proceeds will help fund development projects. If you wish to support this initiative, simply cut off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging perforations. **Save them in baggies or envelopes and when we are back together again they can be dropped into the collection basket.** ***Our D & P Coordinator, Lorraine Atchison, will make sure they are sent to the Stamp Project. Thank you for your support!!!***

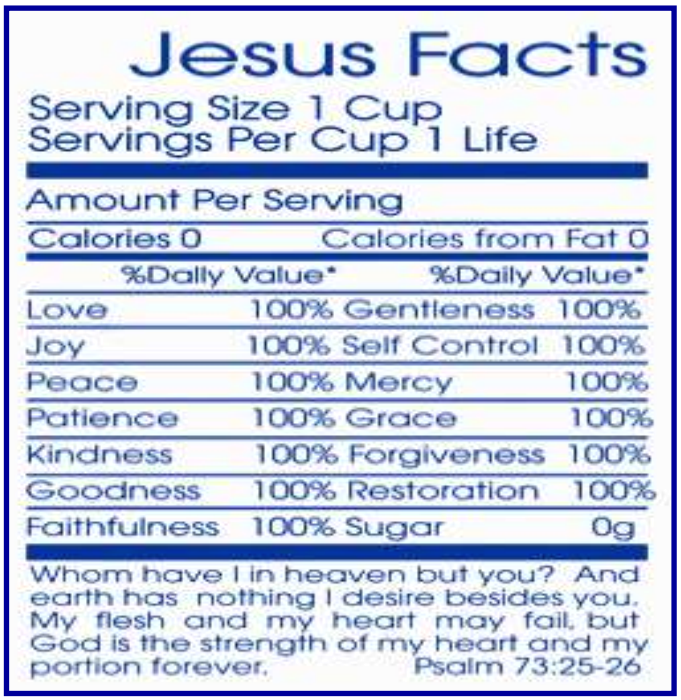
Catholic Women's League

There is an old Jewish proverb that says "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he created mothers!" Mother's Day this year will be celebrated in a very different way due to the COVID-19 pandemic! In some ways for those living under the same roof, it has brought a renewal of family and friendship; gathering to have meals together, going for walks or playing outside together. As sad as these times are it is bringing families closer together to enjoy an old style of life that many of us grew up with. We are finding innovative ways of "seeing" those we do not live with!

We are using technology, or a drive by with a wave and thrown kisses, or a special delivery of home made goodies! God created mothers with undying love and strength, the kind of strength that will get families through these tough times. However you unite with your family this Mother's Day, know that God is everywhere and with each of us! I hope you are able to find a special way to celebrate as a mother this year!

My wish for you is to have a very blessed and happy Mother's Day!

Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, President
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Council



Don't forget there are quick links to TV Masses on our Homepage at procathedral.ca



Salt and Light TV, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, St. Vincent de Paul (French Mass), Ste. Bernadette, EWTN, DailyTVMass, Catholic TV & More!

Easy as going to our homepage and clicking on one of the links.

MESSAGE TO THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF SAULT STE. MARIE

May 6, 2020

On this feast of Saint François de Laval, patron saint of Canadian Bishops, Pope Francis announced publicly his decision to appoint me as Coadjutor Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall. This is the beginning of a new chapter in my life, one that will build upon multiple experiences that have taught me to trust the Lord. I have always been amazed at the callings I received from the Church; however, I did not always understand why I was the one chosen to assume responsibility for a new parish, a new diocese, a new ministry or a new undertaking. My first "fiat" is rooted in my love for God and for his people. It was from this fundamental principle that I responded to all the other callings in my life, offering my service with humility and thanksgiving. God's plan is not always obvious, but it is revealed to us as a Mystery. No matter how many questions I ask, the answer is often the same: "My grace is sufficient for you." So I walk gently and joyfully on a path that will be strewn with signs of divine Providence.

It is with mixed feelings that I write these words to you. Having celebrated Good Shepherd's Mass last Sunday, I feel bad for leaving you. I feel as though I were abandoning you, knowing that we are at a time in our history when the normal course of our Church life has been changed by the pandemic. This increased uncertainty about the future is added to all other issues currently touching your lives. I see so many things that still need to be finished or even started. Projects of all kinds have been discussed and / or partially started. You will need to be patient and to trust that the new Bishop will take over and provide the necessary leadership according to God's plan. Rest assured that there is an exceptional staff at the Diocesan Center, and each of them will support the new Bishop. I also have great confidence in the clergy who assume their responsibilities in their respective parishes. I am very grateful for their dedication and good collaboration over the past four years.

I plan to begin my responsibilities as Coadjutor Archbishop on June 16, 2020. Until then, I will be present in the diocese to meet the many needs and to plan with the diocesan team the steps that will follow. The restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic may complicate gatherings that would allow us to say "goodbye". We will undoubtedly find answers to our multiple questions in the days to come.

I remain with you in thought and prayer. I entrust everything to the intercession of Mary Immaculate and of Saint François de Laval.

+Marcel Damphousse

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