

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

17 May 2020 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter



In the first reading, Philip proclaims the Gospel in Samaria and many people are cured. Peter and John follow and lay hands on the newly baptized there, and *they received the Holy Spirit*. In the second reading, Peter encourages the community to always be ready to give reason for their hope, and be willing *to suffer for doing good*. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that those who love him will follow his commandments. Saint Teresa of Ávila once wrote that Christ has no body on earth but ours. This 16th-century mystic understood what Jesus meant when he said, *If you love me, you will keep my commandments*. She believed we meet Jesus' expectation by becoming a voice for the voiceless, as Philip did in Samaria – where his preaching, signs, and deeds brought great joy.

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

RECTOR
Msgr. Dave Tramontini

ASSISTANT
Rev. Rex Lumine

PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
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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READINGS: 18 - 24 MAY

Monday	Acts 16. 11-15; John 15. 26-16. 4a
Tuesday	Acts 16. 22-34; John 16. 5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17. 15, 22—18.1; John 16. 12-15
Thursday	Acts 18. 1-8; John 16. 16-20
Friday	Acts 18. 9-18; John 16. 20-23a
Saturday	Acts 18. 23-28; John 16. 23b-28
Sunday	Acts 1. 1-11; Ephesians 1. 17-23; Matthew 28. 16-20





CHECK IT OUT!!

Don't forget to watch the weekly video of the Gospel & Reflection posted on our website each Saturday evening at procathedral.ca

Thank you so much to David Dunkley, Jeff Borden and Kevin Yarosh for their technical talents that we have been making very good use of during this special time.

Let other's know about this way of keeping in touch!

Make May a Marian Month!

Each Wednesday afternoon you can view Fr. Rex praying the Devotion in Honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

PRAY ALONG!
You can view the video and download the prayer sheet from our Homepage at procathedral.ca or on our Facebook Page

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



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!



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.

"Love one another as I have loved you." ♥

This Spirit-inspired love, shown in living the commandments and loving our brothers and sisters, keeps us fully alive in the new life of the Risen Jesus, drawing us deeper into the life of the Father. These precious words of Jesus are like a symphony in which the different themes are played and played again in their various forms. The words of Jesus, with the Eucharist and the priesthood, are treasured parting gifts of the Lord to His friends, gifts which maintain His presence in a troubled and unbelieving world.

How might you be more prepared to receive the Spirit of truth?

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.

Catholic Women's League

I trust everyone made the best of Mother's Day and received many wonderful wishes and blessings!



I want you all know that **your Executive is working through these trying times**. We continue to hold monthly Executive meetings with the help of technology! We have all learned how to get together through video conferencing! See...you can teach an "old dog" new tricks. We have triumphed over tribulation!

Everything has really changed this year, primarily due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ladies, unfortunately, we will not be meeting at all in June. As you may know we have rescheduled our **100th Anniversary Celebrations** to June 17, 2021. We felt this was the safest thing to do.

God willing and if the restrictions are lifted, we are scheduling our **Dinner and Service Pin Awards** for September 2, the first Wednesday of September (which is our regular General Meeting). Stay tuned for updates.



The Executive made a decision this year to hold over this year's **Student Bursary**. Please understand and know this was a very difficult decision to make. With the area secondary schools and our church doors closed we felt it would be impossible to clearly inform everyone about making application. Instead, we will offer four, $400 bursaries in the year 2021.

I am happy to report that the **12-Hours of Prayer held Mother's Day**, May 10 was a success! Thank you to the Executive members of the CWL for making this possible. Prayers this year were offered up for Palliative Care.

Have a safe, happy and healthy Victoria Day long-weekend and many blessings,

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

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!!!***

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Mother's Day Blessing 2020 With the approval of the Public Health Unit we gathered in the parish parking lot – social distance style! The families of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd came together in family groups and received their art folders, a gift for their family prayer table and a Mother's Day Blessing from Msgr. Dave. Traditionally our atrium year ends with a Pentecost Celebration, however, with social distancing being part of life today, we decided to include a Pentecost Home Celebration kit in the family packages distributed.



Epiphany & Blessing of our Atrium. Msgr. Dave invited Fr. Tensing from Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Sturgeon Falls to bless the chalk with the assistance of Noah, Msgr. Dave lead the prayer for the blessing over the doorway with the help of Layton and Mara and Fr. Rex read the closing prayer. We then sang "God has the whole world in his hands" while Msgr. Dave blessed the Atrium.

For more information and pictures visit current news on our website: procathedral.ca







PRO-CATHEDRAL SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS
CHILI & CHEER GRAB-N-GO EVENT



DRIVE-UP, STAY IN YOUR CARS,

RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY CHILI MEAL TO TAKE HOME!
(WHILE QUANTITIES LAST)

EVEN THOUGH WE CAN'T SOCIALIZE IN PERSON, DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T BRING A LITTLE CHEER TO YOU WHILE SAFELY DISTANCING.

DETAILS BELOW....



Saturday, May 30, 2020

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION PARKING LOT
(480 McIntyre St. W)

COMPLIMENTARY *(While quantities last)*
(includes a bowl of chili, bun and cookie)

Drive over to the Pro-Cathedral main parking lot
between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Saturday, May 30th,
STAY IN YOUR CARS and
receive a complimentary meal to take home and enjoy!

EXTENDED DEADLINE

The World needs stories of truth, peace, and inspiration says Pope



Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

With fake news becoming ever more sophisticated, people need the wisdom, courage and patience to discern and embrace constructive stories, Pope Francis said.

"We need stories that reveal who we truly are, also in the untold heroism of everyday life," Francis wrote in his message for World Communications Day 2020 which will be celebrated next weekend on May 24.

The message for 2020 was based on the theme, ***"That you may tell your children and grandchildren': Life becomes history."*** The passage, drawn from the Book of Exodus, highlights the importance of sharing "knowledge of the Lord" and meaningful memories, stories and experiences, so that they may transform people's lives, he wrote.

Jesus, who is "the quintessential storyteller — the Word," he said in the message, spoke of God "not with abstract concepts, but with parables, brief stories taken from everyday life" so that "the story becomes part of the life of those who listen to it, and it changes them."

"God has become personally woven into our humanity, and so has given us a new way of weaving our stories," he said.

"Stories influence our lives, whether in the form of fairy tales, novels, films, songs, news, even if we do not always realize it," he said, and people often decide "what is right or wrong based on characters and stories we have made our own."

So many stories throughout history share a common "thread" in which heroes, including everyday heroes, follow a dream and "confront difficult situations and combat evil, driven by a force that makes them courageous — the force of love," the pope said.

These kinds of stories can give people both the example and reasons "to heroically face the challenges of life," to grow, be enriched and to discover themselves better.

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…. & So do We! **We would like you to share <u>YOUR</u> personal stories!** ***We will publish at a later date due to the fact that we have not been able to physically be together and to allow more people to be able to participate!***

- **A booklet with all the stories will be created.**
- **We will get to know, inspire and encourage one another as a family of faith through these stories.**
- **We are looking for stories that are written from your personal point of view - even just a short memory, family story, or even a few sentences.**
- **Don't underestimate how even a small story can make a difference to someone!**
- **Suggested Topics: How has your faith sustained you? Did you have a personal epiphany when your faith woke something in your heart? A funny story about going to Church? What has your Catholic faith meant to you over the years? Was it influenced by a member of your family? A teacher? A prison guard? A fellow parishioner? A neighbour? A priest? A nun? A support group? Maybe you transferred into a new city and were welcomed by a new parish or perhaps you are a new person to our country and have an inspiring story?**

See Next Page for Submission Details

Our Faith Stories—Treasures to Share!

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

1. There is no age requirement for those who wish to submit.
2. Submissions must be a personal account and not the work of others.
3. Submissions may be edited for length. Submissions are not limited to a person's involvement and membership at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption.
4. If you do not use a computer and wish to submit in handwriting/printing — we would love to have your input!
5. Submissions can be emailed to office@procathedral.ca or dropped off to the rectory office at 480 McIntyre Street West (there is a mail slot to the left of the door).
6. Submissions must include your first and last name, telephone number and email address (if you have one) so that if we have any questions we can contact you.
7. Where a submission may not be deemed as content that fits the spirit and intent of this publication, the parish reserves the right not to include it in the final publication.
8. **Deadline is Extended - We will publish at a later date than anticipated.**

If you have any questions regarding your submission, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at 472-3970 or by email at office@procathedral.ca

Please be a part of this wonderful opportunity to share your faith.

Your words can be an inspiration to others!

We need your stories of faith now more than ever - thank you!!

