28 FEBRUARY 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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



Stay-at-Home Order Extended until Monday, 08 March 2021

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Watch Streamed Mass Saturday 4 pm & Stations of the Cross on Friday 5 pm

View on our Website at procathedral.ca or facebook.com/procathedral

Abraham was about to *offer [his son] up as a holocaust* to the Lord. But a messenger of the Lord stopped him, and told him, *[the Lord] will bless you abundantly,* and that he would have innumerable descendants. Saint Paul asks, *If God is for us, who can be against us?* For Christ Jesus *intercedes for us*. In the Gospel, Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus *up a high mountain*, where he is *transfigured before them*. They see Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus, and from the cloud a voice says, *This is my beloved Son. Listen to him*. In our Scriptures today, Jesus is revealed as God's *beloved Son*, and Paul writes that the risen Jesus will *indeed intercede for us*. What gifts we are given! Let us, then, act in the world as God's children and be his instruments for building the Kingdom on earth.

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. Thomas Dowd, D.D.**
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

RECTOR **Msgr. Dave Tramontini**

ASSISTANT **Rev. Rex Lumine**

PERMANENT MINISTERS

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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. 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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Parish Sacraments



Due to the coronavirus new directives are in place for the preparation and celebration of our sacraments. Please call the parish office if you require more information for:
Marriage, Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick.

Reconciliation is postponed until further notice. Please watch for updates on our webpage at procathedral.ca and on our Facebook Page.

The Pro-Cathedral is **wheel chair accessible**. The entrance to the elevator is on Algonquin Avenue. Please enter the vestibule and ring the bell for an attendant. Service available at all weekend masses. Weekday masses service available 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM. A **Hearing Aid System** is available for use by the hearing impaired. Please ask an Usher or Sacristan to assist you upon entering the church.

Due to the extended lockdown, the office will not be open until the anticipated date of March 8, 2021

Watch our website at procathedral.ca for Updates

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
01 - 07 March 2021

Monday	Daniel 9. 3, 4b-10; Luke 6. 36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1. 10, 16-20, 27-28, 31; Mt. 23. 1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18. 18-20; Matthew 20. 17-28
Thursday	**Jeremiah 17. 5-10; Luke 16. 19-31**
Friday	Genesis 37. 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matthew 21. 33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Micah 7. 14-15, 18-20; Luke 15. 1-3, 11-32
Sunday	**Exodus 20. 1-17; 1 Corinthians 1. 18, 22-25; John 2. 13-25**

UPDATES & INFORMATION

The following is subject to change depending on future directives we may receive from health authorities and our diocesan office.

Sunday Liturgy

Watch on Saturday at 4:00 PM

at procathedral.ca

(Live-streamed Every Week)

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent at 5:00 PM

Watch at procathedral.ca

(Live-streamed Every Week)

You can view all of our live-stream celebrations on our website at procathedral.ca or at facebook.com/procathedral

A dispensation from mass is still in place if you are unable to attend mass. Pope Francis invites us to make a Spiritual Communion — that is to invite Christ in to our hearts, and ask that Christ come close to us, and that we come close to Christ.

You can join Pope Francis for Spiritual Communion Posted on Our Website under LINKS at procathedral.ca

You can pray An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

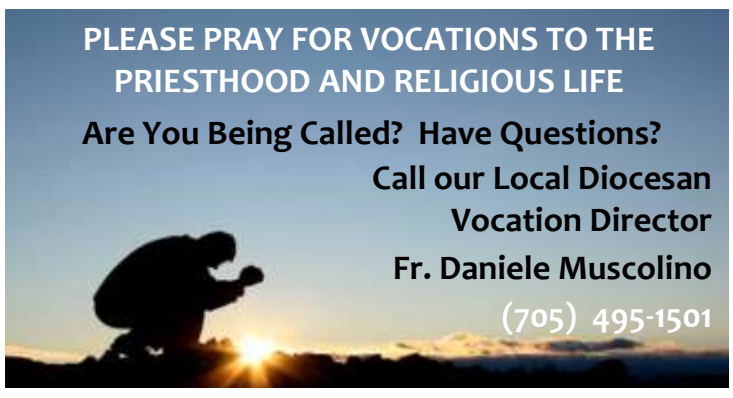
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Catholic Women's League

Memberships - Maintaining Memberships is Important. Why belong?

- The CWL is the voice of Catholic women expressing their values and promoting dignity and justice for all.
- The CWL is a gift of faith, friendship and support, offering leadership development and affirmation.
- The CWL gives members the opportunity to serve God and Canada. Through standing committees, members can feel the pulse of what is happening in church and society.
- The CWL invites all Catholic women to share their gifts and make a difference.

We are accepting memberships by mail this year. Please send your renewals to:

Vicki Doucette, Treasurer
387 Princess Street West
North Bay, ON P1B 6C7

You can also drop off your membership fee through the mail slot at the parish office. **Clearly mark your envelope "CWL MEMBERSHIP"**

Please make your cheques payable to the CWL Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Parish, not to the parish directly. If you have questions please call Brenda Passmore, Membership Chairperson, at 474-0447.

Second Sunday in Lent

Imagine what the Transfiguration provided for the disciples who witnessed it? "His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them." And even though they were so terrified, the voice of God came from a cloud, conveying comfort and truth: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." The disciples did not know what lay ahead, but this vision of Jesus and the Father's presence in their midst would give them hope and foretell Jesus' glorious resurrection. As we continue on our Lenten journey, we can turn to God, who will one day transfigure us in the same way Christ was, to strengthen us through the gray days ahead. And St. Paul's powerful words that "God is for us" add solace and encouragement.

Lent is an ideal time to turn to Jesus in prayer, asking that he give us the grace to grow in faith and turn away from sin. At the same time, we can offer intercessory prayer for others, just as we do at every Mass. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can make an extra effort to pray for the needs of other people: Those we know personally, such as friends and family members; and those whom we do not know, such as government leaders or Christians experiencing persecution in other countries.

As the Church teaches, "in intercession, those who pray look 'not only to their own interests, but also to the interests of others,' even to the point of praying for those who do them harm."(CCC 2635) One way to practice intercessory prayer is to make a list and pray for the people and intentions on it once a day. For those who regularly pray the rosary, another practice might be to dedicate each decade to an individual in need of prayer.

Development and Peace

Development and Peace is offering students, young adults, and D&P supporters something very special to come together to learn, share, and grow! Our second National ONLINE THINKfast! While THINKfasts have been happening for 33 years, this is only our second time holding a National Online THINKfast!

This THINKfast is something you can do on your own, or with your families and friends - it is open to all ages. If you are looking for a way to think about putting faith into action during Lent this year, this is the event for you!

We will also be holding space to chat about how we can care for ourselves and the most vulnerable in the Global South.

Starts: Thursday, March 11 at 3pm and ends Friday, March 12 at 4pm. To view the full program of events and what to expect, to register yourself or a team, and for the Zoom gathering, go to our homepage at procathedral.ca and under OUT-REACH, choose Development and peace for all the links. Every contribution, big or small, can make a difference!

Looking for Community Service Hours? Students who would like to use THINKfast can click the link on our website under Development and Peace. Get in touch with them to register prior to the fast—all documentation provided.

Solidarity Calendar

Don't forget you can view our Season of Lent Calendar under LINKS on our website at procathedral.ca to join webinars, pray, watch videos, and more! We can't wait to bring the Share Love, Share Lent campaign to you.

Share Love Share Lent



Did you know that Development and Peace provides humanitarian aid to communities coping with climate change, conflict and natural disasters in over a dozen countries? This week, the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign looks at how your solidarity is meaningful for Rohingya refugees and their host communities in Bangladesh.

Please pray for communities affected by crises and help us to keep supporting them by contributing to the collection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

For inspiration, information and to donate, visit devp.org/lent

Have you Signed up for Best Lent Ever?

Sign up for free today!



www.dynamiccatholic.com/daily-reflections

Find the link on our website at procathedral.ca under LINKS and feed your soul this Lent!



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

Collection Report: 14 & 21 February	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,462.00	**$854.00**

World Day of Prayer 2021

The World Day of Prayer service will be hosted by Calvin Presbyterian Church via Zoom this year and everyone is invited to participate!

This year's service has been done as a video with the introduction by the writing country, Vanuatu with the theme "Build on a Strong Foundation."

Through the worship service we will hear the voices of the Vanuatu women, whom invite us to focus on the Bible story in Matthew 7:24-27.



To hear the voice of Vanuatu women, their joys, their hopes and their struggles let us all join together in this ecumenical celebration.

World Day of Prayer
March 5, 2021 ~ 2:00 PM
Log in by 1:45 PM as the service will begin promptly at 2:00 PM

To join by computer, tablet or smart phone use the link provided below.

This link is also published on our website at procathedral.ca for your convenience.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805543849?pwd=ZTVQaGhuMEZGUExHV3REbFhrQW5XZz09

Meeting ID: 828 0554 3849

Passcode: 030521

To join using your home phone call: +1 647 374 4685
Meeting ID: 828 0554 3849#
Participant: #
Passcode: 030521#

On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus is revealed to his disciples as God's *beloved Son*.

Confirmation Register Soon!

With the extended lockdown, our preparation for Confirmation will be delayed. Even though our preparation is postponed - please register as soon as possible so we can keep in touch with you with further updates.

Students in Grade 7, 8 or 9 are invited to register now to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Our preparation program brings everyone from across our region to prepare together. Youth will celebrate at the parish where they are registered and attend.

Registration for <u>all</u> Candidates is available online only at: www.holynamestalphonsus.com/confirmation
A complete list of preparation dates and confirmation procedures can be found here as well.

Our preparation sessions will adhere to all safety protocols and are designed to inspire, have fun, deepen faith and build new friendships.

Parish Donations 2021

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate to the Cathedral even through our closures under the stay-at-home orders. It is unbelievable how generous our parishioners are!

If you need any information on our donation options, please do not hesitate to call or email the parish office - we are still checking in to make sure we can connect with everyone!

If you are currently not contributing financially we ask that you prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to the parish.

<u>Ways You can Help Support our Parish</u>

- **2021 Parish Envelopes**
- **Pre-authorized donations from your bank account.**
- **Credit card donations**
- **E-transfer music.finance@procathedral.ca**
- **Use our "Donate Today" button on our website at procathedral.ca**

Have you thought about changing to pre-authorized donations through your bank or credit card? **It's a safe and reliable way of supporting the Cathedral while allowing us to better budget!**

If you are already donating through pre-authorized bank account or credit card donations your deductions will continue the same into 2021 unless you would like to revise the amounts deducted. Contact the parish office if you would like to revise your contribution amounts. If you donate through automatic withdrawals, you do not need to take parish envelopes.

Only if it does not cause hardship to you,
we are grateful for your continued support.

New Show Takes Liturgy to Kids

(Michael Swan – The Catholic Register)

If going to Sunday morning Mass seems tantalizingly near and yet far imagine what it has been like for kids to be told to sit quietly and watch a TV Mass. Salt and Light Media Foundation wants to rescue kids from those painful Sunday mornings, and they've enlisted a musical family of nine kids, plus mom and dad, to put something a little more dynamic on the screen. *Yes, Lord* is a liturgy of the word designed for kids. It is broadcasting on weekends throughout Lent on Salt + Light TV, its website at slmedia.org under videos and on YouTube at Salt and Light Media.

It began with a letter from eight-year-old Joe, who complained of how boring Mass on TV was for him and wondered why something couldn't be done specifically for children.

That sounded perfectly sensible to Guevara-Mann, except that it would need to be musical, it would need multiple contributors and if it's for children it would have to have children in it. Gathering that many people together, along with a camera, sound and lighting crew, seemed unwise while everyone is still locked down. But what if the cast of characters were all from one family?

As it happens, Alex and Miriam Duketow of Lakefield, Ontario, have nine kids, four to 19. And they all sing, dance and play instruments.

"The musicians are all the kids. They have piano, bass, violin, tin whistle. It's all kids playing and Dad playing the guitar," said Guevara-Mann.

Animated characters and the words of readings and songs scrolling across the screen make it easy for kids to follow along, sing along and practice their reading. The first reading and Gospel each week are taken from the Sunday Mass, so that kids are praying along with the whole Church. But by making it a liturgy of the word, the 20-minute show is free to tailor its prayers and activities to the target audience of five- to 10-year-olds.

The Lenten *Yes, Lord* pilot will build toward Palm Sunday and kids who follow along throughout Lent will be ready, from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday, to participate fully in Holy Week. Check it out!



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To all parents with children in grades 2 & 3 who are considering having their child receive First Eucharist:

Greetings and Peace in the Lord!

Do you have a child currently in Grade Two or Three? If so, we invite you to register them for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Your child's Sacramental life with God began the day that he/she was baptized into the family of God. It was then that you the parent(s) made commitments to the Community and to God, to bring your child up in the practice of the faith to the best of your ability. It is now time to consider furthering your child's initiation into the Christian Community.

It is our hope that the religious formation and faith growth of your child will have a high priority with you and your family. If you decide that this is important to the life of you and your family then please accept this invitation to register him/her to celebrate their First Eucharist.

COVID-19 has touched and impacted our lives in so many different ways. We are concerned about the health and safety of your child and your family, therefore, we will be preparing for and celebrating this sacrament in a different way this year.

Baptism & First Confession are the pre-requisites to receiving First Eucharist.

If your child has not received these two sacraments contact our parish office.

We want to work with you to have your child be able to receive their First Eucharist.

There will be no in-person classes. Upon registration, a book concerning this Sacrament will be mailed to you. Once you have gone through the material with your child, contact the Cathedral so we will know your child is ready. If circumstances allow, we may be able to gather in a common Zoom meeting with other families as we near the completion of the children's preparation. At this time, we are hoping to celebrate First Eucharist on Sunday, June 6. How we will celebrate will depend upon the directives we receive from health authorities with respect to the pandemic. As we near June 6 we will be in contact with you to provide more details.

Please know that should you decide not to have your child prepare for this sacrament this year we will joyfully welcome you next year.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or email the parish office. We are looking forward to working with you as your child prepares to celebrate the sacraments.

Thank you,



Rev. Msgr. Dave Tramontini, Rector

Register by Visiting our Website at: procathedral.ca
Select Sacraments / Eucharist and scroll down to
"Receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the First Time"
Complete the Form & Return to Parish
(Instructions are included on Form)