

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

Welcome to Your Father's House!

Suddenly two men in bright shining clothes stood by them. Full of fear, the women bowed down to the ground, as the men said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised."

In the first reading, Saint Peter speaks to the crowd, telling them of all that he witnessed in the ministry and execution of Jesus Christ. He proclaims the Good News that *everyone who believes in Jesus Christ will receive forgiveness of sins through his name*.
Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is *our paschal lamb who has been sacrificed*. In the Gospel, the disciples encounter the empty tomb of Jesus. Jesus is risen from the dead; he appeared to his disciples. His rising to new life foreshadows what God intends for us: eternal life. The darkness of sin and death has been defeated by the Light of Christ, who died for us. Together, let us sing our praise to God. Alleluia!

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

Deacons	*Diocesan Order of Women*
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi	Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago	Mrs. Norma Milligan
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin	Miss Ruth Godon
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk	

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: Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM. ***Note - there is no confession this Holy Saturday, April 3.***

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.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

EASTER MONDAY	**CLOSED**
Tuesday to Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

SCRIPTURE READINGS
05 ~ 11 APRIL 2021

Monday	Acts 2. 14, 22-33; Matthew 28. 8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2. 36-41; John 20. 11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3. 1-10; Luke 24. 13-35
Thursday	Acts 3. 11-26; Luke 24. 35-48
Friday	Acts 4. 1-12; John 21. 1-14
Saturday	Acts 4. 13-21; Mark 16. 9-15
Sunday	Acts 4. 32-35; 1 John 5. 1-6; John 20. 19-31

Easter Holy Water Ritual

If you can not attend our celebrations this Easter to receive your Easter Kit (holy water, taper, and ritual) they will be available at the parish office after April 5.

You can participate in the elements of Easter in your home with the ritual. A video explaining and demonstrating the blessing with holy water is posted on our website at procathedral.ca under LINKS as well as on our Facebook page.

Don't forget - many of our households include people who do not share the Catholic faith but who may wish to participate in this time of prayer. They are welcome to participate in the prayer ritual provided that they (or their parent or guardian freely request it.

Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of the Lord

Our modern-day celebrations and traditions don't come close to truly capturing the gamut of emotions the disciples must have felt on that first day of the week. From the fear, despair and confusion they initially experienced, to the joy that would have enveloped them when they realized what the empty tomb meant: Jesus had risen! The beloved disciple entered the empty tomb of Christ in today's Gospel, "and he saw and believed." As Christians, we sometimes take this foundation of our faith for granted. We should pray for a renewed sense of awe at the stunning reality: to "see and believe" that God so loved us that he gave his only Son, who died and rose so that we, too, might live forever in God's love.

If we take to heart the psalmist's message today, we see



that this is how God intends for us to awaken every day: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." God is the author of our life, and on this Easter Sunday, we celebrate the gift of eternal life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In today's first reading, Peter relates how the disciples were commissioned to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection. His words remind us that the story of Easter cannot and should not be contained. Instead, we are called to witness that "everyone who believes in [Jesus] will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." That is good news worth sharing, whether on our social media feed, or with our loved ones and those we encounter each day.

Happy Easter! Say a special prayer of thanks at your Easter meal. And remember to smile in the direction of new faces at Mass today!

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 05 April - Weekday in the Octave of Easter
Gino Tedesco - Sue, Jaime and Stephen
Msgr. Norm Clement - Henriette and Simone Potvin

Tuesday, 06 April - Weekday in the Octave of Easter
Michael McHugh - Carol Lavallee
For Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, 07 April - Weekday in the Octave of Easter
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mildred Puddister - The Family
Int. of Living and Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 08 April - Weekday in the Octave of Easter
Yvonne and Earl Dietrich - Karen Dietrich
Gabriel Paduano - The Verrillo Family

Friday, 09 April - Weekday in the Octave of Easter
Walter Blahey - Tammy Chassé
Mildred Puddister - Susan and Aldege Giroux

4:00 PM Saturday, 10 April - Second Sunday of Easter
John and Mary Doyle - The Family
Giuseppe Pavone - Thelma and Rocco Mandaglio
Deceased Parents of Lloyd and Katherine Voisin - Katherine Voisin

Sunday, 11 April - Second Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Eugenio Gerbasi - The Family
Giuseppe Pavone - Tonia and Sam Aiello
Jim Molnar - Philip Paquette

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Msgr. Dave Tramontini

Pope's April Prayer Intention
~ Fundamental Rights ~

We pray for those who risk their lives
while fighting for fundamental rights
under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes
and even in democracies in crisis.

THANK YOU!

We are blessed with so many wonderful volunteers in our parish!

Thank you so much to our amazing ushers who continue to do a great job keeping us all organized, safe and healthy!

Thank you to Bridget Perron for her beautiful decorating skills through Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday - truly setting the atmosphere for our Holy Week.

Thank you to Sharon Brown, Carol Ann DiBartolomeo, Lisa Henry, Karen Ann McArthur, Kelly MacInnis and Denise McMahon for putting together the 400 Easter Kits so our parishioners could take them home this weekend to celebrate the Holy Water Ritual at Home.



The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie is currently in the search for an Executive Assistant to the Bishop.
The Diocesan Office is located in Sudbury, Ontario. For more information go to the following link:
https://dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/employment
This link is also posted on the Pro-Cathedral website at procathedral.ca under LINKS



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

Collection Report 28 March	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,860.40	**$808.00**



Register Soon!

Because of the pandemic, our preparation for Confirmation has been 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 all 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.

Women Alone in Friendship



If you are single, we haven't forgotten about you!!

We hope to begin our informal gatherings again soon outside — (weather permitting) for a coffee and bag lunch at the waterfront or some other beautiful outdoor location so we can social distance.

When we advertise a location—please join us as we share our triumphs, fears, our good experiences and sometimes our not-so-good ones in a supportive atmosphere of friendship. Come for the good laughs and conversation. We can compare notes on matters that have resonance for *single people whether through separation, divorce or being a widow*.

Watch our parish bulletin at procathedral.ca and our Facebook site for possible upcoming gathering dates and plan on joining us as we cheer each other on, encourage and support each other.

For more information, please contact Karen Beaulieu at 705-495-6675

Parish Donations 2021

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.

Ways You can Help Support our Parish

- **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.

Catholic Women's League

Are your service pins sitting forgotten at the bottom of your jewelry box? Why not give them a new sense of purpose? That is what some members of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL in North Bay, Ontario, did.

What comes of donating your service pins? Members continue to be recognized for their continued dedication to the CWL, through fellowship – passing the pin from one member to the next. The council saves on the cost of ordering pins. For instance, this year, the Pro-Cathedral CWL was looking at ordering over 75 pins, a cost of $421.00. By saving on the cost of ordering new pins, the money can be spent on supporting local charities instead. In addition to fiscal responsibility, recycling the pins makes good environmental sense … effectively contributing to the Care for Our Common Home.



Three Generations of Members of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL Breath New Life into Their Service Pins

Annette Dutrisac, 25-year Service Award recipient, Past President, Maple Leaf Service Award recipient, and current Organization Chairperson of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL in North Bay, Ontario, holds a framed photograph of her mother, Germaine (Jane) Masson, who joined the St. Alphonsus Liguori Council in 1959, served in various positions, as well as President twice, the Memorial Scroll recipient, and was awarded the 60-year service pin, posthumously, in 2009. Surrounding Annette are: (left to right) Meadow Harper, 5-year Service Award recipient, (standing) Jorja Harper, age 16 - new member, and Laurel Dutrisac-Ferris, 10-year Service Award recipient. Each member decided to donate their Service Award pins to the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL Council in Memoriam of Germaine Masson. *(Photo taken by Meadow Harper)*

The CWL 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Council will be conducted virtually on Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan CWL Annual General Meeting – will hold the AGM in place of a convention on Saturday, April 17. There is no formal registration for this event, which will be held virtually on GoToMeeting.

The platform for the Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan AGM has changed to Zoom. You will require a computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone to participate.

One of the requirements for a "virtual meeting" is to have the capability to vote, which Zoom provides.



Saturday, 17 April 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

Zoom meeting coordinates: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88674275665?pwd=T0lxemNYMER4T0Y2QnBiY1pXOGQvQT09

Meeting ID: 886 7427 5665 Passcode: 836461

Memberships Have you Renewed your CWL Membership yet? 129 ladies have!



If you were a Teacher you would belong to the Teachers' Association.
If you were a Nurse you would belong to the Nurses' Association.
If you are a Catholic woman, do you belong to the Catholic Women's League?

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

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.





Rejoice! He is Risen!



EASTER MEMORIAL Decorations

With the Memorial donations received, we were able to decorate the church for the Easter Season. The Easter Sunday Masses are offered in remembrance of all those whose names were received. ***Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.***

Mary Moher Scheer-Hennings
Angelina Duquette
Gary Duquette
Lloyd Voisin
Members of the Zappala Family
Members of the Priolo Family
Sylvia and George Renette
Relatives and Friends
of Fern and Sandra Morrissette
Shirley Hedican
Sheila Flannery
Family and Friends
of Ken and Crystal Snoddon
Livio and Lucy Cappadocia
Milan Hlusek
Family and Friends of the Hlusek Family

Family and Friends
of Dorice Van Der Rassel
Don and Winifred Halsall
Otto and Cecelia Bieman
Delia Ranger
Joseph Ranger
Greg Ranger
Bernard Ranger
Relatives of Jeannette and Rick Hamelin
Phyllis Nemec
Harvey Carmichael
Msgr. Norm Clement
Relatives and Friends of the Potvin Family

Yvette Théberge
Relatives of Cliff and Marg Riopelle
Relatives of Yvon Cadrin
Michael Fleming
Terry Fleming
Emily and Oscar Paquette
Jeanne Hodgins
Dora and Ormeus Bedard
Jim Molnar
Florence and Paul Paquette
Alice Hopkinson
Florence and Leo Paquette
Gertrude and Eugene Souliere
Evelyn and Art Souliere
Theresa and Fernand Guerette

An Easter Prayer

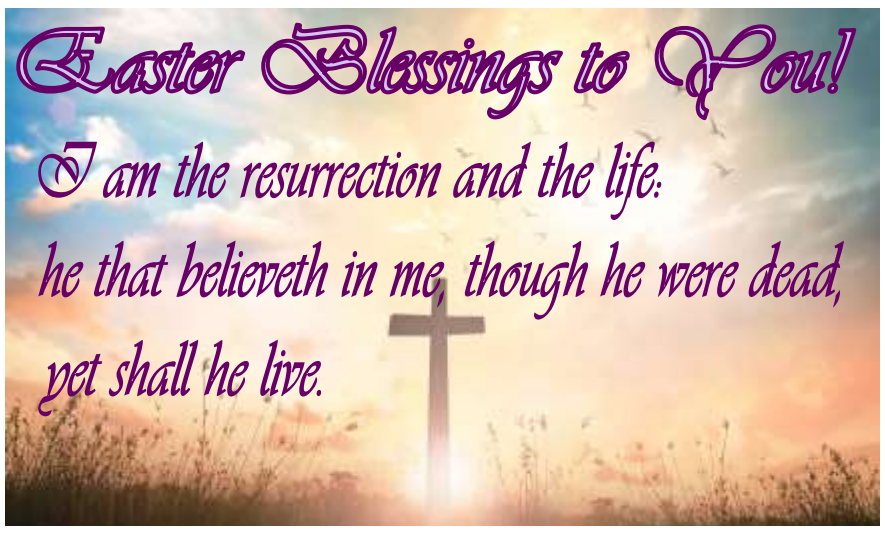
Loving Lord, today we remember the veil of darkness transforming to the brightest light. The most dreadful end becoming the most beautiful beginning.
We remember with trembling hearts the depths of despair fading to reveal hope everlasting. The curse of death defeated by eternal life.
Today we remember with thankfulness your willingness to be pierced for our sins.
We sing with abounding joy of your miraculous rise, from death's tomb to resplendent life.
Thank you for the promise of heaven and your generous invitation of eternal life for all. Amen.

Julie Palmer

Cell Phone? Move Recently?

Have you changed from a land line to a cell phone in the past few years? Maybe you have moved and never let us know? Please send us an email or call us with your updated contact information so we can keep our records current.









The new Pro-Cathedral COVID protocol will now require that all parishioners and visitors will be seated in the middle of each pew. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated as we all work together to keep each other safe.

One of the most important directions to follow on our return to the Cathedral is that ***it is very important that you sit in the pew you are directed to and do not move once seated to another location.*** Moving locations cross-contaminates and does not allow time for proper sanitization.

Reminders:

* A dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation to participate in the Mass remains in place for all Catholics.
* Anyone who is in an at-risk health group or does not feel comfortable attending a public gathering should stay home. Even with the best health practices and increased efforts to clean the Church, there is a risk of infection anytime a person enters a public space.
* Anyone who is sick or has recently been exposed to the coronavirus should refrain from attending a public Mass as it is an act of charity to safeguard the health of others.
* Attendance at Masses is still restricted to ensure proper social distancing. ***If required***, we will celebrate a second mass simultaneously each weekend in the parish hall.
* We are mandated to wear masks by the Ontario Medical Office of Health and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario. We ask that you ***please bring and wear your mask before entering the Cathedral***.
* Follow all directions from our ushers so social distancing can be maintained.

PLEASE SOCIAL DISTANCE & COOPERATE
WITH ALL DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY OUR USHERS

A dispensation from mass is still in place while we are unable to attend mass.

If you are unable to receive the Eucharist physically, 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 at:
https://youtu.be/5LNjJaWuidw
This link is also posted on our website under LINKS at procathedral.ca

REGIONAL NEWS

ALPHA - Are you or someone you know asking "Is there more to life than this?" "How can I have faith?" Are you looking for ways to engage your faith in a deeper and more fruitful manner? Holy Redeemer Parish in Sudbury will be hosting the ALPHA program online **starting April 8th**. ALPHA is a 12-week Christian program, which focuses on the basic gospel message. More information and how to register is available by contacting Omer at odupuis@fibreop.ca. Jesus says in in the gospel of John: "**Come and see**." Why don't you or tell a friend!?

North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre: Appointments can be made to see clients/visitors by calling 475-9270. Along with guidance and support, did you know that we provide layettes to new moms and also have a baby clothes closet? Donations of diapers, wipes, baby wash, etc. & much more are appreciated. Please call to see what our requirements are. Looking for volunteers for different roles as well! Please call if you can help. If you would like to be part of our prayer ministry, email judyproulx@icloud.com



The Good Samaritan Corner: The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay, supported by the Pro-Cathedral, recognize that the homeless have urgent needs. The ultimate goal of the committee is to find permanent housing for the homeless in our community.
See how you can help and read more on the Pro-Cathedral website procathedral.ca under OUT-REACH

PARISH REGISTRATION:
Please help keep our records up-to-date! Drop this form into our mail slot at the office or email us the information.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ P/C: _____ Cell Phone: _____

☐ I am new to the parish and I wish to register
☐ I am unsure if registered, please check
☐ I have recently moved, please update



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