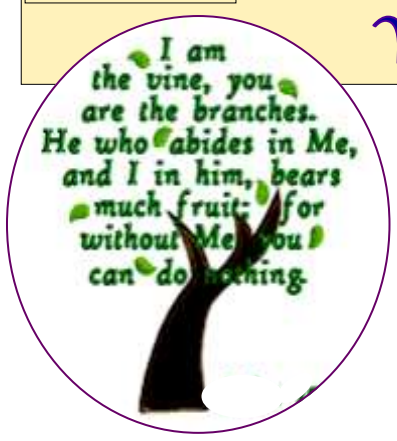
Fifth Sunday of Easter

02 MAY 2021

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Barnabas helps Saul enter into the community of the disciples by reporting on Saul's vision of the Lord and his bold proclamation in Jesus' name. The First Letter of John instructs the community on love of neighbor, and on keeping the commandments as proof of belief in Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus says, *I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower*. Those who remain in him will bear fruit and their needs will be met. Through this the Father is glorified. To truly stay united to Jesus, we need grounding in two essential elements. First, by taking on the mind of Christ and adhering to what the Church proclaims. Second, by living in accord with the moral teaching of the Church. Following Jesus asks much of us but offers us the eternal love of the Father in return.

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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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



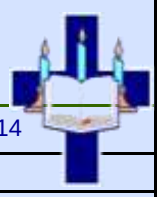
Due to the coronavirus and the provincial stay -at-home order, new directives are in place for the preparation and celebration of our sacraments.

Please call the parish office if you require more information for the following:

Marriage, Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick.

Due to the Provincial Shutdown,
the parish office is closed until further notice.
Please call or email the parish office to contact us and we will return messages in a timely manner.
Sign up to receive our parish bulletin at procathedral.ca which will also allow us to send you important information and updates.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
03 - 09 May



Monday	1 Corinthians 15. 1-8; John 14. 6-14
Tuesday	Acts 14. 19-28; John 14. 27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15. 1-6; John 15. 1-8
Thursday	2 Timothy 4. 1-5; John 10. 11-16
Friday	Acts 15. 22-31; John 15. 12-17
Saturday	Acts 16. 1-10; John 15. 18-21
Sunday	Acts 10. 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4. 7-10; John 15. 9-17

Be like Barnabas



Encourage. Lead. Comfort. Serve.

Support. Defend. Be Generous.

Watch our live-stream, Saturday 4:00 PM Mass
View the mass on our website at: procathedral.ca

A dispensation from attending mass is still in place. 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

We will re-schedule all masses once we are again open to celebrate mass. Thank you for your patience.

PARISH OFFICE—LOOKING FOR UPDATES

We would like to work on updating our parish data system so that we have current information on file. Some parishioners have been on our system for years (before the advent of email addresses) and we would like to ensure that we have all of your updated information.

- Do you have an email address that we can add?
- Have you changed from a land line and now use a cell phone? If so, we need your new number.
- Have you moved and forgot to tell us?
- Over 20? Perhaps you were registered as a child member under your parents years ago but would like to be registered as an adult, independent member?

Please email the parish office at **office@procathedral.ca** to provide all of your new information. If you don't have email, please call the office at 472-3970 to advise of changes.



LIVE THE MONTH OF MARY

You're invited to experience the month of May in communion with Living with Christ. Each day of the month, receive texts about and prayers to the Virgin Mary by email, FREE of charge. Find out more about Mary, her life and her faith by signing up at this browser address

www.livingwithchrist.ca/mary



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

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: NURTURING HOPE

"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength." (Isaiah 40:31)

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration is entitled, "Catholic Education: Nurturing Hope" and will be celebrated during the week of May 2 – May 7. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2021 was inspired by the following considerations:

* Recognition of the special Year of Laudato Si' which will run through May 24, 2021, announced by Pope Francis on May 24, 2020, the fifth anniversary of his papal encyclical, "On Caring for Our Common Home."
* In the face of the ongoing reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, a strong desire by the planning committee, along with those consulted, and supported by feedback from the survey, for continuity with the theme for Catholic Education Week 2020, Igniting Hope, which has served so well during the spring recess from in-school instruction.
* The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty and physical isolation of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.
* Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the relevance of Indigenous culture and spirituality to the spirit of Laudato Si.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week: Preparing the Earth; Sowing Seeds of Gratitude; Cultivating Relationships; Harvesting New Fruit; and Marvelling in Wonder. We can do simple activities, individually or as a family to act on the hope that dwells within us.

The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board schools will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly-funded Catholic education. Learn more by visiting www.npsc.ca. Also, visit LINKS on our **homepage procathedral.ca to view "Suggested Family Activities for Nurturing Hope."**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium



A Christian formation for children ages 3 through 12 and based on the teaching methods of Maria Montessori and on the understanding that there is a deep bond between God and each child. The Atrium is a place where children grow in the knowledge of Jesus and his love and are provided hands-on materials encouraging them to explore and deepen their experience with this love at their own pace.
Find out more about the Atrium by watching our video posted on our website under Ministries—Children & Youth. You can also contact Catechist, Erin Tayler 705-840-8509 or betayler@fibreop.ca for more information.

Pray the Rosary With Us *LIVE* Virtually!



Our live rosary on weekdays was a success last week and continues on to provide a sense of community and prayer as we wait out this stay-at-home order.

While we may not be able to gather in person, we can continue this beautiful prayer and be present with one another in this **VIRTUAL LIVE EVENT**.

Here is the link to log in Monday to Friday at 11:30 am (same link each day):

Pro-Cathedral Weekday LIVE Virtual Rosary

Please join from your computer, tablet or smartphone at:

https://www.gotomeet.me/ProCathedral/rosarygroup

You can also dial in using your phone.
Canada: +1 (647) 497-9391

Access Code: 522-660-557

Note: To avoid technical difficulties — we suggest you install GoToMeeting and log in by 11 AM to ensure all settings (audio/video) are enabled according to your device.

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/522660557

Sincere thanks to Judy Kelly-Manary, Karen Beaulieu, Richard Levesque, and Celine Mayer who will be continuing to lead this prayer virtually.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US
& INVITE OTHERS TOO!

Confirmation Register Soon!

Because of the pandemic, our preparation for Confirmation has been delayed, however, we would like you to register soon so we can keep in touch with you with further updates.

Students in Grade 7, 8 or 9 can register online at:

www.holynamestalphonsus.com/confirmation

DID YOU GET YOUR CWL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR YET?



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today's readings are at once challenging and reassuring. Challenging, because we are to remain in Christ, by "[keeping] his commandments and [doing] what pleases him"; and reassuring, because we know that the Holy Spirit is with us and we can "have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask." As Jesus says to us, "I am the vine, you are the branches … without me you can do nothing." Through the Eucharist, the sacraments of the Church, Sacred Scripture, and in belonging to a faith community, God gives us many ways to grow closer to Jesus, and to direct our life toward him. In the pruning of sinful habits from our lives and building us up, through grace, to walk in the fear of the Lord, God transforms our hearts so that we remain in him, and he in us. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to speak out boldly in the name of the Lord.

Just as the new life and growth of springtime is already very visible, today's first reading describes a kind of springtime in the Church. Even as Saul faced multiple death threats, he continued to boldly proclaim the Good News. "The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers." Today, many Christians around the world face persecution for their beliefs or live in cities or countries where violence, poverty, or hunger threaten their lives. We, too, face challenges and hardships. Life is not easy!



Let us find "consolation" in the Holy Spirit and build up the Church and one another through prayer, generosity, and friendship. Find a small way to build up the Church beyond your family and parish by praying for Christians in other parts of the world.

Collection Report: 18 & 25 April	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,404.60	$1,540.00

April Credit Card Donations	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,959.67	$1,016.00

STAY CONNECTED!

Not only do we send out the bulletin electronically each week in full colour, we use this means of communication to periodically share current news on a timely basis that affects the Cathedral.

Catholic Women's League



Regional Rosary:

Parishioners are welcome to join the sisters of the CWL as we virtually pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary on Thursday, May 6 at 3:00 pm. Just type this link into your browser. You will also find this link posted on the parish website at procathedral.ca under LINKS.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81756788267?pwd=VnpKUmMxNS9oY0pndC9PM1RZYm9udz09

Meeting ID: 817 5678 8267 Passcode: 561282

Student Bursary Notification

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pro-Cathedral CWL Executive is unable to offer this year's Bursary Awards. Instead, the Bursary Award program will be held over to 2022. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones during these trying times. Please contact Leah Pierce, Education & Health Chairperson at 472-5687, should you have any questions.

Service Pins



The Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL is, once again leading the way through innovation and creativity, this time with its service pin donation program. Are your service pins sitting forgotten at the bottom of your jewelry box? Why not give them a new sense of purpose? So far 25 pins have been given new life! Service pins are used to recognize members' contributions, 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.

12-Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care 2021

Since 2016, the CWL has participated in "12-Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care." The COVID-19 pandemic has, once again, affected how councils can participate in this initiative. To respect the safety of members, councils are encouraged to ask 12 members to spend one hour in prayer for palliative care during the week of May 3. For the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL, the day of prayer will be **Saturday, May 8**. Making time for prayer to stem the tide of a culture of death, rather than a culture of life, is a tangible demonstration of members' faith united in one voice.

– National President Anne-Marie Gorman

If you would like to join us by signing up for an hour of prayer, please contact Leah Pierce at 705-472-5687.



In keeping with the theme of palliative care, on **May 8 at 11:00 a.m**. the CWL is pleased to offer a webinar session on palliative care during the National Hospice and Palliative Care Week, May 3-9.

Simone Stenekes is a clinical nurse specialist with the palliative care program of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority who will speak on the topic "A Practical Discussion about Palliative Care in Canada." To register visit www.cwl.ca

REGIONAL NEWS

North Bay Right to Life works to deepen respect for human life and heighten public opposition to abortion and euthanasia and other threats against human life both in the Christian Community and among the general public. **The Right to Life Annual meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday May 3 at 7:00PM.** Attend meeting by visiting procathedral.ca under LINKS. An agenda will also be posted there soon. ***We are EAGERLY looking for volunteers for our board of directors! If you can help us out, please call Ken Hastie at 840-8434.***

Marriage Preparation Course being offered May 14 & 15. Couples should contact Samantha Briggs at 705-471-3284 as soon as possible to register.

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 recognize that the homeless have urgent needs. If you can donate your time, please consider:

The Gathering Place
1181 Cassells Street, North Bay, 705-474-7687

The homeless are ALWAYS in need of socks, no matter the season! Do you have a hidden talent? Perhaps you can cook, drive, garden, are a handyperson? Give an hour, give a day … make a difference!

Did you know that the Gathering Place offers a Garden, a Community Kitchen, a Food Rescue program, and their specialty – Drop-in Meals? Breakfasts are served between 9 and 10 a.m., Monday to Friday. Lunch is served between 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Monday to Friday, and Dinner is served between 4 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

***See how you can help and read more on the Pro-Cathedral* website procathedral.ca under OUT-REACH**