03 APRIL 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

# PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

## Welcome to Your Father's House!




In the first reading from Isaiah, the Lord says to remember not the things of old, for he is doing a new thing. In Paul's Letter to the Philippians, he proclaims that he does not have righteousness because of his own doing but rather only in Christ. In the Gospel, the scribes and Pharisees test Jesus by bringing a woman who had been caught in adultery. Jesus tells them that the one without sin can cast the first stone. Jesus reveals the heart of the Father, who is love. Although we turn away from him, God does not choose to condemn or turn away from us. Instead, he offers to pay our debt, to take our sins to the cross. He comes to cleanse and heal us and give us a share in his life.

### *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.***

**Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, D.D.**
**Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie**

**Rev. Larry Rymes**
**Pastor of the Pro-Cathedral Parish**

### PERMANENT MINISTERS

| *Deacons* | *Diocesan Order of Women* |
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| 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



**Marriage:** Please pick up a Marriage Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

**Anointing the Sick**: Please call the parish office for more information.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 3:00 until 3:45 PM.

**Eucharist:** Please see mass schedule published in this bulletin. Call the parish office to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the sick and shut-in who are unable to attend Mass.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Each Friday from 11:00 am until 12:00 noon.

**Baptism:** Please pick up a Baptism Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

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

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| **Monday—Thursday** | **8:30 AM to 4:30 PM** |
| **Friday** | **8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON** |

### Readings: 04 - 10 April

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| Monday | Daniel 13. 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64; John 8. 12-20 |
| Tuesday | Numbers 21. 4-9; John 8. 21-30 |
| Wednesday | **Daniel 3. 13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95; John 8. 31-2** |
| Thursday | Genesis 17. 3-9; John 8. 51-59 |
| **Friday** | Jeremiah 20. 7, 10-13; John 10. 31-42 |
| Saturday | Ezekiel 37. 21-28; John 11. 45-57 |
| Sunday | Is. 50. 4-7; Philippians 2. 6-11; Luke 23. 1-49 |

COVID PROTOCOLS HAVE LIFTED

We understand that some people may wish to continue to wear their mask. This is a personal choice, and we invite all those who wish to do so to feel free to continue to wear their mask.

- Masks must still be worn by both the priest and the penitent when using the confessional due to proximity.
- We return to the practice of parishioners going to the altar to receive communion. Eucharistic ministers will continue to wear masks when distributing communion.
- Communion will still be brought to those with mobility challenges.
- No hand shaking at Greeting of Peace. A nod of the head towards one's neighbour will continue.
- Hand sanitizer and masks will continue to be available for those who wish to use it.
- Ushers will no longer be seating or dismissing parishioners.
- Tape is removed from pews and all pews are available for seating.

***Please be kind and respectful to others as everyone's*** *comfort level is not the same.*

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS
who provided incredible support to our parish over the past two years to help us navigate Covid Safely.
They have provided many, many hours of compassionate and kind service to our parish community.

# MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekday Celebrations are Held at 12:05 PM**
**(Doors Open at 11:00 AM on Weekdays)**

**Monday, 04 April - Weekday in Lent**
**COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Tuesday, 05 April - Weekday in Lent**
Msgr. Norm Clement - Simone, Henriette and Maryanne
Anne Baechler - Margaret Lafontaine
For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

**Wednesday, 06 April - Weekday in Lent**
**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Today**

Jean Belec - Cecile Robert
Colleen, Maurice Jr. and Maurice Sr. McGuinty - Angie and Family
Intention of Living & Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

**Thursday, 07 April - Weekday in Lent**
Levon Levesque - Richard Levesque
In Honour of St. Jude - A Friend
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

**Friday, 08 April - Weekday in Lent**
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am to 12 Noon**
Rose Flaherty - Kelly MacInnis
Jean Belec - The Family
Intention of Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque

**4:00 PM Saturday, 09 April - Palm / Passion Sunday**
Helen Sikora - Audrey and Gerard Kunkel
Linda Laframboise - Don and Lorraine Cappadocia
Louis Valenti - Shirley Valenti and Family

**Sunday, 10 April - Palm / Passion Sunday**

**9:00 AM** John and Mary Doyle - The Family
John Boudreau - Ben and Theresa Boudreau
Bertha Yzereef - Helena Potter

**11:00 AM** Intention of the Parishioners - Rev. Larry Rymes

# Share Lent Collection this Weekend - Please be Generous!

## PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

**Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine, and for President Vladimir Putin that God will change his heart and stop the invasion of Ukraine.**
**You can pray a full rosary, a decade of the rosary, an Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be. As an alternative, you can also offer this prayer:**

**A Prayer for Ukraine**

***Gracious God,***
***we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.***
***May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship.***
***Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.***
***Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.***
***We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus,***
***and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.***

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT
5:30 PM in the Cathedral



## Invitation to the Chrism Mass 2022

Bishop Thomas Dowd invites all the faithful of the Diocese to the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm. at Precious Blood Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie.



During this special Mass, Bishop Dowd will bless the oils that will be used for the sacraments of the Church.

***Please note that seating will be limited.***



## Share Lent Collection
## THIS WEEKEND

**This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign invites you to give from the heart and thanks you warmly for your generosity.**

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

In Cambodia, for instance, your solidarity helped our partner DPA establish a community fishery in Srey Packly's village. She said, *"Thank you very much to DPA and to the donors for supporting my family and fellow villagers to have fresh and healthy fish to eat and to improve our livelihoods."* Such is the difference you can make.

**This Lent, give from the heart:**

- Use the **Share Lent Envelopes** found in the pews or in your box of envelopes.
- **Online** at **devp.org/give**
- By **calling** 1-888-234-8533
- By **mailing a cheque** (made out to Development and Peace) to:
  1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor
  Montreal, Quebec H3G 1T7

**This Lent, let's give from the heart to put people and planet first.**

**Your donations transform lives!**

### Easter Memorial Flowers & Decorations

A beautiful way to remember loved ones during this holy season is to donate memorial flowers and decorations in their memory. Your donation will help decorate the altar and sanctuary during the greatest season of the year ***... the Resurrection!***



Pre-printed white & green envelopes are available for your donation at the entrance to the church. Please fill out the requested information as neat as possible (printing would be best!).

Include your donation and return the envelope to the office or in the weekly collection. A listing of remembrances will be printed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. All donations over $10 are tax deductible.

**Remember your loved ones this Easter and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for this beautiful season!**

**The Catholic Women's League**

Catholic & Living It - Convention 2022

**April 22-24, 2022 ~ Best Western Hotel, North Bay**

**If you are planning on attending, we need your registration by April 6 - you must contact us very soon!**

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| **To Register** | **Ruth Godon** | **476-4984** |
| **Call:** | **Shirlene Condie-Mcveigh** | **493-0718** |
| | **Annette Dutrisac, President** | **495-3584** |

*Ladies,*

*I urge you to plan to attend this exceptional convention. Bishop Dowd will celebrate a mass, officially opening the convention, Friday, April 22 at 7:00 PM, assisted by priests, deacons, and Dows. Dignitaries, national and Ontario presidents of the Catholic* ***Women's League and members from all over this*** *Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie will be our guests. A reception will follow in the parish hall, serving delectable savories and desserts.*

*Saturday at the Best Western has been carefully planned, where you will be warmly welcomed with a gift bag filled with various goodies and the day will be a combination of business and enjoyment. A delicious luncheon and a banquet and dance will close off the evening. Sunday Mass celebrated at the Best Western will close off the convention.*

*Please join us in celebrating our 100 + 2 year anniversary. Plan to attend and support the North Bay Region Convention planning Committee in this special event.*

*Annette Dutrisac, Pro-Cathedral CWL President*

### Happy Days are Here Again!

The Executive of the Pro-Cathedral Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada invite you to join us!

**Reunite in Friendship & Celebrate a New Year**
**& the Beginnings of a Renewed CWL**
**Wednesday, 06 April at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall**

**We have reasons to rejoice!**
**Come & enjoy delicious appetizers & desserts.**
**We are looking forward to meeting and greeting you!**

**Need a Ride - Call me!**
*Annette Dutrisac, President 2022-2024*
*705-495-3584 OR email annette.d@live.ca*

Come and hear a forecast of exciting events planned for the year and how your how your executive, under the l eadership of Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, met various obligations during the Covid-19 years (2 years!) of strict restrictions. Come and check out the new "Presidents Corner" in a version of "Town Hall" discussions. I have ideas and you have ideas. ***You matter and your CWL wants to hear what you have to say!***




**The Pro-Cathedral Prayer Line consists of 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**

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

### Fostering contemplation and enjoyment of God

Level 1 Formation Course for Adults - A two part course to become a catechist working with the 3-6 year old child



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori approach to forming young children in the faith, which offers a unique method of experiential and tactile learning. It affirms that all children are born with a deep relationship with God, and it nurtures this relationship in an unhurried atmosphere of peace and **respect in a sacred space called "the Atrium".**



**"The Atrium" is a beautiful, quiet space in the church, filled with** child-sized materials in 10 themed centres. These materials aid the **child's reflection on scripture, the life of Jesus and the rich** symbols of our Christian faith tradition.

*Offered in co-operation with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie*

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| Dates: | Part B July 17 - 22, 2022 |
| Location: | Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Parish Atrium |
| Questions: | Erin Tayler 840-8509 or betayler@fibreop.ca |
| Register: | **https://www.cgsac.ca/course-offerings/North-Bay-Level-1%2C-Part-B** |

| Collection Report: 27 MARCH | |
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| **Sunday Offering** | **Building Fund** |
| **$3,135.20** | **$550.00** |

Ways You can Help Financially Support our Parish

- **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**

## REGIONAL NEWS

The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee and Parent Involvement Committee are proud to host our **21st Annual Carousel Evening: "Well Aware Model of Mental Health & Well-Being for Children with Exceptional Needs" featuring keynote speaker Dr. Patrick Carney on Monday, April 4 at 6:00 PM.** Visit npsc.ca under NEWS to register.



**Celebrate God's Divine Mercy** on Sunday, April 24 at St. Peter the Apostle Church at 3:00 PM. Fellowship in the parish hall for coffee, tea and cake will follow. A Reminder to begin the 9-Day Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet on Good Friday.

**You are invited to attend the Easter Ukrainian Resurrection Divine Liturgy (Mass)** at the **Pro-Cathedral Saturday, April 23 at 5:30 pm**. The service will be held in both English and Ukrainian, and a traditional **Blessing of the Easter Baskets** will be held immediately afterwards. For more information, please contact Fr. Peter at stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca 705-665-2869.

MARCH FOR LIFE

After two long years of lockdowns North Bay Right to Life has chartered a 56 passenger bus to attend the **March For Life** in Ottawa for **Thursday, May 12.** The bus will leave Staples parking lot at 7:00am and return the same day about 9:00pm. Adults $30 and Students $20. The bus stops midway for a 15 minute coffee break. Prolife MP's say that larger gatherings on Parliament Hill encourag them to stand up for a culture of life. Register now pay later. Contact Jeannine at 705-724-3424 or email jeanninejlebel@gmail.com

**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 Good Samaritan Corner**

*The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs.*

**The Gathering Place**
1181 Cassells Street – 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 North Bay has a Healthy Community Ambassador Program?** People like Kassidy and Benji are part of the HCAP designed to proactively promote safety and well-being in our downtown core and surrounding areas further ensuring that our community remains safe and inclusive for all those that choose to live in North Bay. Its main focus is on engaging vulnerable people, ensuring they are connected with services available and to support downtown and surrounding area business owners and patrons by responding to situations that do not require the assistance of police. For more information contact Kassidy or Benji at 249-493-6180 or email HCAP at hcap@nbd.cmha.ca

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