13 MARCH 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The Lord promises Abram descendants, numerous as the stars, and then makes a covenant with him in which certain land will be given to his descendants. In the second reading, Saint Paul writes that our citizenship is in heaven, encouraging his listeners to stand firm in Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured, revealing his glory to Peter, John, and James. The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom should I fear? The psalmist writes that his heart speaks of him, and his eyes look for him. The Lord is his helper who awaits him in the land of the living where he shall see his bounty. This psalm of praise complements each of our readings today: in the promise to Abraham, the words of Saint Paul, and the shining vision of Christ's glorified body. All of these Scriptures witness to the Good News we have been given, that the Lord is indeed our refuge and we have nothing to fear.

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*
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

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

READINGS: 14 - 20 MARCH

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 1. 5-10; Luke 16. 19-31
Friday	Genesis 37. 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matthew 21. 33-43, 45-46
Saturday	2 Samuel 7. 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4. 13, 16-18, 22; Luke 2. 4-51a
Sunday	Exodus 3. 1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10. 1-6, 10-12; Luke 13. 1-9

Parishioners,

Covid-19 restrictions are easing. As time goes on we will be relaxing our cautionary measures.



<u>At this time we continue to</u>:

1. **Wear masks (above the nose and below the chin).**
2. **Offer hand-sanitizer for use.**
3. **Maintain 6' social distancing.**
4. **Offer a Greeting of Peace with a simple bow (no handshaking).**

<u>We no longer</u>:

1. **Contact trace.**
2. **Sanitize at Communion.**

Changes are in compliance with the Ontario Government and Diocesan directives. Thank you to everyone for showing so much care for your neighbour over the past two years!

CATHOLIC CONVERSATION SERIES

The Evangelization Committee of North Bay & Area have organized a series of presentations on the Catholic faith. Join us and bring a friend!

<u>These presentations are free to attend.</u>

END OF LIFE CARE

Wednesday, 16 March at 7:00 PM
St. Peter the Apostle Church
Presenters
Dr. Cheryl Clayton & Rev. Francis Ezenezi

TO FIND OUT MORE & REGISTER, VISIT:
https://www.catholicconversation.net/
or procathedral.ca under News & Links



Our next Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on TUESDAY, MARCH 15 beginning at 7:00 PM. Those who wish to register for this meeting to have their child baptized are asked to call the parish office by Monday, March 14.

Next Preparation Date: April 12, 2022

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.

Loving God,
I hear your invitation, "Come back to me"
and I am filled with such a longing to return to you.
Show me the way to return.
Lead me this day in good works I do in your name
and send your Spirit to guide me and strengthen my faith.
I ask only to feel your love in my life today. Amen

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Celebrations are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 14 March - Weekday in Lent
COMMUNION SERVICE



Tuesday, 15 March - Weekday in Lent
Joan Watier - Andrée Cornish
Intention of Rose Joly - Mary-Ellen Balfour

Wednesday, 16 March - Weekday in Lent
<u>Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Today</u>

Aline Lalande - Andrée Cornish
John Lewicki - Bunty Swanson

Thursday, 17 March - Weekday in Lent
Sheila Flannery - Ann Sullivan
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, 18 March - Weekday in Lent
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am to 12 Noon
Ab Dennis - Teresa Cotter and Family
Intention of Patricia Anderson - The Divine Will Prayer Group

4:00 PM Saturday, 19 March - Third Sunday of Lent
Mary Doyle - The Family
Intention of Marilyn Cousineau-Plaszenski

Sunday, 20 March - Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Rosanna Gregoris - Kevin and Maureen O'Connor
John Lewicki - Doris Chapman

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



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



<u>HAVE YOU MOVED? DON'T HAVE A LAND LINE ANYMORE?</u>

Call or email the parish office so we can update our records.
If you want to receive our bulletin in full colour each week, sign up at procathedral.ca

PARISH DONATIONS

Your Father's House needs your financial support!

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

If you are currently donating—we respectfully ask that you consider increasing your donations by $5/Weekly or $20/Monthly

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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!

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

Come and **HEAR** a forecast of exciting events planned for the year!
LEARN how your executive, under the leadership of Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, met various obligations during the Covid-19 years (2 years!) of strict restrictions.



CHECK OUT the new "Presidents Corner" in a version of "Town Hall" discussions.
I have ideas and you have ideas. <u>You matter</u> and your CWL wants to hear what you have to say!
REUNITE *in friendship as we gather after a long, long year of isolation.*
GATHER in safety as we will be wearing masks and social distancing.
BRING your bright, smiling eyes as we won't be able to see your face!

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

An ecological village to cope with climate change

Madagascar is among the countries most vulnerable to climate change. Our partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), operates in a part of the country that, being lashed by heavy rains, is often flooded and insalubrious.
Amid these multiple vulnerabilities, CDA raises awareness and mobilizes people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods. Together, they rehabilitated a contaminated area into a community garden and implemented 51 climate change adaptation microprojects in the capital region. Residents of one of the area's most vulnerable neighbourhoods were also trained and equipped to turn their community into an ecological village developed by and for residents. Today, each of the village's 50 households has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panels. ***This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion.***

Your Donation in Action in Madagascar



"Thanks to CDA, I learned how to use compost to help my garden grow. It was the fruit of my new crops that sustained my family when we didn't have food. When we are short of money, I can also sell some of these crops."
— Solotina Voahangy Aime, village resident

- **Watch "An Ecological Conversion in Madagascar" - video link on our website at procathedral.ca under LINKS**
- **SHARE LENT COLLECTION TAKEN 5th SUNDAY IN LENT**

Catholic Women's League

CWL Diocesan 100th Annual Convention
April 22 - 24, 2022 Best Western, North Bay

Mark your calendars! We have been planning for this event for two years—you don't want to miss it and plenty of surprises are in store for you! **Registration packages** and more information are available from Ruth Godon at 476-4984 and Shirlene Condie-McVeigh at 493-0718.
Our North Bay Councils will be welcoming delegates from all areas in the Sault Ste Marie Diocese for this exciting and spiritual weekend. More information will follow in upcoming weeks—***register early!***

COME! Find out what CWL is really all about!
COME! In safety! Covid regulations will be followed—come fully vaccinated!
COME! Enjoy a delicious dinner with our new Bishop, our Priests, and members from all over the diocese as well. Bishop Dowd will be presiding over the opening mass and will also be a presenter!
COME! Listen to special guest speakers.
COME! We have special gifts for you.
COME! You are special and we look forward to meeting and greeting YOU!!

BURSARY 2022



Each year we offer two students from the North Bay area high schools entering post secondary this fall a $400 bursary. This program was paused due to the Covid pandemic but we are excited to be offering it again! **Criteria and application can be found at procathedral.ca/GROUPS/Catholic Women's League or picked up at the parish office.**
<u>Please note the deadline, June 3, 2022</u>, for applications to be submitted. I look forward to receiving the applications!

Regards & Blessings,

Diane Carmichael, Education & Health Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Now available for pickup in the church. Ask an usher and they will assist you in picking up your card.
If you haven't already joined or renewed your membership, the *$25 Fee for 2022 is due now.*
Drop off with your name and address through the parish office mail slot or into the collection clearly addressed "CWL MEMBERSHIP CHAIR" Call Brenda Passmore if you have questions — 474-0447

All women are welcome to be members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Come join us!



Lenten Individual Confessions

Change my heart & help me to follow the way.

Wednesday, 30 March 2022

10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
St. Peter the Apostle Church
299 Airport Road

Collection Report: 06 MARCH	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,789.00	**$1,065.00**

February Credit Card Donations	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,009.67	**$941.00**



Second Sunday in Lent

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus is transfigured before the disciples: They see a glorious vision of him wearing dazzling white, with a "face changed in appearance," and conversing with Moses and Elijah about the "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." This is in marked contrast to what Luke had recounted just prior to these verses: Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death, and the assertion that his disciples must take up their crosses daily in order to follow him. So it is no surprise that Peter, likely somewhat stunned after being a part of both moments, "did not know what he was saying." Then a cloud passes over and, while they are frightened, they hear God's voice affirm what they have just seen: "This my chosen Son; listen to him." We all experience these extremes – days where all seems lost; others where we feel as though we've had glimpses of heaven. Today's Gospel encourages us to look to Jesus, who has experienced the frailty of humanity and the glory of divinity. Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, we are redeemed, and ultimately – as the disciples glimpsed today – "he will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body."

Life can bring unexpected joys and disappointments. One day we celebrate a birth; another we grieve the loss of a loved one. We fall in love; we experience broken relationships. Many of us may find ourselves in flux much of the time: Will this pandemic ever end? Will the cancer recur? What's next now that the kids are grown? Today's readings give me great hope in the knowledge that God is with us through all the twists and turns and ups and downs of our lives. Just as God fulfilled his promises to Abraham, God has given us a Savior in Jesus Christ and promises that we will someday share in his glory. To that end, we can strive to ensure that no darkness in our world prevents us from becoming a source of light to others. Jesus and the saints walk before us. We pray, then, for the grace to listen to God's chosen Son, and to "stand firm in the Lord."



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

REGIONAL NEWS

Looking for a Catholic Podcast? The Catholic Buzz Podcast is a weekly Catholic podcast recorded in our own Diocese. Hosted by Fr. Daniele Muscolino, Josh Sullivan and Mat VanMilligen, these three tackle all sorts of Catholic topics, news and answer your questions too. You can watch the podcast on YouTube, or listen on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music and more! Visit https://linktr.ee/thecatholicbuzz for all the links, or follow on Facebook (@thecatholicbuzz) or on Instagram (@thecatholicbuzzpodcast).

Near North Palliative Care Network presents free phone based activities for people 55+. Trivia and Reminiscing on Mondays at 11:00 AM; Saturday Coffee Convo at 10:00 AM—Chat with other seniors from the comfort of home; Information with Q & A Time on various topics on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. To register or for more information, call 497-9239 or email events@nnpcn.com. You can dial into an event at 1-866-279-1594 and use guest code: 565758

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.

North Bay Indigenous Centre- Navigators Program located at 900 Cassells Street. 472-2811

In need of hats, mitts, hand and foot warmers, granola bars, juice boxes, feminine hygiene products – all types.

Did you know that, according to the World Health Organization, social determinants of health are the non-medical factors that influence health outcomes? For example, income, education, early childhood development, food insecurity and housing can influence health equity in positive and negative ways. Studies suggest that social determinates of health account for 30-55% of health outcomes. That is more important than health care!

Charities that address food security and housing make a real and lasting impact. For more information visit https://www.who.int/health-topics/social-determinants-of-health#tab=tab_1

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