20 MARCH 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In today's first reading, Moses encounters God in the burning bush. God reveals to Moses his plan to free the Israelites. Saint Paul writes that not all who were freed from bondage in Egypt remained faithful, warning them to take care not to fall. In the Gospel, Jesus warns the people that failure to repent will result in their perishing, and then he tells a parable of a fig tree. Today's readings remind us that salvation and eternal life with God require our repentance from sin and turning away from our old ways to embrace a new life with him. He invites us to participate in his mission and bear fruit for the kingdom. The offer, however, remains ours to accept or reject.

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: 21 - 27 MARCH

Monday	2 Kings 5. 1-15a; Luke 4. 24-30
Tuesday	Daniel 3. 25, 34-43; Matthew 18. 21-35
Wednesday	**Deuteronomy 4. 1, 5-9; Matthew 5. 17-19**
Thursday	Jeremiah 7. 23-28; Luke 11. 14-23
Friday	Isaiah 7. 10-14; 8. 10d; Hebrews 10. 4-10; Luke 1. 26-38
Saturday	Hosea 5. 15b– 6.6; Luke 18. 9-14
Sunday	Joshua 5. 9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5. 17-21; Luke 15. 1-3, 11-32

COVID PRECAUTIONS AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL

With the lifting of many restrictions within the church that kept people safe during the pandemic, I am awaiting further details from the Bishop's office, especially about wearing masks indoors.
I have also decided to lift restrictions slowly, fearing their reinstatement by the government. Thus, the tape on the pews will remain for another month to keep people safe, and the ushers will still help people with seating and exiting. All exterior doors will be accessible, and now that better weather is upon us, people can socialize outside.
Soon we will return to the normal way of receiving Holy Communion by walking to the altar as soon as Extraordinary Ministers can be scheduled.

Fr. Larry

✝ MEMORIAL FUND ✝

The following name has been received at the request of donors in memory of our deceased friends and relatives:

JOSEPH SLATTERY

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

Please continue to pray for President Vladimir Putin that God will change his heart and stop the invasion of Ukraine. We can participate by setting aside a time (daily/ weekly) to pray a full rosary, a decade of the rosary or an Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be. Perhaps you have time in the morning before starting the day, in the evening before bedtime, while driving to work, during the lunch hour or on your coffee break. The idea is to continually pray for our suffering brothers and sisters.

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.**

"But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." *Matthew 5:44*



Celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word
Each Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Celebrations are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 21 March - Weekday in Lent
COMMUNION SERVICE



Tuesday, 22 March - Weekday in Lent
Brenda Koehler - Cliff and Margaret Riopelle
Intention of Tina Brisson - Andrée Cornish

Wednesday, 23 March - Weekday in Lent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Today

Lloyd Voisin - The Voisin Family
Linda Laframboise - Louise Cappadocia
For Peace in Ukraine - Women Alone in Friendship

Thursday, 24 March - Weekday in Lent
Geraldine and Clarence Lefebvre - Carol Lefebvre and Family
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Intention of Parmine "Josie" Verrillo - Cecile Robert & Marg Pugliese

Friday, 25 March - The Annunciation of the Lord
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am to 12 Noon
Patricia McGuinty-Hosking - Teresa Cotter and Family
Intention of Marlene and Sven Pedersen - The Divine Will Prayer Group

4:00 PM Saturday, 26 March - Fourth Sunday of Lent
Emma Brisson - Andrée Cornish
Louis Taillefer - Theresa Taillefer

Sunday, 27 March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Ab Dennis - Bunty Swanson
For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

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



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





Blessings to Josie Verrillo
who celebrates her 104th Birthday
on March 24, 2022
♥
May God bless you with an abundance of peace, joy, and love this coming year.



The power of mobilized citizens

One of Development and Peace's strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity. That is why our People and Planet First campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations. Sign our petition for this at devp.org/act and spread the word. ***Thank you for supporting our campaign!***

Support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. Do this by:

Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 3, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 85 projects in 27 countries around the world!

Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.

Signing the petition for strong laws to control Canadian corporations' behaviour abroad at devp.org/act.

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. You matter 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

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!***

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.**
Please note the deadline, June 3, 2022, 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.

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!

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
Priests from the Region Available all Day

Collection Report: 13 MARCH	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,546.20	**$740.00**

February Pre-Authorized Donations	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$ 6,967.00	**$2,127.00**



Third Sunday in Lent

Today's Gospel encourages us to be patient. The parable of the fig tree shows us how patient God is with us. Like the fig tree, we may not bear fruit or feel as if we're growing spiritually, even as we enter the second half of Lent. Yet Jesus teaches us that if we nurture our faith through prayer and repentance of our sins, we can always grow and blossom. Like the gardener, we need to be patient with ourselves as God is patient with us.

In the parable of the fig tree, the gardener offered to cultivate the ground around it. Just as a tree needs light and water and a little individual TLC, it needs good soil. For Catholics, that can be where our parish community and the broader Church come in. Through small actions such as greeting newcomers at Mass or volunteering in a parish ministry, we can become the fertile soil that nourishes not only our own faith, but that of the entire community.



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

Food Bank Collection NEXT WEEKEND



Bring your donations for the Catholic Charities Food Bank to mass next weekend or drop them off at the parish office. We are in need of individually wrapped snacks, drinking boxes, granola bars, etc. Other suggestions: peanut butter, jam, canned meat, tuna, salmon, spaghetti sauce, vegetables, beans, powdered milk, rice, pasta and cooking oils.

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

Spring may be just around the corner; however, the grip of winter has not let go. The homeless are desperate no matter the season, however, cold temperatures can be especially difficult. Here is what you can do if you see someone that is homeless in the cold:

1) Save a life - call 911; 2) Buy them something hot to eat or drink; 3) Make a handout care package – fruit, granola bars, pre-packaged cookies, pre-packaged cheese and crackers, packaged chocolates, warm socks and gloves, gift cards to a local grocery store, lip balm, a handwritten note with a message of kindness; 4) Donate to a charity that supports the homeless such as Low Income People Involvement of Nipissing https://lipinipissing.com/ For more information visit https://www.fredvictor.org/2019/11/11/lets-help-homeless-this-winter/

Did you know Dr. Phil discussed the homelessness crisis in America this month? You can watch amazing episodes addressing the many issues of homelessness. Visit https://www.drphil.com

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