27 MARCH 2022

FOURTH 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, the Israelites celebrate Passover in Gilgal, feasting on *the produce of the land*. Saint Paul writes, *whoever is in Christ is a new creation*, for God has *reconciled us to himself through Christ*. In the Gospel, Jesus addresses a parable to the Pharisees and scribes. The parable is of a father and his two sons, the younger of whom squanders his inheritance but returns home to be welcomed by his father. We can rejoice in today's theme of God's forgiveness and mercy. He led the Israelites to the Promised Land; he has *reconciled us to himself through Christ;* and he is always ready to forgive, awaiting us with open arms to come and rest in his love.

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: 28 March — 03 April

Monday	Isaiah 65. 17-21; John 4. 43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47. 1-9, 12; John 5. 1-16
Wednesday	**Isaiah 49. 8-15; John 5. 16-30**
Thursday	Exodus 32. 7-14; John 5. 18, 31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2. 1a, 12-22; John 7. 1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11. 18-20; John 7. 40-53
Sunday	Isaiah 43. 16-21; Philippians 3. 8-14; John 8. 1-11

COVID PRECAUTIONS AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL

With the lifting of many restrictions within the church that kept people safe during the pandemic, Bishop Dowd has issued a decree that masks will no longer be mandatory in churches. 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.

In some circumstances the wearing of the mask remains mandatory. Given the proximity involved, masks must be worn by both the priest and the penitent when using the confessional. Eucharistic ministers will continue to wear masks when distributing communion. A return to the normal way of receiving Holy Communion in procession will begin the weekend of 02-03 April. Greeting of Peace with a nod of the head towards one's neighbour will continue – no hand shaking. Physical distancing is still recommended and we will continue with social distancing and tape will remain on the pews for now. Hand sanitizer and masks will continue to be available for those who wish to use it.

As we slowly loosen pandemic protocols, please be kind and respectful to others as everyone's comfort level is not the same.



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.**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Celebrations are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 28 March - Weekday in Lent
COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, 29 March - Weekday in Lent
Gertrude Souliere - Vivian Molnar
Dan McCarthy - Raymond Tremblay

Wednesday, 30 March - Weekday in Lent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Today
Sam Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
Intention of Paul Smith - His Friends
Intention of Dave Emon - Stan and Mariann Zima

Thursday, 31 March - Weekday in Lent
For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, 01 April - Weekday in Lent
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am to 12 Noon
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Intention of Pat Anderson - A Friend
Intention of Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque

4:00 PM Saturday, 02 April - Fifth Sunday of Lent
Gino Tedesco - Maria Gosselin and Family
Linda Laframboise - Joe and Joanne Laplante
Ann Marie Berry - Katherine Voisin

Sunday, 03 April - Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM Frank Finley - Frances Dignan
Gino Tedesco - Sue, Jaime, and Stephen

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





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.

The Catholic Women's League

Catholic & Living It - Convention 2022

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

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. It has been a long time coming with the postponements due to Covid. 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!***

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

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**

Did you get your 2022 CWL Membership?

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 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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Today we celebrate Laetare (which means "rejoice") Sunday. As we mark the midpoint of Lent, we allow ourselves to look ahead with joyful anticipation of Jesus' resurrection, even as we continue our practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Amidst these penitential practices of Lent, this day offers a reminder that we have reason for hope. The parable of the prodigal son shows us what hope looks like. When the father caught sight of his wayward son, he did not see the young man who made bad choices, wasted his inheritance, and disobeyed him. He looked at him with eyes of unconditional love, rejoicing that "he was lost and has been found." That's how Jesus viewed the sinners and tax collectors, and how the Father views us, his wayward sons and daughters, when we return to him in contrition and love. So as we continue our Lenten practices, let's take time to give thanks for the goodness and mercy of God today, knowing that the Lord awaits us with open arms when we acknowledge our sinfulness and rely upon him for all that is good.



Collection Report: 20 MARCH	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,916.00	**$1,245.00**

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

You are invited to attend the Easter Ukrainian Resurrection Divine Liturgy (Mass) at the **Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption 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.

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).

The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory and Parent Involvement Committees welcome you to their **21st Annual Carousel Evening** on Monday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. This **free virtual event** will feature keynote speaker Dr. Patrick Carney and his presentation *"Happiness: Imagine the Possibilities! Well Aware Model of Mental Health & Well-Being for Children with Exceptional Needs"*. Please visit npsc.ca for registration details."

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

How can people afford to live and donate to charities? Volunteer your time. Organizations like the North Bay Food Bank (1016 Fisher St) and the Gathering Place (1181 Cassells St) are always looking for an extra set of hands. Buy food staples that are on sale. Keen shoppers keep an eye out for deals. Knit blankets and slippers to keep the homeless warm. Spring cleaning may be on your to-do list. If so, instead of sending gently used clothes, blankets, towels, and sheets to the landfill, drop them off at Rebuilt Resources (1356 Regina St). They provide vouchers to our brothers and sisters who transition from shelters to affordable housing.

Did you know that **Hope Awaits Ministry** located at 390 First Ave E., works within the city of North Bay to end homelessness? They work with men who are homeless until they are independent, truly transforming lives. Their shelter program offers safe housing for up to 7 men. They also offer a clothing bank filled with warm clothing. For more information visit https://www.hopeawaitsministries.com/

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