Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Palm Sunday
10 April 2022



In the introductory reading from Luke's Gospel, Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd praises God. The prophet Isaiah foretells God's servant who hears and speaks his word and does not turn back from suffering. Paul writes to the Philippians, praising Jesus, who humbled himself and was exalted by God. In the Gospel, Jesus shares a Passover supper with his disciples, where he gives them bread and wine – which is his body and blood – to eat and drink. Afterward, he prays at the Mount of Olives and then is betrayed, tried, and crucified. The passion of Christ reveals God's heart in concrete reality. We must step into this narrative. We want to be Simon who aided Jesus in time of need. We are Barabbas – deserving death – granted life and freedom. As Christians, our hearts are made for God – we are invited to remember the events of Palm Sunday and be present with Jesus during his passion.

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: No Confessions on Holy Saturday.

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. Cancelled Good Friday

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	**OFFICE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY**





On Good Friday we take the Collection for Needs of the Church in the Holy Land. This collection supports the Christian holy places and facilities for pilgrims, and provides indispensable support to the Christian minority of the Holy Land.
The State of Israel and Palestine have a population of some 10 million - with 180,000 Christian inhabitants representing less than 2% of this population.
Your support helps Christians to ensure a presence in the Holy Land to bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ. Please be generous.

COVID PROTOCOLS HAVE LIFTED

Wearing a mask is a personal choice. Please be kind and respectful to others as everyone's comfort level is not the same.

- 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 seat or dismiss parishioners.
- Social distancing is no longer required.

Please Note: After the Easter Vigil, celebrations will no longer be live-streamed from the Pro-Cathedral.



Blessed white candles are available ½ hour before and ½ hour after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy and ask our Sacristan for your vigil candle. It will be lit and at that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of $5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs.



Monday of Holy Week - 11 April
COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday of Holy Week - 12 April
Regular 12:05 PM Mass
Eugenio Gerbasi - The Family
Yolande Pitre - The Family
For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday of Holy Week - 13 April
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions
Regular 12:05 PM Mass
Joseph Slattery - Suzanne Lukasik
Mike Rossi - The Family
Intention of Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque
In Thanksgiving - Theresa Taillefer



Triduum Celebrations will be Live-Streamed for Those Who Cannot Attend in Person

Mass of the Lords Supper - 14 April
Mass at 7:00 PM ***(No 12:05 PM Mass)***
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM

Good Friday Passion of the Lord - 15 April
Celebration of the Passion at 3:00 PM
(No 12:05 PM Mass)

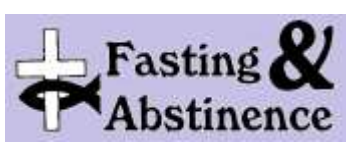
Solemn Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 16 April
8:00 PM ***(No 4:00 PM Mass)***

Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord - 17 April
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Easter Sunday Masses are for the intentions of the donors and in memory of those whose names have been received for our Easter Memorial List

Names to be Published in our Easter Sunday Bulletin



Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat for those aged 14 to 59. Fasting means we have one regular meal and less at other meals, and of course, no snacking. If you have a medical condition in which fasting is harmful you should not fast. When possible, we try to extend the discipline of fasting and abstaining from meat until after the Vigil on Holy Saturday. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food, or unnecessary beverages, in order to be more open for prayer.



Good Friday ~ 15 April
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 PM in the Church
(NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Easter Memorial Flowers & Decorations
In Memory of a Loved One



Note that we require your donation and names of your loved ones by Monday, April 11 in order for the name to be added to our Easter Memorial List.

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 is best!).





Share Lent Collection

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2022!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *People and Planet First* campaign with your Share Lent donation. **Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected $3,293 as of April 3.** This does not include banking and credit card donations — an updated amount will be reported after Easter. Your donations help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

Learn more about solidarity and hear from our partners in the Global South at devp.org. You can even become a member to continue growing with this approach based on dignity and solidarity!

PARISH OFFICE—LOOKING FOR UPDATES

We are working 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.

Volunteers Needed - Please Consider:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are lay parishioners who have been authorized by our pastor to distribute Holy Communion to parishioners during Mass. They may also bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are sick or who are incapable of attending Mass.
Did you know that you can take Communion to a friend or loved one who is confined at home? Call the parish office for more information.



Ushers

Ushers represent our parish community as we welcome parishioners and visitors to celebrate mass. They assist with seating, the collection, run the elevator and hand out bulletins and other materials as required. **No special gifts or talents are required**; only a sincere desire to warmly welcome those that visit our church. Training is provided so you feel comfortable and prepared.



Adult Funeral Servers

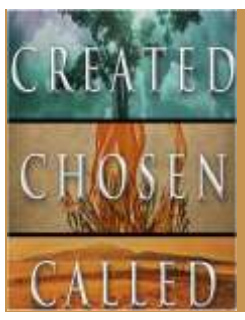
Participation in Funeral Liturgies expresses your support and that of our faith community for families who have lost a loved one. Adult Altar Servers for funerals are called when required and serve as their schedule permits.
Men and women of our parish are welcome to serve and assist in many different ways at our Funeral Liturgies. Whatever your comfort level, we can find a role for you. Some of the responsibilities include: preparing the sanctuary for the funeral liturgy, reading, carrying the cross and processional candle, carrying the incense and censer, assisting during communion, welcoming people as they arrive and offering direction, running the elevator, and tolling the church funeral bells.

Children & Teen Altar Servers

The Altar Server Ministry is a special opportunity for children to participate in the life of the parish as they serve our Lord at the Altar. Altar Server applicants must be Baptized, and have received their First Holy Communion.



For young people, this is a positive way to be involved in parish life, learn responsibility and team work, receive volunteer hours and serve your community and God! Talk it over as a family, and if you can help us — please contact the parish office.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart … He will direct your path." (Proverbs 3: 5-6)

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CATHOLIC CONVERSATION SERIES

The Evangelization Committee of North Bay & Area have organized Catholic Conversation Series of presentations on the Catholic faith.
Each night is a stand-alone topic.
Your are invited! And bring a friend too!

HOW TO RAISE CHILDREN TO EMBRACE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Wednesday, 27 April at 7:00 PM

St. Peter the Apostle Church — 299 Airport Road

With Presenters: Mat & Theresa-Marie VanMilligen

To Find our more and to register, visit:
https://www.catholicconversation.net/



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

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).

Collection Report: 03 APRIL	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,456.00	**$1,572.00**

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



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.

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.

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. If you would like to volunteer, or 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.

Indigenous Friendship Centre
980 Cassells Street 472-2811

Suswin Navigator Support Program: Clothing needed - hats, mitts, hand warmers, foot warmers. Food needed - granola bars, juice boxes. Personal hygiene needed – feminine hygiene products, all types

Did you know that the Indigenous Friendship Centre's Suswin Village Project is the result of the Suswin Navigator Support Program? The program was launched in 2017 designed to help homeless Indigenous community members navigate supports and services. In the first three years, the Suswin Navigators have a 63% success rate in finding homes for Indigenous community members. In a 24-hour point-in-time count of homeless held in October 2021 in the Nipissing District, over 42% of participants identified themselves as indigenous.

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