24 April 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The Apostles continue preaching and healing as more people come to believe in Jesus Christ. In a vision, John records seeing the risen Lord, who says he was dead but lives. In the Gospel, after the Resurrection, Jesus appears to the disciples and blesses them with the Holy Spirit and the authority to forgive sins. Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus. When we receive the Eucharist, the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus are substantially present, yet disguised under the appearance of bread and wine. As with Thomas, the Lord gives us the ability to see and believe in him. A good prayer for the moments of consecration, then, is the confession of faith that Thomas makes: My Lord and my God!

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: 3:00 to 3:45 PM each 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.

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

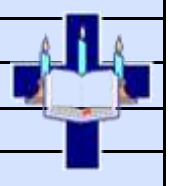
The Pro-Cathedral is **wheel chair accessible**. The entrance to the elevator is on Algonquin Avenue. Please enter the vestibule and ring the bell for an attendant. Service available at all weekend masses. Weekday masses service available 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM. A **Hearing Aid System** is available for 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**

Scripture Readings: 25 April – 01 May

Monday	1 Peter 5. 5b-14; Mark 16. 15-20
Tuesday	Acts 4. 32-37; John 3. 7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5. 17-26; John 3. 16-21
Thursday	Acts 5. 27-33; John 3. 31-36
Friday	Acts 5. 2; John 6. 1-15
Saturday	Acts 6. 1-7; John 6. 16-21
Sunday	Acts 5. 28-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5. 11-14; John 21. 1-19





Parish Breakfast

May 15 after 9 & 11 AM Mass

Join together as we officially welcome Father Larry to our parish! Let us gather and get to know our new pastor better and enjoy this first social gathering of our parish since pandemic restrictions.

Everyone welcome to this free parish breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus!

Great food, friendship and fun!



EASTER MEMORIAL Decorations



With the Memorial donations received, we were able to decorate the church for the Easter Season. The Easter Sunday Masses were offered in remembrance of all those whose names were received. following names are in addition to the names published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. *Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers*.

Wilfrid and Gertrude St. Louis
Pauline St. Louis

Celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word

Each Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass





✝ MEMORIAL FUND ✝

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

ERNIE HEDICAN

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgies are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 25 April - Weekday in the Octave of Easter
Communion Service

Tuesday, 26 April - Weekday in the Octave of Easter
Frank Finkley - Teresa Cotter
For the Souls of Priests and Religious - Colleen McGuinty
Intention of Vaune Frechette - Bob and Donna Frechette

Wednesday, 27 April - Weekday in the Octave of Easter
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sheila Flannery - The Family
Colin Vezina Jr. - Friday Volunteer Church Cleaners
For all Devout and Faithful Souls - Colleen McGuinty

Thursday, 28 April - Weekday in the Octave of Easter
Natasha Dolata - Renata Dolata
Addie and Laura Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
For those who do not believe in God - Colleen McGuinty

Friday, 29 April - Weekday in the Octave of Easter
For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner
For People Separated from the Church - Colleen McGuinty
Intention of Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque

4:00 PM Saturday, 30 April - Third Sunday of Easter
Delbert Passmore - Brenda Passmore and Family
For all Children - Colleen McGuinty
Claude Boulet - Margaret Anne Lafontaine

Sunday, 01 May - Third Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM For all who need God's Mercy - Colleen McGuinty
For Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

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



OFFERING A MASS



Offering Mass intentions is a tradition of prayer, support, and community. You may request a mass for someone who is deceased; for the intentions of someone who is living; for those who are sick and suffering who need prayers; or in celebration of an anniversary, sacrament, or birthday. Contact the parish office if you would like to book a mass.

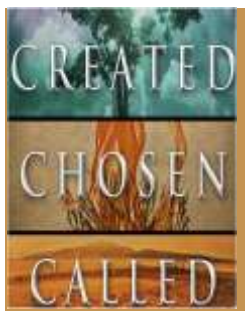


Blessed white candles are available ½ hour before and ½ hour after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy and ask our Sacristan for your vigil candle. It will be lit and at that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of $5 per candle is suggested to help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

EXPERIENCE PEACE AND LOVE

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.

Visit our website at procathedral.ca under Sacraments and then Reconciliation to view the videos: *What is the Sacrament of Confession; and Understanding Why we Confess.*



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 April gathering scheduled for next week has been re-scheduled.
Mark your Calendars for our next gatherings:

Wednesday, 18 May Science vs Religion?
with Josh Sullivan
&
Wednesday 15 June Raising Catholic Kids
with Theresa-Marie and Mat Van Milligen

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our Finance Committee's request to consider using the pre-authorized donation methods. We appreciate everyone who has adopted this means of donations that is important to bring stability to our cash flow.

Again, ***if you are not currently donating*** we would be grateful if you could contribute whatever is within your means to help support the good works of our parish.

2022 Envelopes and forms for pre-authorized donations from your bank account, VISA or Mastercard are in the church for pickup and can also be found on our website. They can also be emailed to you—just call the parish office. Thank you!

Honor, protect dignity of elderly, pope says at audience

Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — The fourth commandment does not only imply honoring one's father and mother, but also the respect and care for the dignity of older generations, Pope Francis said. Sadly, the elderly, especially those in need of care, are often seen as a burden and, instead of being treated with "delicacy and affection, tenderness and respect," are often abused, the pope said April 20 during his weekly general audience.

"Encouraging in young people, even indirectly, an attitude of condescension — and even contempt — for the elderly, for their weaknesses and their precariousness, produces horrible things. It opens the way to unimaginable excesses," he said.

The audience was held in St. Peter's Square for the first time since restrictions enforced at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered all public gatherings in 2020.

As life progresses, he said, love "descends," and it is often not given or received in the "same strength that it once did." However, the fourth commandment brings out a "special love" in the form of honoring not just one's parents but those who came before.

"It is not just about one's own father and mother. It is about their generation and the generations before, whose farewell (from this life) can also be slow and prolonged, creating a time and space of long-lasting coexistence with the other ages of life. In other words, it is about the old age of life," the pope explained.

Yet, he also lamented that many times the elderly, including those who are sick or not self-sufficient, are mistreated.

"This occurs when weakness is reproached, and even punished, as if it were a fault, and when bewilderment and confusion become an opening for derision and aggression," the pope said. Contempt for older people, he said, "dishonors us all" and while there have been some positive developments in elderly generations, "the struggle for the restoration of that special form of love which is honor still seems fragile and immature."

Pope Francis urged Christians to not only support and encourage better care for the elderly, but also to transform the younger generations understanding "about life and its stages."

"Love for the human person that is common to us, including honoring a life lived, is not just a matter for the elderly. Rather it is an ambition that will bring radiance to young people who inherit its best qualities," the pope said.

Volunteers Needed - Please Consider:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Ushers
Adult Funeral Servers
Children & Teen Altar Servers







Call the Parish Office if you can Help!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BURSARIES



National Bursary Fund

Have you been thinking of expanding your knowledge of the Catholic faith? The National Bursary Fund (available to all members) assists women with the cost of furthering their education. The fund may be applied to various educational opportunities on spiritual growth, adult lay formation, youth ministry, parliamentary procedure, literacy tutoring and ministry to patients in palliative care or shut-ins. The maximum award is $1,000 per year per applicant, and a member can receive up to $4,000 in her lifetime.

Applications to the National Bursary Fund (with supporting documentation – refer to the criteria) **must be submitted to national office and postmarked by May 15.** Applications must be completed on the official form at cwl.ca and search 552 National Bursary Application.

PARISH 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!

Weekly Collection Report
EASTER WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$3,081.00	$687.00

Special Collection	Special Collection
Holy Land	Flowers & Decorations
$1,289.00	$2,168.00

Special Collection
Share Lent
$3,768.00

Special Collection
Easter
$3,719.00

Thank you all of our Pro-Cathedral parishioners and to our many Easter Visitors for their generosity!



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.

North Bay Right to Life will be having their **Annual General Meeting** on May 2, 7:00 PM in the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Please accept this as an invitation to attend. There will be an election of executive and officers.

MARCH FOR LIFE

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 encourages them to stand up for a culture of life. Register now—pay later. Contact Jeannine at jeanninejlebel@gmail.com or 705-724-3424.

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.

Spring is here! 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. For more information visit https://rebuiltresources.com/ or call them at 497-7878.

Did you know that Low Income People Involvement (LIPI) of Nipissing is looking for used furniture? Often when people move from a shelter to an apartment, they must start all over, having nothing to set up a home. This is where you come in! Please contact LIPI at LIPI@LIPInipissing.com or at 705-472-1337 to make arrangements for pick up.

THE CATHOLIC BUZZ

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).