Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

480 McIntyre Street West
North Bay, ON P1B 2Z4

Fourth Sunday of Lent
19 March 2023

Welcome to Your Father's House!

God sends Samuel to anoint the new king of Israel. Samuel surprises everyone by calling for and anointing David, the youngest of Jesse's sons. The Lord's Spirit rushed upon David. Saint Paul tells the Ephesians to live as children of light and expose darkness. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a blind man on the sabbath, breaking the sabbath rules. Sometimes doing God's will can seem strange, foolish, or even wrong to others. Jesse assumed his youngest son couldn't be the next king, so David was left to care for the sheep when Samuel came. The Pharisees thought Jesus sinned by healing on the sabbath. Are we preoccupied with what others will think, or are we focusing on doing God's will?



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

Scripture Readings: 20 - 26 March	
Monday	2 Samuel 7. 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4. 13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1. 16, 18-21, 24a
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	Isaiah 7. 10-14; 8. 10d; Hebrews 10. 4-10; Luke 1.26-38
Sunday	Ezek. 37. 12-14; Romans 8. 8-11; Jn. 11. 1-45

Blessings to Josie Verrillo
who celebrates her 105th
Birthday on March 24, 2023
♥
May God bless you with an abundance of peace, joy, and love this coming year.

All Day Lenten Confession

Change my heart & help me to follow the way.

Wednesday, 04 April 2023

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



NEXT WEEKEND
Please be Generous!
Collection for our Catholic Charities Food Bank—distribution from the basement of the Rectory each Tuesday from 9:00 to 11:30 each Tuesday morning.

Times are tough for everyone and our clients are struggling and need your assistance. Can you donate non-perishable food items? Please bring them with you to church or drop them off at the parish office during office hours.



This raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay under Licence #RAF1286202

PURCHASE YOUR MARCH DRAW TICKET BY VISITING

www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral

Tickets Amount
1 for $5, 4 for $10, 20 for $20, 100 for $50

These draws are run through a government-approved website called rafflebox. Draws will be held monthly and your regular purchase of tickets will help our Roof Campaign as 100% of our profits will go to this fund. ***All purchases must be made on the secure rafflebox website with a credit card and the purchaser must reside in Ontario.***

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 20 March - Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Principal Patron of Canada
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 21 March - Weekday in Lent
Helena Purdon - Margaret Whelan and Family
Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
Megan Usar - Jim and Eileen O'Connor

Wednesday, 22 March - Weekday in Lent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Aurele Boudreau - George and Marie Boudreau
Danny Foubert - Joyce Lafontaine
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

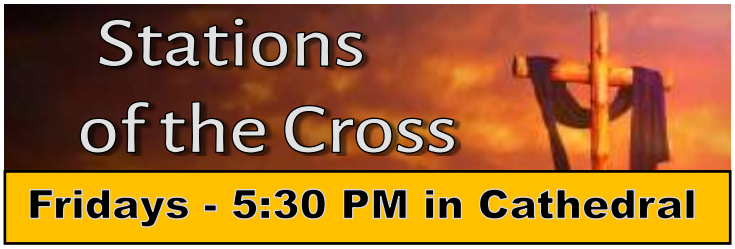
Thursday, 23 March - Weekday in Lent
Lloyd Voisin - Katherine Voisin and Family
Vivianne Hanley-Tremblay - Judy and Dan Alexander
Intention of Trina Jeanneault - Pat Anderson

Friday, 24 March - Weekday in Lent
Geraldine Lefebvre - Carol Lefebvre and Family
Jeff Eyre - Richard Levesque
Intention of Terence Hogan - Margaret Anne Lafontaine

4:00 PM Saturday, 25 March - Fifth Sunday of Lent
Maria "Mary" Miscio - Catholic Women's League
Danny Foubert - Ella Lamothe

Sunday, 26 March - Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM Deborah Kennelly - Diane and Al Orlando
Intention of Ali Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

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



Mass of Chrism - Everyone Welcome!

Ste-Anne-Des-Pins Parish, Sudbury

Wednesday, 29 March at 7:00 PM

A Diocesan Celebration in which the entire diocese, bishop, priests, deacons, and lay faithful gather.



Bishop Thomas Dowd will bless the Holy Oils that are used in the Sacraments of the Church throughout the year and the priests and deacons will renew their promises to serve God and His people.

Catholic Women's League

In order to reach out to our members who are uncomfortable with evening meetings, our April General Meeting will be an:



Afternoon Tea & Dessert
April 5 - 2:00 PM
at St. Joseph's Motherhouse

Guest Speaker
Carole Williams, Diocesan Spiritual Director
Topic: "P.E.A.C.E for the love of J.O.Y."
We will be honoring the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, in gratitude for their continuous spiritual contribution and support of our council over the years.

Ladies of the Parish, won't you consider joining us? Registration will be required for this event to prepare for the Tea Social. ***If you require transportation to the Motherhouse, it will be provided.***

To make a reservation and request transportation, contact Ruth Godon at 476-4984.

CWL Pro-Cathedral Council Bursary

Two (2) Bursary Awards in the amount of $400 will be available to 2 students entering post-secondary education in September 2023.

Bursary Criteria

Applicants must be daughters or sons of members of the Pro-Cathedral Catholic Women's League who are in good standing. Where the mother is deceased, consideration will be given to grand-daughters/sons of a member in good standing.



Applicants must be entering their first year of college or university. A copy of a valid letter of acceptance from the college or university must be attached.
Applicant must have a reasonable academic achievement.
Presentation of the bursaries will be made on Thanksgiving Sunday in the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Church at one of the Sunday Liturgies.

Application Deadline is 4:00pm on June 2, 2023

Applications and delivery instructions are available at local high schools, at the parish office or dowload from our website at procathedral.ca/ GROUPS/ Catholic Women's League.

For more information please contact Education and Health Chairperson at 471-5096 ordianecarmichael@hotmail.ca



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



Baptism Preparation

Our next meeting for parents will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 21 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 20.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.



Pornography Hurts!

Viewing violent, graphic and degrading images that often target women and children breeds a culture of sexual assault, violence and abuse. Porn fuels the global sex trade, inciting a surge in child exploitation and human trafficking. It is highly addictive and negatively affects children's cognitive development, distorting their views on sex and intimacy. Porn can lead to a lifetime of destructive attitudes that destroy marriages, families and innocent victims.
Our goal is to defend human dignity and stop sexual exploitation by raising awareness of porn's addiction, victims, and destructive effect on children, marriages and families. ***Children have unrestricted access to porn websites simply by clicking an 18+ button.***

You can help express your concern for the proliferation of pornography and its harmful effects on society. Postcards addressed to the government are in the church on the bookcases behind the last pews. Please pick one up, complete it and drop into a mailbox. It is pre-addressed and no postage necessary.

Lent & Fasting & Abstinence

We may give up meat or other desirable foods on Fridays during Lent, and especially on Good Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.

Our abstinence for Catholics 14 years and older (as long as there are no health issues) is another way of sharing in Christ's work of saving the world. We may also substitute other good actions for abstinence. These could include special acts of charity (visiting the sick or aged, helping those in any need, contributing to a work of charity) or other acts of piety (taking part in a service of worship with others, praying with our family, spending some extra time in personal prayer, especially with the scriptures.

Collection: 12 March 2023	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$2,989.80	$870.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN (Second Collection)	ROOF CAMPAIGN (In Regular Collection)
$645.25	$270.00



Even in the midst of Lent as a penitential season, the Sunday readings offer us much hope. Consider today's familiar story of Jesus healing the blind man. He doesn't just tell the man to open his eyes. Instead, Jesus smears clay on the man's eyes and has him wash in the Pool of Siloam; only then does the blind man see. He was transformed through Christ. Through our baptism we, too, have been transformed and "enlightened," becoming sons and daughters of light (CCC 1216). As we continue to observe Lent, perhaps we're working on areas in our life where we have been spiritually blind – or at least not seeing 20/20. Through our baptism and the sacraments, we can be healed and transformed by Jesus, the "light of the world." In turn we can share that light with others, as we continue to grow in the virtues of "goodness and righteousness and truth" of which St. Paul speaks.



North Bay Roman Catholic Cemeteries has a wide Urn selection. Visit or call to discuss— 132 Golf Club Road, 705-495-8986.

St. Joseph's Church—Powassan Euchre Tournament Fundraiser: Join us for a fun day of cards while supporting the church restoration. A light luncheon is provided and there are prizes to be won. Located at 250 Clark Street, Saturday April 22. From 10am - 2pm, $20/ person ** NOTE THE DATE CHANGE **

Catholic Young Adults (Aged 18-35): Meet other Catholic Young Adults looking to deepen faith, grow in relationship with Jesus, and make some Catholic friends. To receive updates on events that are planned, email youngadultsnb@ssmd.ca to get on the mailing list. Facebook and Instagram @youngadultsnb

EDGE for students in grades 6, 7 & 8—Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 PM: Students are welcome to join us for games, music, prayer, friends and faith at Holy Name of Jesus Church. www.holynamestalphonsus.com/edge

OVER THE EDGE for students in high school grades 9-12-Thursdays at Holy Name from 8:00 –9:30 PM. Come to support one another in growing as young people who know and love our faith in Jesus. Nights include games, talks, prayer and socializing. Now more than ever, we need good friends to support our faith journey in life! www.holynamestalphonsus.com/overtheedge

North Bay Right to Life Collects returnable bottles and cans—drop off at 1498 Pinegrove Crescent under the carport. Thank you!

North Bay Pregnancy Help Resource Center: We have a **Prayer Team** who are vital to this ministry—you are welcome to join! For more information contact Judy at judynbphrc@gmail.com or call 475-9270.

Regional Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Holy Name. ***We need adorers—can you help?*** Please call Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.

Good Samaritan Corner



The Daytime Unsheltered Hub, also known as the warming centre, is now open! It is located at 590 Chippewa Street, basement site. The centre is open 7 days a week, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

They are looking for volunteers from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The volunteers would be responsible for assisting with various administration duties (COVID screeners, referrals, and general support).
The facility will have two security guards, three staff and one volunteer per shift. Safety and first aid training will be provided.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bryan Eade at 705-494-0850 or at tgpunshelteredhub@gmail.com

For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/ or contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687 or at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com.

