Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

480 McIntyre Street West
North Bay, ON P1B 2Z4

Fifth Sunday of Lent
26 March 2023

Welcome to Your Father's House!

In the first reading, Ezekiel prophesies that God will raise his people from their graves. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul promises that those who live in the Spirit will receive life through the Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead, and many people come to believe in him. It takes courage to truly believe in God's promises. He promises to raise the dead from their graves and put his own Spirit in us so that we may live. What does this mean for us this Lent, when we journey with Jesus toward his cross? How can our Lenten observance bolster such courageous faith?



"I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

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

Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Mrs. Norma Milligan
Miss Ruth Godon

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CC Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools

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: 27 March - 02 April	
Monday	Daniel 13. 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64; John 8. 1-11
Tuesday	Numbers 21. 4-9; John 8. 21-30
Wednesday	Dan. 3. 13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95; John 8. 31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17. 3-9; John 8. 51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20. 7, 10-13; John 10. 31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37. 21-28; John 11. 45-57
Sunday	Isaiah 50. 4-7; Philippians 2. 6-11; Matthew 26. 14 27.66



What would you do if people showed up heavily armed at your front door, and demanded you leave your home? What if they represented a powerful corporation or had the police with them? You might feel shocked, scared or angry. You might react with violence. Or you might comply, afraid for your family's life and future. This is not a choice anyone should have to make.

Every other day, a land or human rights defender is killed for defending his or her community's land and rights. Many more are forced from their homes by corporations and governments seeking to profit from oil, gas, mining and energy. Their way of life has become threatened: their waters are polluted, their forests are destroyed, and their land is seized or made uninhabitable. In the face of this, you might ask: what can we do? Well, at Development and Peace we choose to support grassroots organizations that defend the dignity and the rights of the poor. These are our partners. Every day, thousands of faithful women and men heed the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, as Pope Francis exhorts us to do. Every day, they mobilize to speak out against injustices inflicted upon the poorest of the poor. Every day, they call on us for support, for solidarity and for commitment. They Stand for the Land, and we must stand with them.

Through your donation to Share Lent, Development and Peace (see envelopes in pews) you can help provide support. Just drop them into the collection basket—thank you!



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, 27 March - Weekday in Lent
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 28 March - Weekday in Lent
Gertrude and Eugene Souliere - Vivian Molnar
Rose McGale - Myrtle Veraldi

Wednesday, 29 March - Weekday in Lent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Maria Miscio - Lum and Angela Ceccanese
Deceased Members of the Foubert & Lindsay Family - Armand & Barb
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 30 March - Weekday in Lent
For Priests and Religious - Fleurette Ranger
Intention of Ella Lamothe - Richard Levesque

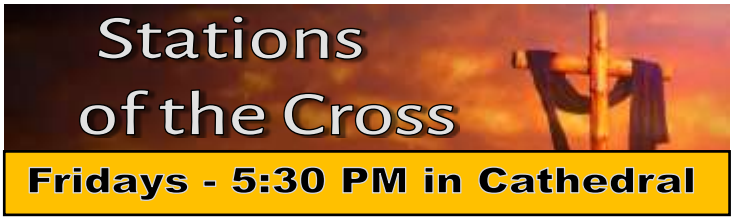


Friday, 31 March - Weekday in Lent
Aurele Boudreau - Edgar and Rolande Boudreau
Intention of Isabella Eyre - Richard Levesque

4:00 PM Saturday, 01 April - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Addie and Laura Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
Maria Miscio - Mary Lou Smith
Virginia Repaci - Catherine Trenker

Sunday, 02 April - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
9:00 AM Gino Tedesco - Sue and Family
Aurele Boudreau - Jessica and Pedro Costa and Family
Pauline Parks - The Family

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



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.

DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, APRIL 5 TO BE ADDED TO THE MEMORIAL LIST

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,
CWL North Bay Regional Spiritual Advisor
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.

To register 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

Lent Fasting & Abstinence: **We give up meat or other desirable foods especially on Good Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross. Abstinence is for Catholics 14 years and older (as long as there are no health issues).**

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

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.



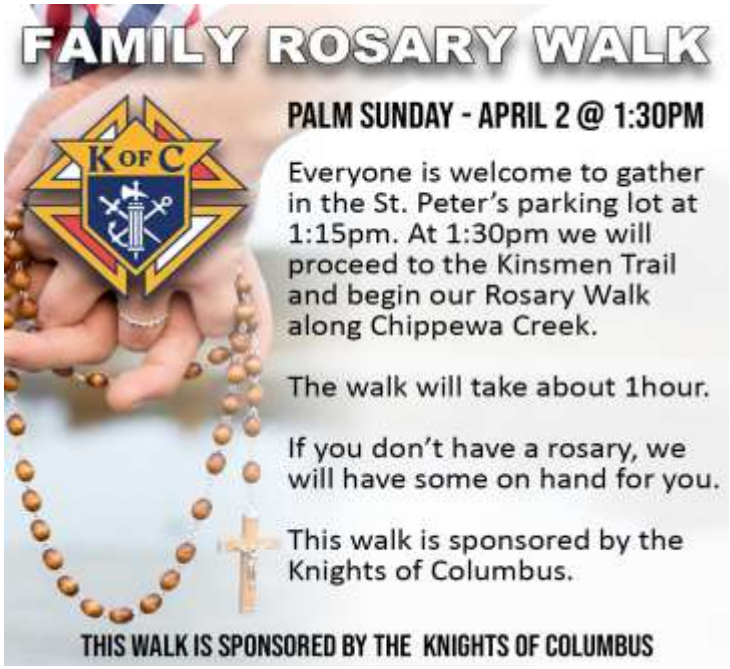
Bishop Thomas Dowd will bless the Holy Oils that are used in the Sacraments of the Church throughout the year and the priests and deacons will renew their promises to serve God and His people.



The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of God's enduring power over death. As Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, Martha and Mary, we, too, can extend our love and support for others in their grief. We can show our love through our simple presence, a thoughtful card or an offer to pray for the deceased person and their family. In these ways, we can strengthen our own faith and that of others.

Collection: 19 March 2023	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,676.00	**$1,109.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN (Second Collection)	ROOF CAMPAIGN (In Regular Collection)
$549.80	**$2,365.00**



I would like to warmly invite you to my *ordination* to priesthood at Canadian Forces Base North Bay (Queen of Peace Chapel)
Bishop Scott McCaig CC, Military Ordinariate, Celebrant
Saturday, May 6 at 11:00 AM

If you cannot attend, your prayers are appreciated.
If attending in-person, please rsvp for refreshment numbers

In Christ,

Captain Henry Hoy, 22 Wing Chaplain

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North Bay Right to Life / Pro-Vie has chartered a bus to attend the **Annual March For Life in Ottawa** on Parliament Hill on May 11, 2023. The bus leaves Staples parking lot at 7:00am & returns before 9:00pm. Adults $30.00 Students $10.00. Everyone must register & pay in advance by calling Jeannine 724-3424 or Tom 471-6355.

Red Scarf Day December 2023: In preparation for World AIDS Day, where scarves are distributed throughout the city of North Bay by the AIDS Committee, they are looking for anyone who could help knit. The hope is to distribute 3-4 hundred scarves that are 5 feet long and 5 inches wide. For more information and for yarn, contact Marie Wardle and she will drop it off. Email is mw.acnba@gmail.com

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

CREATING A COMMUNITY — WHY REGISTER?

PARTICIPATE * BUILD UP * CONTRIBUTE * SHARE

Parish life is about our experience of God in community. To create the community, the first step is getting to know one another. If you haven't yet registered, why not pick up a registration form in the pamphlet holder in the church? You can complete the registration pamphlet and either drop the form into the collection basket or to the office directly at 480 McIntyre Street West.

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 presents A Night to Give Hope—Dinner Gala Fundraiser. Friday, May 12—Davedi Club. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner served at 6:30 PM. Three-course meal. Reserve tickets: nbphrc@hotmail.com or 475-9270 $50/Ticket

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 Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs.

Open Arms Café located within St. John the Divine Anglican Church at 301 Main Street East, in the St. John's Parish Hall, feeds a hot meal to between 100 - 180 people each Wednesday evenings between 5 to 6 p.m.

If you are available to volunteer to prepare or serve food, or if you would like to donate food, please contact the St. John the Divine office at 472-6070 or visit https://stjohndivine.ca/community-ministry/ for more information.

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

Dear Lord, You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all Your way of healing, Spirit of compassion: fill our heart.

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