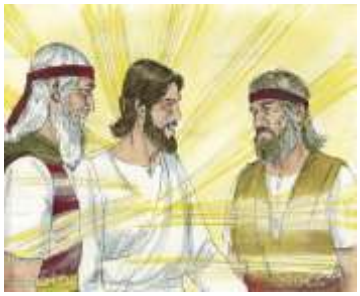
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

480 McIntyre Street West
North Bay, ON P1B 2Z4

Second Sunday of Lent
05 March 2023

Welcome to Your Father's House!



God tells Abram to leave his homeland and go to a land that he will show him, where the Lord will make of him a great nation. Saint Paul tells Timothy to bear [his] share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. In the Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain and he is transfigured before them. The true and full identity of Jesus is revealed in the great moment of the Transfiguration. This revelation shows us that the Father has entrusted to him the salvation of the world. We see the glory of the Lord upon Jesus, and understand that we are meant to share that when the fullness of the kingdom is at hand.

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

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: 06 - 12 March	
Monday	Daniel 9.3, 4b-10; Luke 6. 36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1. 10, 16-20, 27-28, 31; Mt. 23. 1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18. 18-20; Matthew 20. 17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17. 5-10; Luke 16. 19-31
Friday	Genesis 37. 3-4, 12-13a 17b-28; Matthew 21. 33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Micah 7. 14-15, 18-20; Luke 15. 1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Exodus 17. 3-7; Romans 5. 1-2, 5-8 John 4. 5-42

World Day of Prayer



THANK YOU! To everyone who attended, to those who organized this ecumenical celebration last Friday and to everyone who donated items for or served at the reception, we are so thankful!

Experience Peace and Love through the beautiful Sacrament of Confession:



Heard Saturdays 3:00-3:45 PM



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 12.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT
5:30 PM in the Cathedral



$25.00 GIFT CARDS ON SALE AT MASS WEEKEND OF 26 MARCH ~ PROCEEDS TO THE ROOF CAMPAIGN

GREAT EASTER GIFTS!

Orchards FRESH FOOD MARKET



Winner of the FEB 2023 Draw of $1,375.00 is Richard Hamelin (Ticket #D-4832)

Congratulations!

Raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay, Ontario under License #RAF1286202. Each draw is generated by computer and the winner is chosen randomly. Rafflebox is a government regulated raffle provider.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 06 March - Weekday in Lent
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 07 March - Weekday in Lent
Aurele Boudreau - Ella Lamothe
Liberato Campanaro - Carmela Campanaro
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu

Wednesday, 08 March - Weekday in Lent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Fay Vincent-McGuinty - Colleen Klein
Emile Lamothe - Pat Anderson
Lou MacInnis - Kelly MacInnis and Family



Thursday, 09 March - Weekday in Lent
Joseph Slattery - The Slattery Family
Emile Lamothe - Gary and Suzanne Wishak
Intention of Theresa Bigras - Pat Anderson

Friday, 10 March - Weekday in Lent
Paul Smith - Suzanne Lukasik
Emile Lamothe - Bonnie Parslow
Helen Shago-MacDonald - Donald and Lorraine Shago

4:00 PM Saturday, 11 March - Third Sunday of Lent
Marilyn May - Marthe Smith
D'Arcy and Carol Closs - Vicki Doucette
Emile Lamothe - Jessica and Pedro Costa and Family

Sunday, 12 March - Third Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM George Stockfish - Bonnie Parslow
Aurele Boudreau - Marguerite Boudreau

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Each Friday 11 AM - NOON

Thank you to our Pro-Cathedral Council of the Catholic Women's for their generous donation of $2,500 to the Parish Roof Campaign.

A cheque was presented to Fr. Larry by Mrs. Shirlene Condie-McVeigh at the March 1 General Meeting.



Our parish is very thankful ladies as we know how hard you work all year to raise funds to help our community at large and our parish family!



Catholic Women's League

Join the CWL ~ Contact Brenda Passmore for information at: **pass-morebe@gmail.com or 474-0447**

NEXT WEEK! NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

We have been invited to join the ladies of St. Peter's CWL for an information session on Development and Peace
Guest Speaker Kiegan Irish with Q&A Time
Due to a scheduling conflict at St. Peter's Church This event will now be held
TUESDAY, MARCH 7 @ 7:00 PM
at St. Peter's Parish Hall
Refreshments will be Served

Catholic Women's League

CWL 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 15th and completed on the official form (use this link):*** https://cwl.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2021/06/552-National-Bursary-Application-Form-2021.pdf

Are you helping to suport your church?

Ways You can Help Financially Support your Parish

- **Parish Envelopes**
- **Pre-authorized donations from your bank account.**
- **Credit card donations**
- **E-transfer music.finance@procathedral.ca**
- **"Donate Today" on our website at procathedral.ca**

Collection: 26 February 2023	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,268.55	$658.95

ROOF CAMPAIGN (Second Collection)	ROOF CAMPAIGN (In Regular Collection)
$636.95	$387.00



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.***

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- Porn is highly addictive and negatively affects cognitive development, distorting views on sex and intimacy.
- Porn breeds a culture of sexual assault, violence and abuse that often targets women and children.
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- Porn leads to destructive attitudes that destroy marriages, families and innocent victims.
- Alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and gambling are age-regulated to protect minors, as should porn websites.
- Porn magazine sales are limited to 18+, yet porn websites are unregulated.

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.



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.***



As we enter the second week of Lent, today's readings encourage us to place our trust in God when we are dealing with hardship or uncertainty. Last week, we heard about how Jesus resisted the devil's temptations in the desert, trusting in the Father. This week, we follow Peter, James and John up the mountain, where Jesus "was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." Jesus had told his followers he would suffer and die. The Transfiguration gave them a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming (CCC 554-56) As we continue on our Lenten journeys, we, too, can place our trust in the Lord. Though we may experience hardships and perhaps even doubts, the Transfiguration reminds us that Jesus has gone before us and prepared a place for us. As Pope Francis reminds us, "by his Transfiguration [Jesus] invites us to gaze at him. And looking at Jesus purifies our eyes and prepares them for eternal life, for the vision of heaven" (Homily, March 2014).

We Catholics like to pray out loud. Whether we're singing the "Holy, Holy" with gusto or quietly reciting the rosary, most of us can say with confidence, "we have a prayer for that." And, of course, prayer is one of the three pillars of Lent (along with fasting and almsgiving). Today's account of the Transfiguration instructs us pretty clearly to listen. As Jesus is transfigured, the disciples hear a voice from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; *listen to him*." As we enter the second week of Lent, many of us have chosen something to "give up" or done something more proactive. Either way, today's readings remind us to enter this penitential season with open hearts – and open ears.

Regional Eucharistic Adoration
Do You Have One Hour for Jesus?



Come and spend quiet time in the presence of our Lord. Eucharistic Adoration is being offered on Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

In order for this to take place, we need adorers to schedule one-hour time slots during the day.

If you are interested in being a part of the scheduled adorers or on the spare list, contact Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.

St. Joseph's Church—Powassan Euchre Tournament Fundraiser: Come join us for a fun day of cards while supporting the the church restoration. A light luncheon is provided and there are prizes to be won. Located at 250 Clark Street, Saturday March 4 and again on Saturday April 1. From 10am- 2pm, $20/person

Is your child starting Kindergarten in September 2023? Join the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board for one of our Kindergarten Information Sessions, where you will have the opportunity to explore everything our schools have to offer! Please visit www.npsc.ca for more details.

Free Bereavement Support Group (Surviving the loss of a loved one)
The format of this group provides members an opportunity to share and receive peer support as part of the spiritual processing of the journey of grief. Held every Tuesday from 1pm to 3pm in the hall at Holy Name of Jesus starting Tuesday, March 21 and concluding week eight (May 9). Adults of any age and spiritual background are welcome. To register, please call the Parish at 495-1501 and provide your contact information **before March 17**.

Good Samaritan Corner



The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs. If you would like to help but unsure what to donate or whom to donate to, please consider dropping off items to the following:

The Gathering Place/the Unsheltered Hub, at either 1181 Cassells St., or 590 Chippewa St. W.

Food, snacks, hygiene items, first aid supplies, water, juice, coffee, care packages for their guests, monetary donations.

L.I.P.I – Low Income People Involvement of Nipissing *offers the following programs:*

Household Stabilization Program - helps Nipissing District residents who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness by providing direct benefit support and navigation services.
Energy Assistance Program - If you're behind on your electricity or natural gas bill and face having your service disconnected, you may qualify for emergency financial help through the Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP).
Denture Assistance Program - for individuals throughout the Nipissing District that cannot access existing support programs or require partial funding to pay for dentures.
Essential Health Program - for individuals throughout the Nipissing District that cannot access existing support programs or require partial funding to pay for health-related items or services.
Dental Assistance Program - for individuals throughout the Nipissing District that cannot access existing support programs or require partial funding to pay for emergency dental assistance.
Recreation and Community Program - is both a family and individual support program for youth throughout the Nipissing District that cannot access existing support programs or require partial funding to pay for recreational, arts, culture and community activities. This program allows families to meet their household needs (rent, utilities, food etc.) without neglecting their children's social needs.

For more information about any of these programs, contact L.I.P.I at 472-1337 Mon - Fri, 10:00am - 2:00pm. Office: 127 Main Street E.

Development & Peace Stamp Collection:
Don't forget that your stamps affixed to the right corner of your envelopes can help fund Development and Peace projects as they sell them to stamp collectors. If you have stamps without damage to the perforations, put them in envelopes & drop them into the collection or into the office mail slot.

