30 April 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, Peter proclaims Christ crucified and the people are cut to the heart, asking what to do. Peter calls them to repent and be baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day. In the second reading, Peter writes of the suffering Christ endured that we might live for righteousness. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that he is the shepherd and the gate who protects and guides his sheep. Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, is calling us today. He is present, leading us. Christ does not speak only in miraculous visions or through powerful movements of the heart. God speaks through Scripture and through his disciples. Just as Christ sent Peter to preach, he sends his faithful out to call his sheep today.

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, CR 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**

READINGS: 01-07 MAY 2023

Monday	Acts 11. 1-18; John 10. 11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11. 19-26; John 10. 22-30
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15. 1-8; John 14. 6-14
Thursday	Acts 13. 13-25; John 13. 16-20
Friday	Acts 13. 26-33; John 14. 1-6
Saturday	2 Timothy 4. 1-5; John 10. 11-16
Sunday	Acts 6. 1-7; 1 Peter 2. 4-9; John 14. 1-12



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

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET TICKETS!

PURCHASE BY SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral

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

Purchaser must reside in Ontario.

FARQUHAR'S Orchards FRESH FOOD MARKET

ORCHARD GIFT CARDS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES

Mother's Day is May 14

Give the gift that really makes her happy - DINNER OUT AT ORCHARDS!

They have an amazing selection of delicious pies, quiche, salads, meat, pasta, sea food, etc. Get some cards and give your mom (or wife) the gift of choosing her own dinner this year!

Every $25 Gift Card Purchase Supports the Roof Campaign

Gift Cards are also available at the Parish Office

Collection: 23 APRIL 2023	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$2,995.85	**$781.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN WEEKLY REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance April 16	**$102,194.25**
Week Ending Sunday, April 23	
33 Tax Receipted Donations	$ 1,415.75
Roof Loose	$ 558.00
Roof Campaign Balance April 23	**$104,168.00**

- **Please Consider Pre-authorized donations from your bank account and credit card. You can also E-transfer music.finance@procathedral.ca or use our "Donate Today" button on our website at procathedral.ca**

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 01 May - Weekday in the Season of Easter
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 02 May - Memorial of St. Athanasius Bishop/Doctor
Maria Miscio - Marisa and Frank Pincivero
Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
Intention of the Sroga Family - Margaret Sroga

Wednesday, 03 May - Feast of St. Philip & St. James, Apostles
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Emile Lamothe - Theresa Lamothe and Family
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Intention of Michael Riopelle - Stan and Maryann Zima

Thursday, 04 May - Weekday in the Season of Easter
Maria Miscio - Catherine Celebre and Family
Marilyn May - Pat Anderson
Denis Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

First Friday, 05 May - Weekday in the Season of Easter
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Ruben Levesque - Richard Levesque
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

4:00 PM Saturday, 06 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter
Ron Sutcliffe - The Sutcliffe Family
Wiktor Nowicki - Margaret Sroga
For Special Intentions - Carol and John Rowe

Sunday, 07 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Dianne Wilson - Vince and Helen Zappala
Ron Smith - Don and Lorraine Shago
Marie Labine - Mary Kelly

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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This Sunday, the Church throughout the world prays for Vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our Diocese?
Take this opportunity to pray for the priests and religious who have ministered to you in your life, and consider encouraging your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious sister or brother.
Pray that those that the Lord is calling to serve the Church will overcome their fear, and allow God to shape them into who he has made them to be.
Check out our Diocesan priests stories on how they became priests at www.beapriest.ca on "Called to Serve" - great video interviews including our very own Fr. Larry!

Catholic Women's League

Diocese of Sault Ste Marie
103rd Convention

Congratulations and Gratitude to Lisa Henry, Diocesan President and her Executive for their well-planned preparations for a Joyful, Spiritual, and Inspirational experience.

After the warm welcoming and continuing fun filled days of Business, Prayer and fellowship offered by the Sudbury region, I am looking forward to the 104th Convention in The Soo. (Sault Ste Marie) in 2024. I am certain that we will, once again, be surprised and thoroughly enjoy the experience.

Our Pro-Cathedral Council was well represented at this Convention. Thank you so much Ladies I really enjoyed sharing the special moments with you.

Annette Dutrisac, President



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



During the week of April 30 to May 5, 2023, our local schools will celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is:

Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One inspired by the following considerations:

- The Church worldwide has embarked on a synodal process, "a synod on synodality," which centres on intentional listening: listening to each other and listening to the Holy Spirit. We have each been asked to actively reach out and listen to the voices and experiences of people where they are at and consider what steps the Holy Spirit is inviting us to take as we walk together. As the Catholic Bishops of Ontario highlighted in Renewing the Promise, "It is about taking the time to walk alongside one another, to listen and to teach, and in doing so, to transform."
- Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the importance of Indigenous culture and spirituality as we move forward together.
- The Ministry of Education's focus on Inclusion and Equity resonates with all educators and administrators as we desire to serve all of God's children and Pope Francis' encyclical entitled, Fratelli Tutti, will guide us in this good work.
- The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.

Keep our local board, staff, students and families in your prayers this week.

INVITATION

TO THE PARISH OF THE PRO-CATHEDRAL



Your Catholic Women's League
Invites You to Join Us
In Celebrating Mary
During her Month of May
Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00 PM

Join us in the Cathedral for the celebration which will be followed by a Social Reception in the Parish Hall.
Everyone Welcome!
We look forward to gathering in Joyful fellowship

Annette Dutrisac, President



VATICAN CITY -- At least three dozen women will be voting members of the assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October, Pope Francis has decided.

In a decision formalized April 17, "the Holy Father approved the extension of participation in the synodal assembly to 'non-bishops' -- priests, deacons, consecrated men and women, lay men and women," the synod office said in a statement April 26.

Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, relator general of the synod, told reporters April 26 that about 21% of the synod's 370 members would not be bishops and at least half of that group would be women.

Adding women and young people to the membership will make sure "the church is well represented" in the prayer and discussions scheduled for Oct. 4-29 at the Vatican, the cardinal said. "It will be a joy to have the whole church represented in Rome for the synod."

The pope's decision to expand the categories of synod members, the April statement said, "is in continuity" with the Catholic Church's growing understanding of the synodal dimension of the church and "the consequent understanding of the institutions through which it is exercised."

(Exerpts from Catholic News Service/Cindy Wooden)

In creating the opportunity for listening and dialogue, Pope Francis is calling the Church to rediscover its synodal nature. He recognizes that in our collective wisdom and rich diversity we all have something to offer as we are all baptized into the life and mission of the Church.

Catholic Education Week Prayer

We are many, we are one; we all form one body in Christ. Lord, when we see the one before us, let us reverence your presence within; when we listen to one another, let us hear with our hearts; when we reflect on each encounter, may we discern to understand; when we learn from those around us, let us respect our differences with joy; and when we act, may we be kind and generous to all, for each person is a member of your body, with all that they are. We are many, we are one. Amen.

Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Pope Francis MAY Prayer Intentions

For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

SHALOM PLACE invites you to a Zoom program ~ three week series: ***"Faith in Five"***

An hour of reflection and discussion on SCRIPTURE!!! Stand alone sessions, if you can't make one, come to another!

Date:	May 3, May 10, and May 17 2023
Time:	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Facilitator:	Sr. Mary Jo Radey, CSJ
Cost:	Your free-will offering supports the ministry of Shalom Place. Thank you for your generosity!
Register:	By May 1, May 8 or May 15 shalomssm@shaw.ca OR 705-254-4690

Doing what is good means we are loving another, in some way; we are doing good, *for good*. We are engaging in self-sacrifice, and some form of suffering is inherent to that. But here's the thing: it's an oddly joyful kind of suffering because it produces good fruit and directs our thoughts and vision to the one who is present among us as "the shepherd and guardian of our souls." Let us pray for the ability to see each moment of suffering for doing good as "a grace before God."



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. 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.

Let all that you do be done in love.

North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre

Offering guidance, support and layettes to new moms.

If you can donate diapers, wipes, baby wash, etc.

call 475-9270 or email: judyproulx@icloud.com

Good Samaritan Corner



Emergency Car Care Package:

A gentleman came up to my car while I was waiting for the light to turn green on the by-pass. I gave him a plastic bag filled with granola bars, crackers, bottled water, Ensure, and sanitary wipes. He said thank you and ate the granola bar straight away.

Do you have an emergency car care package in your car yet? You can include granola bars, pre-packaged cookies, pre-packaged cheese and crackers, packaged chocolates, warm socks and gloves, gift cards to a local grocery store, lip balm, a handwritten note with a message of kindness.

There are many low-cost ways that we can reach out to the homeless. Acknowledge those who are homeless by offering a smile and a kind word or thought. This will make a big difference in the life of someone who is homeless. Engage in a simple conversation to demonstrate your love and care for them (Jn 13:34-35, 1 Thes. 5:11).

Backpacks of Love campaign 2023

Since the last point-in-time count conducted in North Bay in October 2021, there were approximately 300 brothers and sisters who were homeless.

Backpacks of Love Campaign: Drop off day is Saturday, May 6, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Pro-Cathedral garages (corner of Plouffe & McIntyre Street). For more information contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687.

New item donations include: Sturdy backpack or duffle bag, silver emergency blanket, tarp, small hairbrush (not combs), toilet paper, towelettes/wipes, lip balm, toothpaste, toothbrush, feminine hygiene products, sunscreen (cream only), insect repellent (cream only), sun hats/ball caps, rain poncho, 6 pk of socks – light & heavy, reusable water bottle, deodorant, travel size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash.

Monetary donations are gratefully accepted by cash or e-transfer at email address: CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com