23 April 2023

THIRD 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 teaches that David foresaw Jesus' resurrection. In the second reading, Peter teaches that we are redeemed by Christ's blood, and that Christ was known before the foundation of the world. In the Gospel, Luke shares the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus who learn from the risen Christ the meaning of his death and resurrection. God sent his only Son, who would save our souls not through silver or gold but by his own precious blood. The disciples did not always understand this, as much as Jesus had proclaimed it. The risen Christ broke bread and shared it with them, and they began to truly see and comprehend.



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: 24—30 APRIL 2023

Monday	Acts 6. 8-15; John 6. 22-29
Tuesday	1 Peter 5. 5b-14; Mark 16. 15-20
Wednesday	Acts 8. 1b-8; John 6. 35-40
Thursday	Acts 8. 26-40; John 6. 44-51
Friday	Acts 9. 1-20; John 6. 52-59
Saturday	Acts 9. 31-42; John 6. 53, 60-69
Sunday	Acts 2. 14a, 36b-41; 1 Peter 2. 20b-25; John 10. 1-10



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.

SEE SPECIAL INSERT IN THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN

Whatever you can spare … we can share! ♥



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next 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.

Collection: 16 APRIL 2023	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,188.78	**$1,009.25**

ROOF CAMPAIGN WEEKLY REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance April 9	**$96,435.34**
Week Ending Sunday, April 16	
41 Tax Receipted Donations	$ 2,455.30
Roof Loose	$ 442.00
Donation of Stocks/Shares	$ 2,861.61
Roof Campaign Balance April 16	**$102,194.25**

Talk to your Financial Advisor about how you can make a donation of investment shares and stocks.

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 24 April - Weekday in the Season of Easter
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 25 April - Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist
Aurele Boudreau - Edgar and Rolande Boudreau
Maria Miscio - Rosetta and Salvatore Tignanelli
Claudette Murtha - Tom Murtha

Wednesday, 26 April - Weekday in the Season of Easter
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Danny Foubert - Ann Sullivan
For those who suffer, especially morally - Fleurette Ranger
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 27 April - Weekday in the Season of Easter
Mary Miscio - Mary Lou Smith
Emile Lamothe - Paul and Sue Aultman
Armand Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Friday, 28 April - Weekday in the Season of Easter
Natasha Dolata - Renata Dolata
Dianne Wilson - Paul and Nadine Condon
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

4:00 PM Saturday, 29 April - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Delbert Passmore - Brenda Passmore and Family
Natasha Dolata - Renata Dolata
Intention of Lorna - Carol and John Rowe

Sunday, 30 April - Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Pauline Parks - The Family
Intention of the Donors and those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

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



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

PURCHASE YOUR APRIL 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.***

Catholic Women's League

Everyone is Invited
to our
Special Devotion to Our Lady
Wednesday, May 3



To officially welcome Spring and in honour of Our Lady, a special celebration has been planned for May 3 in the Cathedral.

Gather with us at 7:00 PM for this celebration and stay for our reception that follows in the Parish Hall.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Friday 11 AM - NOON



Join the televised Mass sponsored by The Catholic Women's League of Canada on April 26th the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, in honour of our patroness. The Mass is televised by the National Catholic Broadcast Council. Check the website info@ncbc.ca for viewing times in your area. Betty Colaneri, National Communications Chair, will be Minister of the Word at this Mass.



Do you love baking?

Our funeral team invites you to help us provide an important component of our funeral lunches to bereaved families—baking! Fancier items similar to Christmas baking is especially welcomed—bars, squares, brownies, shortbreads. **We could really use your assistance.** We like to have a supply of baking on hand so if you can help, please drop items off to the parish office so that we can place them in the freezer. Questions? Call Shirlene at 493-0718.

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

Development and 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. Please support this initiative by simply cutting off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging the perforations.

Save them in baggies/envelopes & drop them into the office mail slot.

Our D & P Coordinator, Lorraine Atchison, will make sure they are sent to the Stamp Project. Thank you!



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

ARE YOU REGISTERED? IF NOT, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Please help keep our records up-to-date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place in the collection.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ P/C: _____ Cell Phone: _____

☐ I am new to the parish and I wish to register

☐ I am unsure if registered, please check

☐ I have recently moved, please update



I wish to donate using:

Contribution Envelopes ☐

VISA/MasterCard ☐

Pre-Authorized Bank Donations ☐

FARQUHAR'S Orchards
FRESH FOOD MARKET

ORCHARD GIFT CARDS WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND!

COME PREPARED TO PURCHASE

THESE CARDS ARE VERY POPULAR TO GIVE AS GIFTS AND WITH EVERY PURCHASE YOU SUPPORT OUR ROOF CAMPAIGN!

These $25 Gift Cards are also available at the Parish Office during the week.



Last weekend from St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis wished a happy Easter to Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians who follow the Julian calendar and were celebrating the Resurrection that day.

In his main address, Francis spoke about the day's Gospel reading, John 20:19-31, which recounts the story of St. Thomas doubting the other disciples' claim that they had seen the risen Lord.

In his hesitation to believe the others, "he represents all of us a little bit," the pope said. "Indeed, it is not always easy to believe, especially when, as in his case, he had suffered a tremendous disappointment" after following Jesus, believing in him, and then watching him die on the cross.

"Thomas wants an extraordinary sign -- to touch the wounds. Jesus shows them to him, but in an ordinary way, coming in front of everyone, in the community, not outside," the pope said. "It's as if he said to him: 'If you want to meet me, do not look far away, remain in the community, with the others. Don't go away. Pray with them. Break bread with them."

Jesus says the same to his disciples today, Francis said. The community of the church "is where you will find me; that is where I will show you the signs of the wounds impressed on my body: the signs of the love that overcomes hatred, of the pardon that disarms revenge, the signs of the life that conquers death."

Christians should ask themselves where they look for Jesus, the pope said. Is it "in some special event, in some spectacular or amazing religious manifestation, solely at the emotional or sensational level?"

Or, he said, do they look for the Lord "in the community, in the church, accepting the challenge of staying there, even though it is not perfect?"

"Despite all its limitations and failures -- which are our limitations and failings -- our mother church is the body of Christ," the pope said. "It is there, in the body of Christ, that, now and forever, the greatest signs of his love can be found impressed."

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

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.

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

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

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

Good Samaritan Corner



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

Does your grocery store collect food for the homeless? If so, consider donating items that do not require heating or even a can opener! Cans with easy open lids, pre-made pasta, canned meats, granola bars, crackers, cereal, tetra packs of fruit juice.

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

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