21 MAY 2023

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the first disciples return to Jerusalem after witnessing the Ascension, and devote themselves to prayer. In the second reading, Saint Peter counsels those who face persecution that they will be glorified by God. In the Gospel, Jesus prays to the Father as his hour has come. He describes how everything he has done on earth has been for the Father. Today's Liturgy of the Word offers insight into what it means to glorify God. It is not about just praising occasionally with words, but rather, it is about glorifying God with our lives. What we say and what we do ought to glorify God every day. Jesus has shown us this way by his very life, from his public ministry to his passion and resurrection.

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	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Tuesday—Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

READINGS: 22-28 MAY 2023

Monday	Acts 19. 1-8; John 16. 29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20. 17-27; John 17. 1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20. 28-38; John 17. 11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22. 30; 23. 6-11; John 17. 20-26
Friday	Acts 24. 27; 25, 13b-21; John 21. 15-19
Saturday	Acts 28. 16-20, 30-31; John 21. 20-25
Sunday	Acts 2. 1-11; 1 Corinthians 12. 3b-7, 12-13; John 20. 19-23



Sunday Collection: 14 MAY 2023	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,827.16	$810.00

Pre-Authorized Banking APRIL	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,800.00	$2,015.00

Credit Card Donations APRIL	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,834.67	$1,256.00

Credit Card Donations MAY	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,524.67	$1,201.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN WEEKLY REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance May 7		**$108,400.08**
Week Ending Sunday, May 14		
48 Tax Receipted Donations		$ 1,479.95
Roof Loose		$ 568.70
Orchard Gift Card Sales		
2 Cards X $5.00 Profit		$ 10.00
Profit to 14 May	**Total:**	**$ 1,868.60**
Roof Campaign Balance May 7		**$110,459.38**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 22 May - Weekday in the Season of Easter
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 23 May - Weekday in the Easter Season
Emile Lamothe - Ella and Family
Terry Faubert - The Pro-Cathedral Choir Members
Gail Lamabe-Gagne - Lorraine Lamabe

Wednesday, 24 May - Weekday in the Easter Season
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Jeannette Dominico - The Demarco Family
Anna Celebre - Carmine Ricciuto
Intention of Judy Kelly-Manary - Jessica Costa

Thursday, 25 May - Weekday in the Season of Easter
Emile Lamothe - Sue and Paul Aultman
David Reid - The Reid Family

Friday, 26 May - Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner
Intention of Richard Levesque Jr. - Richard Levesque
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

4:00 PM Saturday, 27 May - Pentecost Sunday
Jeannette Dominico - Paul and Nadine Condon
Brother Ed Benson - Margaret Anne Lafontaine Family

Sunday, 28 May - Pentecost Sunday
9:00 AM Pauline McAuley - Mary Ellen Balfour
Pasquale Battaglia - Stefano Marmina
For those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

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

Parishioners,

Our Social Committee is looking for volunteers to help out with some of our events. Next one up—Taco Trivia Night on Saturday June 3 .



CHECK OUT INSERT IN BULLETIN!

If you can help us out—that would be great! Maybe you attend our socials because they are fun and wouldn't mind staying for an hour afterwards to help clean up?

Pease call the Parish Office as soon as you can to let us know how you can assist your Parish Social Committee! THANK YOU!!!

OFFERING A MASS



Offering Mass intentions is a tradition of prayer, support, and community. You may request a mass for someone who is deceased; for the intentions of someone who is living; for those who are sick and suffering who need prayers; or in celebration of a special occasion. Contact the parish office if you would like to book a mass. Mass Stipends are $15.00



Blessings to
Cyril and Elda Liberty
who celebrated
81 Years of Marriage
on Saturday, May 31st
♥
May God bless you with an abundance of peace, joy, and love this coming year.

Baking Needed for Funeral Lunches



We could really use your help to re-stock our baking supplies for our funerals. Homemade baking is a special component of providing lunches to our bereaved families. Fancier items such as bars, squares, brownies, shortbreads are welcome. Drop off items that freeze well to the office. Call Shirlene 493-0718 for info.



MAY 50/50 TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral

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

Purchaser must reside in Ontario.

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



First Eucharist Preparation

A reminder for all children who have registered to celebrate First Eucharist!

The following are our Preparation Dates:

2nd Preparation Mtg. Wednesday, 24 May	6:15 PM	Parish Hall
Sunday, 04 June	10:00 AM	Parish Hall
Sunday, 11 June	9 or 11 AM Mass	Celebration in Church

If you have a child who is interested but did not register in September 2022, please contact the Parish Office. Those children who have already celebrated First Reconciliation (Confession) are invited to register.

Catholic Women's League

Dinner and Service Awards

June 7 ~ Tickets Now on Sale!

Chinese Food Buffet
Catered by Manshou Restaurant
Only $20/Ticket for a Delicious Meal & Night Out!

Purchase by June 1st

Contact Louise Defonzo 494-7474
or Ruth Godon 476-4984

Looking forward to gathering in fellowship!

Annette Dutrisac

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 first year 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.



For a full list of criteria, the application and delivery instructions, visit: procathedral.ca/GROUPS/Catholic Women's League. Applications are also available at local high schools and at the parish office.
Presentation of the bursaries will be made on Thanksgiving Sunday in the Pro-Cathedral at one of the Sunday Liturgies.

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

For more information contact Education and Health Chairperson: 471-5096 or dianecarmichael@hotmail.ca

Security at the Pro-Cathedral

We need everyone's help to ensure that our building is safely locked up. Here are a few things you can do:

⇒ Last out? Double-check doors are pushed closed after leaving so they latch. Try them. Sometimes they stick on the threshold and don't close properly.
⇒ If you are inside and have locked the Upper Sacristy door, or outside when leaving, push on it to ensure it has latched properly.
⇒ Double-check after using your fob that the door is latched and locked.
⇒ Ensure that windows that have been opened during any gathering are shut and locked before leaving.

Thank you everyone for your usual cooperation!

Canadians help keep hope alive in Holy Land



Despite living under dark clouds of uncertainty and fear, Christians in the Holy Land are still a beacon of light and a much-needed presence there, says Joseph Hazboun, regional director of Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). Canadians have a hand in keeping the light of faith, hope and charity burning in an area that's frequently darkened by conflict and violence.

Speaking from his office in Jerusalem, Hazboun said the tiny Christian population (73,000 according to the 2022 census) provides 33 per cent of all social services — including health care and education — to the entire region comprising Israel and the Palestinian Territories.

"And Catholics in Canada are contributing to these efforts," he said. "We at CNEWA (Jerusalem) greatly appreciate the support of the Canadian people — the Church and the lay people and the Catholic Women's League of Canada — for their support through financial donations, prayers, raising awareness and solidarity."

"The Christian presence is not about numbers but about how much we contribute to the peace and stability of the region," Hazboun said. "Christian charities are resolutely pursuing their work of helping the poor and vulnerable, providing services they wouldn't otherwise have", he added.

Social welfare projects supported by the worldwide Christian community are an immense source of comfort to the needy and give hope for the future to young Palestinian Christians. Some of the support that has been provided: Scout troops and youth leadership programs, pastoral activities, youth and children Bible summer camps, Bible education; the Paul VI Ephpheta Institute for the hearing impaired in Bethlehem, providing education and rehabilitation for 180 deaf and mute children. It also helps the Pontifical Mission Cultural and Education Center in Bethlehem in helping school-age children develop their talents and abilities, and prepares a generation of readers.

When we support the Good Friday Holy Land Collection - we help to grow and protect the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



Nipissing –Parry Sound Catholic District School Board

- **If your child is starting kindergarten this September**, you're invited to their schools' kindergarten orientation sessions! You'll meet your child's teachers, tour the school, and have a chance to ask about our regular and early French immersion programs. Register your child for kindergarten today to join in all the fun! Once the school receives your child's registration, they will contact you regarding the session. We look forward to welcoming you to our caring, Catholic learning environments. Visit npsc.ca for details.



Join us for a Pentecost Experience! Discover the gifts God gave you & learn how to use them; what gives you life, and where the Holy Spirit is present in you—and how to put this into action in your life! Adults, seniors, young adults and teenagers are encouraged to attend! Friday, May 26 (7pm-9:30pm) and Saturday, May 27 (10am-8pm) at Holy Name Church. Prayer, music, talks, reflections and fellowship. Meals provided, no fee to attend, but you must register in advance. Visit: www.holynamestalphonsus.com/pentecost

Corpus Christi Traditional Procession & Picnic: Sunday, June 11 at Holy Name Church. Join us as we process through the streets with Jesus in the Eucharist, travelling from the church for an approximately 30 minute procession around the neighbourhood boldly bringing Jesus Christ into the streets. All are welcome to join us immediately following the 11:15am Mass. Following the procession, there will be a BBQ and family activities.

Regional Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Holy Name. *We need adorers—c*all Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.

Good Samaritan Corner



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

The Gathering Place
1181 Cassells Street ~ 705-474-7687

Do you have old coffee trays taking up room in your home? The Gathering Place is looking for coffee trays. Please drop them off during regular hours Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Do you have a hidden talent? Perhaps you can cook, drive, garden, are a handyperson? Give an hour, give a day ... make a difference!

Hope Awaits Ministry located at 390 First Ave E., works within the city of North Bay to end homelessness. They work with men who are homeless until they are independent, truly transforming lives. Their shelter program offers safe housing for up to 7 men. They also offer a clothing bank filled with warm clothing. For more information visit https://www.hopeawaitsministries.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