18 FEBRUARY 2024

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, God makes a covenant with Noah. In the second reading, Peter reflects on how the waters of the flood prefigured baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus is driven into the desert for 40 days before beginning to preach: *The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel*. To repent means to feel regret and sorrow and to change, or "turn from" what is evil. Gospel is a word meaning "good news." To "repent and believe in the Gospel" is the twofold call of the Christian, which is brought into profound relief during the Lenten season. This time of prayer and preparation for Easter shows there is indeed cause for regret and sorrow, and a need for change. And yet, what we are turning toward as we turn from sin is always cause for joy and hope.

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	*Diocesan Order of Women*
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi	Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago	Mrs. Norma Milligan
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin	Miss Ruth Godon
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk	

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Leviticus 19. 1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25. 31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55. 10-11; Matthew 6. 7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3. 1-10; Luke 11. 29-32
Thursday	1 Peter 5. 1-4; Matthew 16. 13-19
Friday	Ezekiel 18. 21-28; Matthew 5. 20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26. 16-19; Matthew 5. 43-48
Sunday	Genesis 22. 1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8. 31b-35; 37; Mark 9. 2-10

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 19 – 25 February

Date	Time	Location	Event
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Hall	Alpha Gathering
	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Baptism Preparation
Wednesday	6:15 PM	Hall	1st Reconciliation Meeting
Thursday	All Day	Hall	Usage by Film Crew
Friday	All Day	Hall	Usage by Film Crew
	5:30 PM	Church	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium & Hall	Level I, II, III Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word



A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, February 20 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, February 19. *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*

Sunday Collection - 11 February

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$3,435.05	$1,097.00

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Sunday	Building	Roof
$3,524.67	$1,211.00	245.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	**$ 19,314.37**
Sunday, 11 February	
Roof Loose	$ 369.15
35 Receipted Donations	$ 1,195.00
Orchard Gift Card Sales	
12 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$ 60.00
Total Profit to 11 February	**$ 200.00**
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$ 21,183.52**

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 20 - Weekday in Lent - 12:05 PM
Colleen Klein - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
Angelo Nunner - Karen Beaulieu
Jim O'Connor - Bunty Swanson and Family

Wednesday, February 21 - Weekday in Lent - 12:05 PM
Thomas and Lillian - Lakshmi Wickramasinghe
Colleen Klein - Marthe Smith
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, February 22 -Feast of the Chair of St. Peter - 12:05 PM
Frances Agius - Ella Lamothe
Intention of Marlene Walter - Robert and Judy
Intention of Lorenza Thompson - Richard Levesque

Friday, February 23 - Weekday in Lent - 12:05 PM
Beatriz Barrios - Sergio and Amanda Barrios
For Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
Intention of Ben Oakes - Ann Sullivan

Saturday, February 24 - Second Sunday of Lent - 4:00 PM
Adeline and Osborne Hill - Brenda Passmore and Family
George Renton - Mary Lou Smith
Serafim Carreiro - The Carreiro Family

Sunday, February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM Colleen Klein - Catholic Women's League Members
Int. of those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

11:00 AM Marcel Joly - Karen Anne McArthur
Int. of the Pro-Cathedral Parishioners - Fr. Larry Rymes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays During Lent
Held in the Cathedral at 5:30 PM



$25 Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards

Cards are available at the Parish Office
and at Masses on the last weekend of the month.
Pick yours up next weekend—February 24 & 25



Looking for Volunteers

Would you be willing to spare an hour or two to help stock the pews with envelope supplies?

If you can help us out, give the office a call. Thank you!





Social Sunday a Success!

We had a great time last Sunday after the 11 AM Mass celebrating the day and enjoying the company of fellow-parishioners.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Social and thank you to all those who stayed to attend the concert in the church afterwards.

A special thank you to the volunteers who helped prepare and host the Social Sunday and to those who stayed to help clean up—you are amazing!

Michelle Chew, Social Sunday Coordinator

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

Lent & Fasting & Abstinence



We may give up meat or other desirable foods on Fridays during Lent, and especially on Good Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.

Our abstinence for Catholics 14 years and older (as long as there are no health issues) is another way of sharing in Christ's work of saving the world. We may also substitute other good actions for abstinence. These could include special acts of charity (visiting the sick or aged, helping those in any need, contributing to a work of charity) or other acts of piety (taking part in a service of worship with others, praying with our family, spending some extra time in personal prayer, especially with the scriptures.



Catholic Charities Food Collection NEXT WEEKEND

Distribution from our Catholic Charities Food Bank (located in the basement of the Rectory) takes place Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

Please bring donations to the office during the week or to Masses next weekend.

Whatever you can spare ... we can share! ❤

Also looking for these items to go with bread:



Introducing the 2024-2026 Pro-Cathedral Catholic Women's League Council Executive

Acting President: Annette Dutrisac (To 28 April then Past-President)

President: Mary-Lynn Truchon (Effective 29 April)

Vice-President: Leah Pierce
Treasurer: Vicki Doucette
Secretary: Tealia Carriere
Past-President: Shirlene Condie-McVeigh (To 28 April)
Faith Committee Chairperson: Helen Adams
Service Committee Chairperson: Margaret Sroga
Social Justice Committee Chairperson: Lorraine Atchison



This is the Council's first executive under the new structure introduced by the CWL's new strategic plan implementation.

CWL Memberships 2024

You can now e-transfer your CWL Membership by sending your $40 fee to this email: 480cwlpro@gmail.com

You can also drop off a cheque in the collection or to the parish office. Be sure to print your name and address on your envelope when doing this and mark it clearly: "CWL MEMBERSHIP"

Membership Cards for 2024 will only be issued to members who require one.







The Good Samaritan Corner



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

Please consider the following for donations:

North Bay Food Bank located at 1016 Fisher St., 705-495-3290
Kleenex, bodywash, deodorant, sanitary pads, paper towels, baby wipes, baby shampoo, diapers sized 4, 5 and 6, granola bars, juice boxes, individual packets of crackers and apple sauce, jam, Cheezewhiz, cookie mix, muffin mix, Mr. Noodles, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Sidekicks. Items for no-cook homeless care packages such as cans with pull tabs for easy access (beans, prepared pasta, tuna) and individual crackers with cheese or peanut butter.

When you donate items to **Rebuilt Resources**, the homeless and near homeless benefit! Donations of used items allow Rebuilt Resources to offer low income and homeless people clothing and furniture at no cost. For more information, please contact **Rebuilt Resources at 705-497-7878 or visit them at 1356 Regina St.**

For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay or contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687 or at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com

Holy Name Ring the Bell Raffle Lottery – Win $25,000: All proceeds to bell tower restoration. Main Prize Draw of $25,000 on Easter Sunday 2024. Early Bird Draw of $1,000 this coming New Year's Eve. Tickets are $20 available at Holy Name or call 495-1501. Must be 18+ to purchase a ticket. Lottery License M853216.

Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 9, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Powassan, **with Msgr. Dave Tramontini**, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Begins with Holy Mass followed by a talk, "Journey to Wholeness", and concludes with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Refreshments will be served. Good-will offerings to defray expenses are appreciated. Everyone welcome.