25 FEBRUARY 2024

SECOND 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 calls Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, but provides a ram instead and promises blessing on all nations in response to Abraham's trust. In the Epistle, we are reminded that God did not spare his own Son and so gives us everything with him. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured and a voice from the cloud says: *This is my beloved Son. Listen to him*. We do not have a God who sits enthroned, looking down from a great distance to arbitrarily ask us to do this or not do that. No, we have a God who loves us enough that we can trust him completely, as Abraham did. We have a God who did not hold back anything, not even his beloved Son, to lead us to the goodness he desires for us.

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 to Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 20. 1-17; 1 Corinthians 1. 18, 22-25; John 2. 13-25

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 26 February—03 March

Date	Time	Location	Event
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Hall	Alpha Gathering
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Sacristy	Sacramental Team Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Friday	5:30 PM	Church	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium	Level I, II, III Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:00 AM	Hall	First Reconciliation Meeting



Church Cleaning Volunteers

Do you have time to help us out on Friday mornings? Cleaning supplies and coffee supplied!

We just need you to help out with some dusting, wiping down woodwork, removing debris from the pews, etc.

No heavy lifting or vacuuming. Call the parish office if you can help out! Thank you.

Sunday Collection - 18 February

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$2,671.00	$583.00

Pre-Authorized Bank Donations FEB

Sunday	Building	Roof
$7,284.00	$2,075.00	$525.00

Pre-Authorized Credit Card FEB

Sunday	Building	Roof
$3,804.67	$1,251.00	$285.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	**$ 21,183.52**
Sunday, 18 February	
Roof Loose	$ 364.10
33 Receipted Donations	$ 781,65
Restoration Jazz Band Concert	**$ 4,276.25**
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$ 27,415.52**

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 27 - Weekday in Lent - 12:05 PM
Lillian Sullivan - Ann Sullivan
Colleen Klein - Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board
Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Lucille and Arthur Schiavo

Wednesday, February 28 - Weekday in Lent - 12:05 PM
Ken Carey - Robert and Judy
Bill Balfour - Mary Ellen Balfour and Family
Carmina Jesus Miguel & José Santos Botelho - Antonio & Flora Costa

Thursday, February 29 - Weekday in Lent - 12:05 PM
Amanda-Marie Freimanis - Louise, Christine, Michael and Family
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Intention of Dana Carey - Judy and Robert

First Friday, March 1 - Weekday in Lent - 12:05 PM
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
For Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Friend

Saturday, March 2 - Third Sunday of Lent - 4:00 PM
George Renton - Carole Anne and Cynthia Renton
Philip Skebo - Maureen and Kevin O'Connor

Sunday, March 3 - Third Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM Liberato Campanaro - Carmela and Tony Campanaro
Terry Talentino - Paul and Nadine Condon

11:00 AM Marc Seguin - Catherine and Kelly Boudreau
Int. of the Pro-Cathedral Parishioners - Fr. Larry Rymes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent

Held in the Cathedral at 5:30 PM



Prayer During Fasting and Abstinence

Our Father, I thank you for the grace that has come to me to fast and abstain for your glory.
May the Holy Spirit give me the strength, wisdom, and humility to undergo this task.
Humble me Lord as I willingly suffer through this fast, with cheerfulness and without complaint.
Humble me Lord when I feel the pain and crave for sustenance.
Humble me Lord when I exalt myself because of my zeal to fast.
Humble me Lord that I may remember that your word gives me life, strength, and peace.
Humble me Lord when I try to tempt myself to quit this fast.
And most especially, humble me Lord when I succeed.

Oh Lord, I offer this fast to you and I pray not just for my temporal and spiritual welfare, but I also offer this for my family and friends, for the Pope, for your priests, for the conversion of sinners, and for the repose of the souls in purgatory.

Amen.

Baptism

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, March 12 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 11. *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*



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

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. This can be done by making a request by email to passmorebe@gmail.com or by phoning 474-0447. Thank you!

To all Single Women!!

(Divorced, Single, Widowed ~ All Welcome)

You're invited to join the Pro Cathedral Single Ladies Social Group. Together, we go to a movie, dinner, antiquing, shopping in the surrounding area, coffee every Thursday, theatre (local/Shaw/Stratford), berry picking, card nights, sleigh ride, long & short trips and a number of events.

If this is something you might enjoy, please call Karen for more information at 705-495-6675, or email: kbeaulieu914@gmail.com or text 705-493-4191

We only have two meetings per year to set the agenda and you can choose to attend or not attend any event that is planned. Entirely at your commitment and comfort level.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity



Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

Our transformative work is possible **thanks to the generosity and support of our members** and Canadians who stand by us.

Please read the handout in this weekend's bulletin for information on how Development & Peace helps to create hope throughout the world!

Join the movement of over 12,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community. Visit devp.org/membership.

Last chance to sign the *Stand for the Land* petition

Today is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada *asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's last fall campaign.*

Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at devp.org/act. Thank you for your solidarity!

$25 Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards

Cards are available at the Parish Office and at Masses on the last weekend of the month.

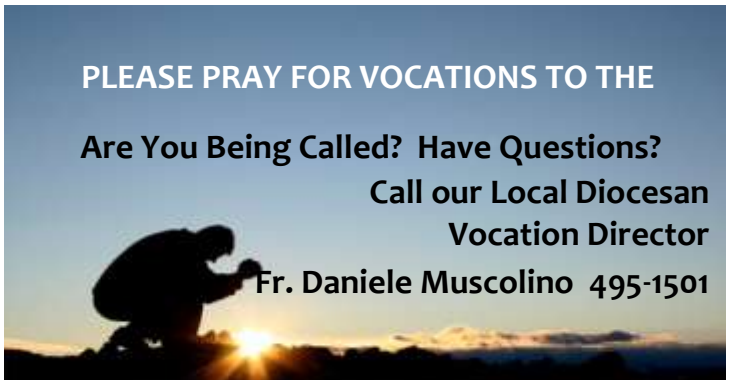




Lenten Prayer for Transformation



Loving Father,
I invite you into my life today
and make myself available to you.
Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself
by seeking your will and becoming a living example
of your love in the world.
Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to
change in order for me to carry out the mission
and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.
Inspire me to live the Catholic faith
in ways that are dynamic and engaging.
Show me how to best get involved in the life of my
parish.
Make our community hungry for best practices
and continuous learning.
Give me courage when I am afraid,
hope when I am discouraged,
and clarity in times of decision.
Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church
to become all you imagined it would be. *Amen*



The Good Samaritan Corner



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

Helping people experiencing homelessness can be done through volunteer efforts such as:

- being a mentor
- being an administrative assistant
- being a tutor
- being an appointment escort
- at special events
- being a gardener
- your professional services
- at health services centres

Please consider volunteering the gift of self by Googling volunteer opportunities in North Bay, Ontario.

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



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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.

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.

Fish Fry & Concert—Easter Sunday, March 31 from 3 to 7 PM at **Paroisse Ste-Marguerite d'Youville in Val Therese**. $20/Ticket, Students/Free. You an purchase in advance by calling 705-969-9339. 3 Pieces of fish, fries and coleslaw, cookies and fruit salad.

EDGE for students in Grades 6, 7 & 8 - Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8pm. Students are welcome to join us for games, music, prayer, friends and faith at Holy Name of Jesus Church Visit for more info: www.holynamestalphonsus.com/edge

OVER THE EDGE for students in high school Grades 9-12 -Thursdays from 8pm - 9:30pm beginning November 9! 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 and take place at Holy Name of Jesus Church or visit for more info: www.holynamestalphonsus.com/overtheedge

CLAY is a fun, faith-filled youth group led by parent volunteers, for grades JK-grade 5. Join us Thursdays 6:30- 8pm at St. Joseph's Parish, Powassan. Contact Jessica Shepherd 497-6219 for info.

Pray During the Day! Holy Name of Jesus Church is open daily Tuesday to Friday from 11:30am to 4:30pm for prayer in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You can pop in at any time, for how long or how short you would like. We need adorers—call Karen at 495-6675 if you can help.

Community Living North Bay looking for compassionate host families to open their hearts and homes to an adult with an intellectual disability. Reach out to familyhomje@clnb.org or 476-5117 ext. 225 for more information about renumeration, support and relief.

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Food, fellowship and faith February 17, 24 at 7:00 AM at St. Peter's. For more information or to register visit: tmiynorthbay.ca