PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House! **Hosanna!**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 24 March 2024



In the Gospel for the procession, Jesus enters Jerusalem amid an enthusiastic crowd. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks for the Lord, despite opposition. In the second reading, Paul writes to the Philippians that Jesus emptied himself, *becoming obedient to the point of death*. Mark's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' passion and death. During his journey to Golgotha, Jesus goes from hailed hero to crucified criminal. He surrenders out of obedience to his Father and love for us. As followers of Jesus, we, too, can face loss and sacrifice. Jesus knows what it means to sacrifice out of love. ***We journey together through loss, never alone, but always united with Jesus.***

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

Thank you to our incredible Social Committee for hosting an amazing time last weekend at our St. Patrick's Dinner and Party!

What a great time was had by everyone lucky enough to get a ticket—*it was a sellout!* Amazing food was organized by Shirlene Condie and her band of volunteers who prepped for days and it was delicious. Thank you to Erin Dunkley for coordinating the event with her team and to Art Henry and gang for their Irish music! Thank you also to Samantha's School of Fiddle & Dance and her dancers and to our very own dancer, Patricia Fassl. A very special thank you to Charlotte Dunkley and William McGrath for their hard work that evening and to everyone who pitched in to help when we needed you to serve, bus tables, clean up the hall and help with dishes!

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



25 ~ 31 March 2024

"He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice …"

Monday	Isaiah 42. 1-7; John 12. 1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 49. 1-6; John 13. 21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Isaiah 50. 4-9a; Matthew 26. 14-26
Thursday	Exodus 12. 1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11. 23-26; John 13. 1-15
Friday	Isaiah 52. 13-53.12; Hebrews 4. 14-16; 5. 7-9; John 18. 1—19. 42
Saturday	Genesis 1. 1-2.2; Genesis 22. 1-18; Exodus 14. 15-31; 15. 20, 1; Isaiah 54. 5-14; Isaiah 55. 1-11; Baruch 3. 9-15, 32-4.4; Ezekiel 36. 16-17a, 18-28; **Romans 6. 3-11;** Mark 16. 1-8
Sunday	Acts 10. 34a, 37-43; Colossians 3. 1-4; John 20. 1-18

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 25 - 31 March

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday	All Day	Church	Organ Tuning
	6:30 PM	Sacristy	CWL Executive Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Hall	Alpha Gathering
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Church	RCIA Walkthrough
Good Friday	7:00 PM	Church	Stations of the Cross

Holy Week Schedule →

Donations to Easter Memorial Flowers & Decorations



Please have the names of those you wish remembered and your donation in by the end of Monday, March 25.
A list of remembrances will be printed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Thank you for your donations that will help us to decorate for the greatest Feast of the Year!

Sunday Collection - 17 March	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$2,712.25	**$800.00**

Website Donations February		
Sunday	**Building**	**Roof**
$585.00	**$55.00**	**$160.00**

Pre-Authorized Credit Card March		
Sunday	**Building**	**Roof**
$3,804.67	**$1,251.00**	**$285.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance	**$ 32,803.57**
Sunday, 17 March	
Roof Loose	$ 353.25
35 Receipted Donations	$ 648.95
Orchard Gift Card Sales	
8 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$ 40.00
Total Profit to 17 March	**$ 370.00**
Purdys Easter Fundraiser	$ 612.74
New Roof Campaign Balance	**$ 34,458.51**



Tuesday of Holy Week, 26 March - 12:05 PM
Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
Barbara Sherry-Blok - Ann and Frank Sherry
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday of Holy Week, 27 March - 12:05 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions
Gertrude and Eugene Souliere - Vivian Molnar
Raymond Pitt - The Family
Delbert Passmore - Brenda Passmore and Family

Thursday of Holy Week, 28 March - 7:00 PM
Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM
No 12:05 PM Mass Today



Good Friday, 29 March - 3:00 PM
Solemn Celebration of the Passion & Death of Christ
Solemn Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, 30 March - 8:00 PM
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
No 4:00 PM Mass Today

Easter Sunday, 31 March - 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Resurrection of the Lord
Intentions of the donors and in memory of those whose names have been received for our Easter Memorial List

Names to be Published in our Easter Sunday Bulletin

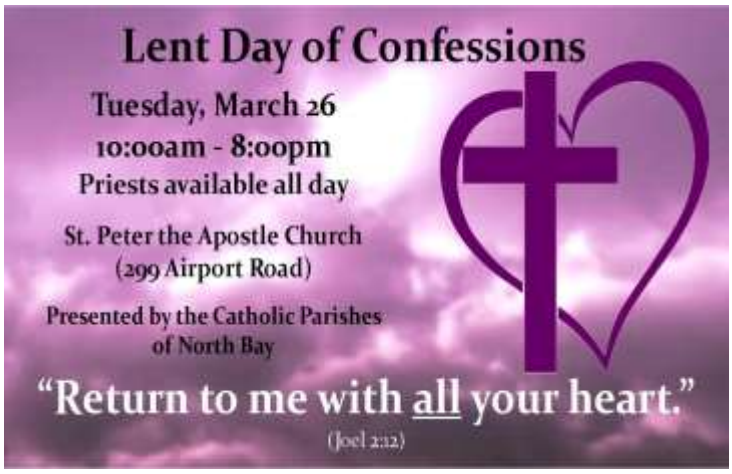


STATIONS OF THE CROSS
GOOD FRIDAY
7:00 PM in the Cathedral
(NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Catholic Women's League

Come out to our **General Gathering** on **Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 PM**. Pray, socialize and find out what our Council's next project will be! All women welcome to attend.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK	
Monday - Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Good Friday	**OFFICE CLOSED**





Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

It can be strange that there is a kind of excitement about receiving the fresh palms, followed by the somber reading of the Passion. The contrast is striking: While the palms, in ancient times, symbolized goodness and victory, hope and triumph, the account of Jesus' suffering and death reminds us of the price he paid for our redemption. Jesus knew that we can't have one without the other. It is the paradox of the cross: Jesus gave his life so that we might live.

For many, the past year has been like one long Good Friday, filled with discouragement, suffering, and loss. As we reflect on Jesus' passion, the palms we carry home remain a sign of hope; we know now how the story will end. As we place our palms in a special place, let us say a prayer of thanks to Jesus and ask for the grace to renew our faith and trust in God as we enter Holy Week.

The Triduum



There is a richness in the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil that are both humbling and uplifting. This time period, known as the Sacred Triduum (Latin for "three days") is the official end of Lent, and the summit of the liturgical year. As a society, we give far more attention to the buildup and celebration of Christmas – which is not to deny its importance, of course! – and so sometimes the Triduum is not as familiar to people in both its meaning and importance. Yet, it is during these days that we most intentionally remember and celebrate the gift of our redemption; we liturgically embrace the paschal mystery of Christ: dying he destroyed our death, and rising he restored our life.

Palm Sunday

On this day of great rejoicing,
Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome
You as our King and Saviour,
we also walk in the shadow of Your cross.
Hosanna! We cry.
Blessed are You who come in God's name to save us.
Hosanna!
Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday
so that when the time comes
to carry the cross we might still
call out to You with heartfelt praise.
Give us the grace and the courage
to follow You this Holy Week
from death to resurrection,
from darkness to the fullness of light.
We need You,
Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Hosanna!



Catholic Charities
Food Collection
NEXT WEEKEND

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

WHAT YOU CAN SPARE … WE CAN SHARE

LAST WEEK OF OUR SPECIAL COLLECTION for Catholic Charities



According to the Government of Canada, in 2023 one in five (20%) who menstruate say they may not afford hygiene products at some point in the next 12 months, and 7% say this is very likely. Six in ten of the first group agree that inflation has increased the likelihood of not affording these products.

The Pro-Cathedral Catholic Women's League of Canada will be collecting pads, tampons and menstrual underwear at the back of the church from March 9-31 for our Catholic Charities
(Located in the Pro-Cathedral rectory basement)
Help us support the health and welfare of women who struggle financially to purchase these products. Please bring your donation and place in the basket that is provided for this purpose.

Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat for those aged 14 to 59. Fasting means we have one regular meal and less at other meals, and of course, no snacking. If you have a medical condition in which fasting is harmful you should not fast. When possible, we try to extend the discipline of fasting and abstaining from meat until after the Vigil on Holy Saturday. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food, or unnecessary beverages, in order to be more open for prayer.





One week left to purchase your tickets!



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CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE THAT NEEDS PRAYERS TO OUR PRAYER LINE



Thank you to everyone who celebrated the Syro-Malabar Holy Qurbana last Saturday

The Good Samaritan Corner



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

The **Open Arms Café** is located in the hall at St. John the Divine Anglican Church at 301 Main Street East and feeds a hot meal to approximately 170 people each week on Wednesday evenings between 4 to 6 p.m. If you are available to volunteer to prepare or serve food, or if you would like to donate food, please contact their 472-6070 or visit https://stjohndivine.ca/community-ministry/ for more information.

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 895 Memorial Drive offers a free hot meal every third Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Called the St. Francis Table, volunteers offer a hot meal which started two years ago, feeding approximately 40 people per month.

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



Free Easter Dinner for People Experiencing Homelessness : In partnership with Open Arms Café, the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay will host an Easter Dinner on Sunday, March 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, 307 Main St. East. Come in from the damp and cold and enjoy a hot-cooked meal served with a heaping of compassion.



We need your input!

PROPOSED INDEPENDENT PRIVATE CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN THE NORTH BAY AREA

If you are a parishioner of a Catholic parish, a parent, a grandparent, a resident in the North Bay and surrounding areas, or interested in the future of Catholic education,

PLEASE FILL OUT THE SURVEY!



Go to this link:
bit.ly/BCAAcademy

Or Scan the QR Code!

Getting married in 2024? To help you prepare to live out your vocation as husband and wife, the Church requires that you participate in a marriage preparation program. Plan to attend the Marriage Preparation Weekend April 12 & 13: 6:30—9:30 pm on Friday, April 12 followed by 9:30 am—5:00 pm on Saturday, April 13. Interested couples should call Samantha at 705-471-3284 for more information and to register.



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.** Tickets are $20 available at Holy Name or call 495-1501. Must be 18+ to purchase a ticket. Lottery License M853216.

Soup for the Soul Spring Luncheon & Bake Sale: Redeemer Lutheran Church Saturday, April 6 from 11 AM to 2 PM. Cost $8/person choice of homemade soups, bun, tea/coffee, and sweets! Homemade pies, cakes, squares, cookies & more will be available for sale!

GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



People process grief in many ways. This Grief & Bereavement Support Group format provides group members an opportunity to share and receive peer support as part of the spiritual processing of the journey of grief. Meetings will be held every Tuesday from 1pm to 3pm in the church hall at Holy Name of Jesus Church starting April 2 and will conclude on May 21. Number of participants will be limited to 10 or less. Adults of any age and spiritual background are welcome. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Holy Name Parish Office at 495-1501 and provide your name, contact information and the person you are grieving for.