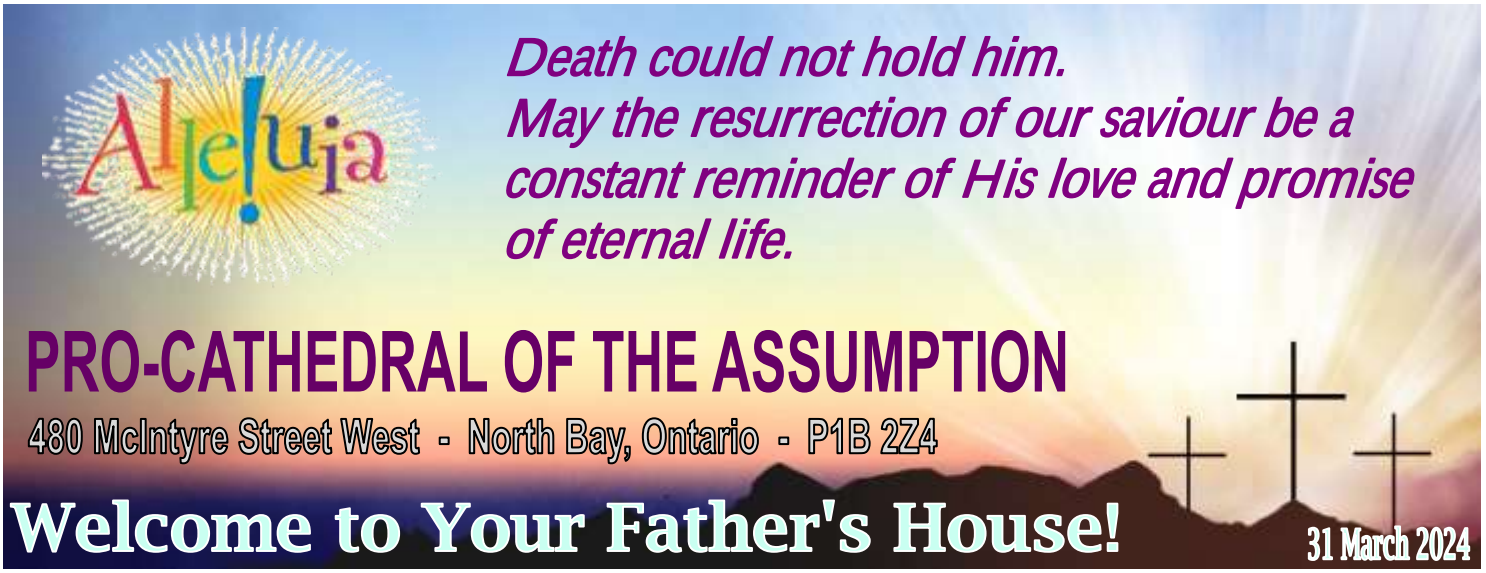


Our Parish Mission Statement

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

Easter Monday	**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	**Acts 2. 14, 22-23; Matthew 28. 8-15**
Tuesday	Acts 2. 36-41; John 20. 11-18
Wednesday	**Acts 3. 1-10; Luke 24. 13-35**
Thursday	Acts 3. 11-26; Luke 24. 35-48
Friday	**Acts 4. 1-12; John 21. 1-14**
Saturday	Acts 4. 13-21; Mark 16. 9-15
Sunday	Acts 4. 32-35; 1 John 6. 1-6; John 20. 19-31

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 01 - 07 April

Date	Time	Location	Event
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Hall	Alpha Gathering
	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Baptism Preparation
Wednesday	4:30-5:30	Sacristy	Catholic Girls League
	6:30 PM	Hall	CWL General Gathering
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I, II, III
	10:00 AM	Church	Syro-Malabar Holy Qurbana Mass
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy



Sunday Collection - 24 March	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,684.80	**$928.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance		**$ 34,458.51**
Sunday, 24 March		
Roof Loose	$	453.60
42 Receipted Donations	$	953.55
Orchard Gift Card Sales		
27 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$	135.00
Total Profit to 24 March	**$**	**500.00**
Twiggs Gift Card Sales		
3 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$	15.00
Total Profit to 24 March	**$**	**35.00**
New Roof Campaign Balance		**$ 36,015.66**

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 2 - Weekday in the Easter Octave - 12:05 PM
Gino Tedesco - Maria Gosselin and Family
Mathias and Helena Kelly and Family - Judy and Robert
Vic Pettella - Ashley Amo Jones and Family

Wednesday, April 3 - Weekday in the Easter Octave - 12:05 PM
Gino Tedesco - Sue, Jamie, and Stephen
Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, April 4 - Weekday in the Easter Octave - 12:05 PM
Agathe Fournier - The O'Hagan Family
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
Intention of Michael Boudreau - Susan Boudreau

Friday, April 5 - Weekday in the Easter Octave - 12:05 PM
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michlle
Msgr. Norm Clement - Henrietee, Maryanne, and Simone
Intention of Michael Carey - Judy and Robert

Saturday, April 6 - Second Sunday of Easter - 4:00 PM
Clarence Nadrofsky - The Divine Will Group
Ed Laroche - Cecile Robert
For a Special Intention - Carol and John Rowe

Sunday, April 7 - Second Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Carmela DeMarco - Stefano Marmina
Vic Pettella - Darlene Truchon

11:00 AM Intention of Katherine Voisin - Maria Gosselin
Int. of the Pro-Cathedral Parishioners - Fr. Larry Rymes



A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, April 2 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. *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan policy.*

SYRO-MALABAR HOLY QURBANA
Saturday, April 6 at
Pro-Cathedral — 10:00 AM

Everyone is invited to attend this Mass in the Malayalam (Indian) language. Time for confessions is available before and after Mass.

The Qurbana is rooted in scripture and in the memory of those first Christian believers gathering together for their common meal and sacred "breaking of bread." It is rooted in the promise of Christ, that *"where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them."* (Mt. 18:20)





Blessed white candles are available ½ hour before and ½ hour after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy and ask our Sacristan for your vigil candle. It will be lit and at that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of $5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs.

Catholic Women's League

Come out to our **General Gathering** on **Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall**.

This week, **Deborah Hickey, Diocesan Treasurer/North Bay Regional Chairperson** is visiting with our council to follow-up on the CWL Unity Outreach Program that we participated in last year.

All women welcome to come out and pray, socialize and find out what our Council's next project will be!

CWL Memberships 2024

NEW

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"

Please be advised that CWL Membership Cards for 2024 will only be issued to members who require one.



The risen Christ seeks to transform and redeem our lives.

In the first reading, we hear Peter proclaiming the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Paul's Letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul says if we've been raised with Christ we should seek the things of God; he reminds us that Jesus' resurrection transforms and redeems our whole lives. In John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene – upon arriving at the tomb and realizing that the stone had been rolled away – runs to Simon Peter and John to tell them that Jesus' body had been taken. They both go to the tomb, and while neither yet understands the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead, John sees and believes. The resurrection of the Lord is the highest of all feasts – the day in which we celebrate the truth that Jesus conquers and redeems every darkness of life, even death itself. Truly this is a day of rejoicing! For even when events are unclear to us – when we do not understand what we see before us, like those who saw the empty tomb – we can be confident in the words and promises of God.



For Children in Grade 2 & 3

Preparation will begin in May. If your child has celebrated First Reconciliation and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion, please complete an online registration form found under SACRAMENTS on our website at procathedral.ca

If your child recently celebrated Confession with us they are already registered and there is no need to submit another form.

Baptism & First Reconciliation are the pre-requisites to receiving First Communion.

If your child has not received these two sacraments contact our parish office.

We want to work with you to have your child be able to receive their First Communion.



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

Why RCIA?
(Right of Christian Initiation of Adults)



This weekend, we celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil for those who have been preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Are you missing some of these sacraments?
Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

Our lives are a journey to God until the day when we all join together in our eternal home and worship the Lord face-to-face. You are among friends. As we build community through our RCIA sessions, it becomes clear that we all have times of doubt, fear, and frustration. During RCIA, we come together to look at our lives in light of the Gospel so that we can embrace a fuller discipleship of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

There are many reasons people decide that they are interested in becoming a Catholic. It makes no difference if you have been raised in another denomination, have no church affiliation or experience or even if you were never baptized. You may have started out Catholic but never completed your initiation with the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA is the process by which we welcome and prepare adults to enter the Catholic faith.

The RCIA process is sensitive to your needs before you make any commitment to the Catholic Church. The extent and the requirements of the process are adapted to your specific needs.

Is The Time Right For You? Why not make the time to come and see how God works in your life. Call the Parish Office at 472-3970 to see how we can welcome you into the Church.

The Good Samaritan Corner



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

The Unsheltered Hub located on Fraser Street which has provided a warm place during the day for people experiencing homelessness in North Bay is closing its doors on Sunday, March 31. This means that people experiencing homelessness need the community's generosity more than ever.

This would be a good time to put together an emergency car care package. You can include granola bars, pre-packaged cookies, pre-packaged cheese and crackers, bottled water, sugar-free Gatorade, packaged sugar-free chocolates, warm socks and gloves, lip balm, a handwritten note with a message of kindness. Also, please consider handing out cup-a-soups, oatmeal packages, and buying someone who is living rough on the streets a coffee or tea.

If someone is in medical distress call 9-1-1.

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.



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.**

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!

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay presents—Homelessness & Affordable Housing Virtual Presentation with Dr. Carolyn Whitzman, Housing & Social Policy Researcher on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 PM. Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83290694430

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.