14 April 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!

In the first reading, Peter witnesses that Jesus, who was handed over out of ignorance, was raised from the dead and is the fulfilment of the prophets. In the second reading, John exhorts his community not to commit sin and to keep God's commandments. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples, shows them his hands and feet, and eats in front of them. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises of salvation, and he has come to save us – body and soul. Our physical and spiritual realities are infused with one another, integrated within our creation as Imago Dei – made in the image of God. Christ was raised, body and soul, by the Father, and his glorified body was seen by the Apostles and many others. Through him we will be reunited to God, our Father and Creator, on the last day. As we profess in our creed, we look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

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	**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 6. 8-15; John 6. 22-29**
Tuesday	Acts 7. 51—8. 1a; John 6. 30-35
Wednesday	**Acts 8. 1b-8; John 6. 35-40**
Thursday	Acts 8. 26-40; John 6. 44-51
Friday	**Acts 9. 1-20; John 6. 52-59**
Saturday	Acts 9. 31-42; John 6. 53, 60-69
Sunday	Acts 4. 7-12; 1 John 3. 1-2; John 10. 11-18

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 15 - 21 April

Date	Time	Location	Event
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Hall	Alpha Wrap-up Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I, II, III
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy



For Children in Grade 2 & 3

Preparation will begin on Wednesday, May 8. 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.



Sunday Collection - 07 April	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,654.00	**$906.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 07 APRIL 2024	
Roof Campaign Balance	$42,690.06
Sunday, 07 April Collection Roof Loose 34 Receipted Donations	 $464.60 $505.45
Employer Charitable Matching	$1,153.00
March 50/50 Draw Profit	$702.62
Orchard Gift Card Sales 10 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$50.00 Profit to Date: $550.00
Twiggs Gift Card Sales 2 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$10.00 Profit to Date: $45.00
NEW CAMPAIGN BALANCE	$45,575.73

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 16 - Weekday in the Easter Season - 12:05 PM
For Holy Souls in Purgatory - Margaret Lafontaine
In Thanksgiving to Shirlene Condie-McVeigh - Alpha 2024 Group

Wed., April 17 - Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha - 12:05 PM
Addie and Laura Schiavo - Lucille and Arthur Schiavo
Intention of Stella and Gloria Petrone - Maria Gosselin

Thursday, April 18 - Weekday in the Easter Season - 12:05 PM
Ignatius and Josephine Muron - Chris and Debbie Muron
Intention of Bonnie Laking - Pat Anderson

Friday, April 19 - Weekday in the Easter Season - 12:05 PM
In Thanksgiving - Robert and Judy
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Saturday, April 20 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - 4:00 PM
Msgr. Angelo Caruso - Norm and Elaine Byrnes
Sister Colette Ryan - Mike and Shirlene McVeigh

Sunday, April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Nelson and Yvette Shea - Michael Shea

11:00 AM Stephen Zimbalatte - The Family
Int. of the Pro-Cathedral Parishioners - Fr. Larry Rymes

As a member of **a Catholic community** in Canada, **you are invited to complete an online questionnaire about your experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic**. The information gathered will be important in understanding your experience and in informing your leaders, public decision-makers and communities.
This research project brings together academics from Canada, Germany, Poland and Ireland and its aim is to understand the transformations of religions during the Covid-19 pandemic.

You can find out more and complete the questionnaire at:
https://www.research.net/r/covidandreligion



This weekend, April 13/14 a parishioner has offered to match the LOOSE CHANGE given in the Second Collection for the roof (up to $1,000).

We are averaging about $450 in our loose change collection every weekend. *If we can double our generosity next weekend, we will be much further ahead in our roof campaign.*

Thank you to this anonymous donor who has offered the challenge to any other parishioner to match the Loose Collection in the future.

If you would like to participate in this way, please let us know – we would love to hear from you. Your generosity can be acknowledged or remain anonymous at your choice.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On Sunday, April 21 the Church celebrates the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocation and on this day, the Church throughout the world prays for Vocations. **Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie?** Take this opportunity to pray for the priests and religious who have ministered to you in your life, and consider encouraging your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious sister or brother.

Vocations Office
Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada
www.beapriest.ca

Mark your calendars and let your friends know about an upcoming event at the Pro-Cathedral.



We will be hosting a parish fundraiser by renting tables and charging a small entrance fee to a Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, June 29 in the Parish Hall.

Rent a six-foot table for $50 and sell your wares! Candles, knitting, food items, jewelry, visual arts, fashion, body care, home décor & more!

For more information about renting a table, contact Annette at 495-3584 or annette.d@live.ca



Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement!

The **2024 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference** "Quo Vadis" held February 24 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay brought together teenagers from across Northern Ontario and beyond! The day included faith sharing, prayer, music, the Sacraments, Holy Mass with Bishop Dowd, Adoration and inspirational talks from our Keynote Speaker David Patterson, who encouraged teenagers to live their own "yes" to God and lay down their burdens to Jesus.

Thank you to the many priests, religious, volunteers, teachers, school chaplains, sponsors and Catholic organizations who helped make this Conference a great success. Thanks be to God!

Photos of the event are available on our website under NEWS at procathedral.ca

STEWARDSHIP

growing our FAITH through Generosity

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our Finance Committee's request to consider using the pre-authorized donation methods. We appreciate everyone who has adopted this means of donations that is important to bring stability to our cash flow.

If you are not currently donating
we would be grateful if you could contribute whatever is within your means to help support the good works of our parish.

2024 Envelopes are in the Church for pickup. Forms for pre-authorized credit card and bank account donations are in the pamphlet racks, on our website, or can be emailed to you. Call the parish office if you have questions regarding these donation methods. Thank you!

Catholic Women's League

Thank you to the Parishioners of the Pro-Cathedral

Through the generosity of our parishioners, the Pro-Cathedral the League donated 1,502 feminine hygiene products to Catholic Charities. Elaine Summers, volunteer with Catholic Charities, was thrilled that the shelves were filled. She stated that there are times when the women she sees must choose between buying food and purchasing these products. Thank you for your compassion!

Reminder: One of the Mass intentions at the noon Mass on the first Wednesday of every month is for the living and deceased members of our CWL. Attend this Mass and celebrate our CWL sisterhood.

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

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please complete a registration form found at the entrance to the church and drop it into the collection—thank you!

$25 Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards

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





Can you help with the Spring Clean-up of our Grounds and Flower Beds?

If you are available to help next Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 AM, please meet in the parking lot. Weather permitting—if it is raining we will plan to do this on another day.

If you can bring your own rake that would be helpful but we will have some here.

Great opportunity for students who need volunteer hours! Any questions? Call Annette at 705-495-3584.

The virtue of fortitude, "the most 'combative' of the virtues," helps a person control their passions but also gives them the strength to overcome fear and anxiety when faced with the difficulties of life, the pope told visitors and pilgrims at his weekly general audience April 10.

Some people pretend evil does not exist, "that everything is going fine, that human will is not sometimes blind, that dark forces that bring death do not lurk in history," the pope said. But reading a history book or even the newspaper shows "the atrocities of which we are partly victims and partly perpetrators: wars, violence, slavery, oppression of the poor, wounds that have never healed and continue to bleed."

"The virtue of fortitude makes us react and cry out an emphatic 'no' to evil to all of this," he said. Fortitude, he said, helps Christians say "'no' to evil and to indifference; 'yes' to the journey that helps us make progress in life, and for this one must struggle."

Back Packs of Love



The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay will be accepting donations on Saturday, May 4 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Pro-Cathedral parking garages (corner of McIntyre & Plouffe Streets).

The Pro-Cathedral has been asked to "Adopt an Essential Item" for this campaign and our items are SOCKS and SILVER EMERGENCY BLANKETS.

Please donate these items on May 4 or drop them off to the parish office. If anyone would like to sponsor a box of emergency blankets, contact Karen at the Parish Office - she can order them from ULINE for $50/case of 25 blankets.

You can also drop off other items that are needed on May 4—see complete list on the poster located on the church bulletin board.

The Good Samaritan Corner



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

See above for Pro-Cathedral "asks", however all of the items below are welcomed: New item donations include:

Sturdy backpack or duffle bag, silver emergency blanket, tarp, small hairbrush (not combs), toilet paper, towelettes/wipes, lip balm, toothpaste, toothbrush, feminine hygiene products, sunscreen (cream only), insect repellent (cream only), sun hats/ball caps, rain poncho, 6 pack of socks – light & heavy, reusable water bottle, deodorant, travel-sized shampoo, conditioner and body wash.

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

TIM SILVER ORDINATION TO DIACONATE

Holy Name of Jesus parishioner Tim Silver, will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on **Friday, May 17 at St. Timothy's Parish in North York by Bishop Scott McCaig**. If you would like to attend the Ordination of Tim, you can book a spot on a Charter Bus organized by Holy Name of Jesus. Contact 705-495-1501 to reserve your spot - each seat is only $20 (non-refundable). Departure from North Bay on Friday, May 17 at 1:30 pm; Ordination Mass at 7 pm; Departure from Toronto at 9:30 pm. Please keep Tim in your prayers!

11th Annual Toilet Paper Drive supporting 16 Food Banks (including our Catholic Charities at the Pro-Cathedral) - first drop off is April 27 at FreshCo on Trout Lake Road from 10 AM to 2 PM. Also during business hours in May at Allison the Bookman, Davedi Club, and TD Bank Main Street.

April Showers Tea & Bake Sale: St. Brice's Church 1225 Cassells St., Saturday April 27 from 11 AM to 1 PM. Sandwiches & Pickles/Veggies, Dessert, Tea & Coffee. $7.00 [children under 10 years free]

Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario is open every day from May to October. Masses, confessions, blessings with the holy relics by the Jesuit Fathers, devotions and tours held all day. A 2024 Spring Gala will be held June 12 in support of the Martyrs' Shrine in Vaughan Ontario from 5:30 to 9:00 PM with a special performance by The St. Michael's Choir School. For more information, visit www.martyrs-shrine.com for schedules and more e

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

North Bay Right to Life has chartered a bus to attend the March for Life in Ottawa for Thursday, May 9 leaving Northgate Shopping Centre at 7 AM and returning around 9 PM. Fares must be booked and paid in advance. Adults $30, Students $10—call Jeannine to book a seat at 705-724-3424.

Spring Sweets Dessert Gala: Support the North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre by attending this event May 3 at the Callander Community Centre 1984 Swale Street—6:00 PM. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased by contacting nbphrc@hotmail.com or 475-9270

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.

Pray During the Day! Holy Name is open daily Tues-Fri, 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.