

06 MARCH
2016

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The first reading tells of the Israelites celebrating the Passover when they entered the Promised Land. The second reading reminds us that we are called to work to foster unity and peace in the world. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the prodigal son, which reminds us that God loves us unconditionally and is ever-willing to forgive us. Jesus, through his suffering and death upon the cross, won forgiveness for our sins and reconciled us to God the Father. He calls us to go forth to share God's love and forgiveness with others by seeking to foster unity, peace and healing in our workplaces, local community, among our friends and family, and in our homes.

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.

PASTOR Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse, D. D.
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

RECTOR
Msgr. Dave Tramontini

ASSISTANT
Rev. Rex Lumine

IN RESIDENCE

Msgr. Normand Clement Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools
Rev. A. Man-Son-Hing Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle & St. Elizabeth Temagami
Rev. Gilles Grandmont Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish

PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

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Our faith community dates back to 1886 when we were originally located on Main Street West and called St. Mary's of the Lake and 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.

Parish Liturgies



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: Every Saturday from 3:00 until 3:45 PM.

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: On the First Friday of each month from 10:00 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.

WEEKLY READINGS: 07 ~ 13 MARCH

Monday	Isaiah 65. 17-21; John 4. 43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47. 1-9, 12; John 5. 1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49. 8-15; John 5. 16-30
Thursday	Exodus 32. 7-14; John 5. 18, 31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2. 1a, 12-22; John 7. 1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 1. 18-20; John 7. 40-53
Sunday	Isaiah 43. 16-21; Philippians 3. 8-14; John 8. 1-11

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON
Tuesday—Friday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 07 March - Weekday in Lent

Theresa McParland - Louis and Theresa Taillefer
George and Louise Brazeau - The Beaulieu Family
Anne Vitone - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Tuesday, 08 March - Weekday in Lent

Liberato Campanaro - Carmela and Tony Campanaro
Mary-Catherine Holenski - Bonnie Parslow

Wednesday, 09 March - Weekday in Lent

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Domenico Cappadocia - Louise Cappadocia
Madeleine Saurette - Cliff and Joan Dunn
Marie-Anne Houle - Wilda and Leo Beaupre

Thursday, 10 March - Weekday in Lent

Felita Mendoza - Faye Grottoli
Amelia Saini - Nicolina and Domenico Mascioli

Friday, 11 March - Weekday in Lent

John Doyle - Jack and Monica Sullivan
Intention of Nicholas and Kristy Beaulieu - Karen and Denis Beaulieu

4:00 PM Saturday, 12 March - Third Sunday of Lent

Amelia Saini - Nadine and Paul Condon
Rev. Mr. Jerry McIsaac - Helen McIsaac and Family
In Thanksgiving to Immaculate Heart of Mary - Arthur & Lucille Schiavo

Sunday, 13 March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM John Doyle - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Msgr. Dave Tramontini

'A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.'
Pope Francis

Collection: 28 February 2016

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$5,295.80	\$670.00

PRAYER LINE

Do you have prayer requests you would like others to pray for?

These requests may be anonymous or in detail. If so, please call Sister Shirley McNamara at 474-3800, Ext. 295 or Lorraine Atchison at 474-0613 and they will gladly pass them on to others who are waiting to receive your requests.



Knights of Columbus Council #1007 Lottery Draw (Lic. #7069)



Winners for February 2016

DATE	TICKET #	NAME OF WINNER
February 4	575	Maurice Joly Kitchener
February 11	429	Margaret Charlebois North York
February 18	446	Maurice Malouin Bourget
February 25	235	Jim Poling Barrie

Congratulations to the winners for their support!



INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, March 8 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 7. *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*



The Men's Group of our parish was formed to foster fraternity and attend to the needs of the Cathedral community. It is of interest to those men of the parish who are of post-secondary school age. The club

takes on ventures such as renovations and fundraising for specific projects.

If you would like to find out more about our parish men's group, please join us at our next Men's Club Dinner Meeting on **Thursday, March 10** from 5:30 – 7:00. *We welcome new members and will be setting our agenda for the next year.*

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

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Penitential Service - Wednesday, March 9
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption at 7:00 PM
Followed by Individual Confession

All Day Individual Confessions
Friday, March 11

Holy Name of Jesus 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM



† Memorial Fund †



The following name has been received at the request of donors in memory of our deceased friends and relatives:

FRANÇOIS MARTIN

DON BROWN TED KING

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT ~ 5:00 PM





Catholic Women's League

North Bay Regional CWL Luncheon will be held on Saturday April 2 at 11:00 AM at St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish in Callander. Dianne Esch is catering. Tickets are \$20 each.

Deadline for purchase is March 27. If you wish to purchase a ticket please contact Membership/Organization Chair Maudena Farnsworth at 495-2532.

The **96th Annual Diocesan Convention** will be held in Sault Ste. Marie May 13 to 15, 2016. Registration packages are now available from Diane Carmichael at 705-471-5096. Registrations and money must be in by April 15, 2016 in order to submit to the Diocesan CWL by April 22. **NEW THIS YEAR!!** If you need a ride to Convention, bus transport from Sudbury has been arranged. Only 56 seats available!! Info included in the package.

Relay For Life will be held June 10, 2016 at the CFB North Bay Athletic Field. We are hoping to put a team in again. We are looking for a captain and co-captain right now to begin. If you are interested in this fabulous opportunity please contact President, Diane Carmichael, at 471-5096.



SISTERHOOD PROJECT

Are you heading to Health Sciences North in Sudbury? Feeling alone?? Sisters of CWL are never alone. Sudbury's CWL Councils have begun a new project: **SISTERHOOD PROJECT**. Simply contact St. Patrick's Parish at 705-522-3900 or the Pastoral Care at the hospital. Give them the details of your arrival date. If you wish, you will be placed on their Prayer Line, they will provide support to your family and you during critical care or surgery, take family members for coffee away from the hospital, provide a sympathetic ear, encouragement or anything else you feel they could help you with. (Due to privacy

concerns the request must come from the patient.) CWL members are never alone. We are a sisterhood who support each other and do God's work!

2016 CWL MEMBERSHIPS: CWL membership dues for 2016 in the amount of \$25.00 are payable now! Membership envelopes are in the pew pockets and at the entrance to the church. Paid membership cards can be picked up from the CWL box at the back of the church.

Like us on Facebook and share updates!

Follow us on Twitter!! @CWLNational

Pope Francis MARCH 2016 Prayer Intentions

UNIVERSAL ~ Families in Difficulty: *That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.*

EVANGELIZATION ~ Persecuted Christians: *That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.*



Share Lent Campaign

Lent is the time to prepare for Easter. It is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving for Catholics around the world. It offers the opportunity to think about what it means to create the Kingdom of God and how we can contribute.

This year, Development and Peace invites you and your family to reflect on how we can **Create a Climate of Change** in our personal lives in order to show greater care for our planet. Some things we do, like waste food, pollute, or throw a lot in the garbage, harm the environment in a way that contributes to climate change.

In 2016, Lent falls within Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy (Misericordiae Vultus), in which he calls us to be merciful in order to make true connections with others. Let us reflect over the Lenten season on how we are all connected to each other, and to use this reflection to commit to helping our sisters and brothers around the world!

Right now, our sisters and brothers in the Global South are experiencing droughts and terrible storms because of climate change. But if we all do our part and make changes in how we live, we can reduce our harmful impact on the environment, which will help our sisters and brothers in the Global South!

Thanks to your donations, Development and Peace supports communities and families in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East who must courageously live through drought, typhoons, floods and other destructive impacts of climate change.

VATICAN - PASTORAL CARE WORKERS KILLED IN 2015

Vatican City (Agenzia Fides) - The wake of pastoral workers killed in this historic phase of humanity reveals an unprecedented upsurge. It seems to have no equal in history, because it is an ongoing globalized persecution. America, already for seven consecutive years has the sad primacy with eight pastoral workers killed. Followed by Asia with seven, Africa with five and finally Europe with two priests in Spain.

These numbers are just the tip of the iceberg of global persecution of Christians. Isis, Boko Haram, discrimination in various countries where religion is an affair of State, make being a Christian difficult and heroic, subject to attacks and massacres.

During 2015, 22 pastoral care workers were killed worldwide, three more compared to 2013. From 2000 to 2015, 396 pastoral workers, including 5 Bishops were killed worldwide.

The pastoral care workers who died violently in 2015 are: 13 priests, 4 religious sisters, 5 lay people. In America: 8 pastoral care workers were killed (7 priests, one religious sister); in Africa 5 pastoral care workers were killed (3 priests, 1 religious sister); in Asia 7 pastoral care workers were killed (1 priest, 2 religious sisters, 4 lay people); in Europe two priests were killed.

There is still much concern regarding the fate of other pastoral care workers kidnapped or have disappeared, of whom we have not had any news.

Many Christians, in every corner of the world, continue to suffer and even pay with their lives for their faith in Christ.

Please note Pope Francis' prayer for Persecuted Christians

in his March Prayer Intentions



SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST



Several children in our parish are preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist. Please keep these children in your prayers as they journey to the Sacrament.

Last weekend the children and parents were introduced to the following are the goals:

- ✠ to help the child understand the Mass better: how it unfolds and what objects are used
- ✠ to focus on the spiritual attitudes we need to participate fully
- ✠ to awaken in the child the desire to prepare well for meeting the Lord in the celebration of the Eucharist
- ✠ to help the child discover the Bible as the great story of God's love, a story that we continue to live today
- ✠ to awaken in the child's heart a love for Scripture
- ✠ to reveal to the child how God's Word speaks to us in the liturgy

The Parish Sacrament Team

REGIONAL NEWS

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Penitential Service - Wednesday, March 9

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption at 7:00 PM
Followed by Individual Confession

Penitential Service - Sunday, March 13

St. Vincent de Paul at 7:00 PM
Followed by Individual Confession

Penitential Service - Tuesday, March 15

Our Lady of Sorrows – Sturgeon Falls at 7:00 PM
Followed by Individual Confession

All Day Individual Confessions - Friday, March 11

Holy Name of Jesus - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

"Create a Climate of Change" is this year's theme for the Share Lent Campaign of the Catholic organization for Development and Peace (Caritas Canada). To show solidarity with those who go without basic necessities each day a **HUNGER MEAL will be held on Friday, March 18 in the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall at 5:30 PM.** Everyone welcome to join together immediately after the 5:00 PM Stations of the Cross for this meal. Voluntary donations accepted which will go to the D & P Share Lent Collection.

The New Evangelization Summit 2016 is coming! Mark April 15-16 on your calendar. Registration will be announced at mass soon. You can preregister by contacting Len Lanthier 724-1368 or lsanthier@gmail.com. Price is still only \$20.00. This conference will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize.

Marriage Preparation Weekends: April 29-30; October 28-29. Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place on the weekend of your choice. Material cost is \$40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Couples are encouraged to register early!

Springtime of the Spirit Prayer Group next gathering will be Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 PM with the rosary, followed at 7:00 PM with praise and worship prayer and fellowship.

Knights of Columbus Meetings



Fr. Michael Cundari Council, 12030 at Holy Name Church: General Meeting fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
Contact: Joe Sinicrope at 497-0604

Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Council 12106 now meet second Tuesday of each month with regular and executive meetings held the same day at the Canadian Forces Base Church (Queen of Peace). Contact: Art Tiernay at 358-1368
We also collect pop cans for charity work. Please drop off you cans at Holy Name Church beside the Garage.

Knights of Columbus Council #1007 General Meeting first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church in the Church Hall, rosary at 6:30 PM. Refreshments served. Executive Meeting last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church in the Church Hall. New or transferring members can contact Mike Maunsell at 491-0006 or mike@maunsell.ca

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held weekly at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Please come and visit Jesus even for a few minutes. He waits for us. Hours of Adoration: Monday and Thursday 12 noon to 5 pm; Tuesdays 12 noon to 9 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Lena Butler 497-3434.

Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs).
St. Joseph's Motherhouse first Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM in Holy Family Chapel and Pro-Cathedral First Friday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

The Promises of Fatima Rosary Group – come pray with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM at St. Peter's Parish followed by Mass.

YEO (Youth Evangelizing Others) is a Catholic Youth Group designed for grade 8-12 students with a mission to bring other teens to know Jesus through testimonies, talks, skits, and games. Friday nights at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Gym from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. For more information, contact Sam at 496-0456.

Sacred Way Ministries - Quo Vadis gathering for young Catholic adults working and attending school in North Bay and area. Intent on fun, fellowship and faith? We meet Sunday nights at 6:30 PM. For our next gathering location please call Paul and Mary-Kate Long at 358-9964.

Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Upcoming Events:

Film Series to help deepen your spiritual life facilitated by Sr. Pauline Guindon, and includes small group discussion. Bishop Carter Room from 6:00—9:00 pm. **Hidden Roots of Love:** March 11 "The Tree of Life"; April 8 "On the Waterfront"; May 13 "Pushing Tin"; June 10 Gravity"

Motherhouse Taze prayer continues on the 3rd. Thursday each month in the Holy Family Chapel, from 7:00—8:00 PM.

Lenten Retreat at Villa Loyola "Praying the Great Hymns and Psalms of Lent" with Fr. Gilles Mongeau, s.j. who will lead in meditation on the great hymns and psalms of Lent as a way of helping us come closer to Christ who has emptied himself out of love for us. Friday March 11 (7pm) to Sunday March 13 (1pm). Cost \$230 live-in or \$150 commute. Call 705-522-3502 ext. 0 Monday to Friday or by email at loyola@isys.ca to register

Adventures in Art, a collaborative effort of L'Arche North Bay and Community Living will be run on Friday, from noon to 3:30 on March 11, April 8 and May 13 at the F. J. Dellandrea Center on Wallace Road. Lunch provided followed with basic water colour painting techniques and abstract water colour painting – a project which all can do. Cost \$3.00. Please Register with Shannon at 476-3280 X-230 or email sjohnson@communitylivingnorthbay.org. All are welcome and please feel free to bring a friend.