

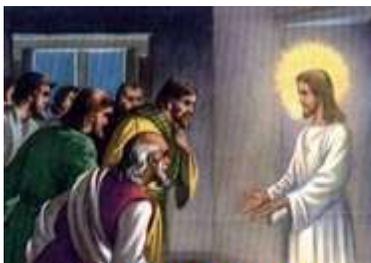
PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

19 April 2020

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

Second Sunday of Easter

A Great Sign of Hope!



In the first reading, Peter proclaims to the Jews and all in Jerusalem that Jesus, *commended to [them] by God*, was also killed by them. But that God raised him up. Peter writes that all have been ransomed by the *precious blood of Christ*. In the Gospel, two disciples traveled from Jerusalem to Emmaus, discussing all that had happened. Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize him until they sat for a meal and *he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them*. The joy of the Easter season is still with us as we rejoice in the risen Christ. He is truly present to us in the celebration of the Mass. He is the promise fulfilled, and we are nourished with his Word, and his body and blood. Just like those on the road to Emmaus, we know him in the breaking of the bread.

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

PERMANENT MINISTERS

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

Diocesan Order of Women
Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Mrs. Norma Milligan
Miss Ruth Godon

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.



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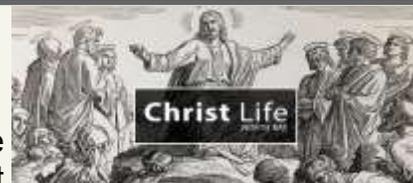
READINGS: 27 April - 03 May

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 2. 14a, 36b-41; 1 Peter 2. 20b-25; John 10. 1-10



Dear Friends in Christ,

The world might be on "pause" right now, but our evangelization efforts as Catholics do not have to be.



**Join us this Saturday April 24
from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM**

From the comfort of your own home, listen to world-class speakers discuss the topic of:

Can Catholics Evangelize at a Time Like This?

In this **FREE** virtual summit you will learn:

- to evangelize even when at home during quarantine
- the single most important skill we need to develop as Catholics RIGHT now
- how to not lose hope in the face of uncertainty
- how to ensure your parish stays relevant even if you can't open the doors

Register at:
<https://uevangelize.org/virtualsummit/>

Third Sunday of Easter Reflection

— by Deacon Gary Westenenk (See video version on website @ procathedral.ca or on Facebook Page)



All three of today's readings speak to us of hope.

In our first reading we hear Peter telling those listening that King David lived in hope, because God had shown David that he would not be abandoned, no matter what David did.

In the second reading we are told we can be assured of God's love for us because of what Jesus did for us.

This brings us to our Gospel where we hear the wonderful story Cleopas and his companion walking on the road to Emmaus. We are not sure why they did not stay in Jerusalem; maybe it was fear of the authorities, or despair that Jesus was crucified when they thought he was going to be the great warrior king who would lead the Jewish nation from Roman rule. Jesus could have left Cleopas and his companion to their grief, and despair; but He didn't. Jesus sought them out to reveal the truth about his crucifixion and resurrection and how both were the fulfillment the scriptures.

Our readings today can help us have hope in spite of our fears, our despair, our wondering if God has abandoned us. If we look at King David's life we can see that God was there loving him through his brokenness. If we reflect upon our own past we will be able to see the same God working in the midst of our brokenness. We will recognize that God has been with us, and we will see His presence in the little and big things in our daily lives.

Today's Gospel gives us the hope that God will seek us out, make His presence known to us, walk beside us and reveal what He needs us to know; now and into the future just as He did for Cleopas and his companion.

Sunday Masses

Resources for viewing masses can be found on our website under CURRENT NEWS. Locally recorded, Sunday English and French masses; Salt & Light; EWTN, and more. Also, Living with Christ is offering free prayer resources and downloads of the daily mass texts. Visit our website at procathedral.ca to view these exceptional resources.



Bells & Prayer

When our bells ring at 12:00 noon and 6:00 PM it is customary to pray the Angelus. Perhaps during this time we can say an extra prayer for our healthcare workers, those who continue to work in essential services, and those who have been infected by the coronavirus.

PRAYER LINE

The prayer line is 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 and they will gladly pass them on to others who are waiting to receive your requests.



Congratulations to Father Rex

who celebrates his 33rd Year of Ordination
to the Priesthood on April 24!

God bless you Father Rex for your devoted service!

I wait FOR THE LORD.

My soul DOTH WAIT and in His Word

do I hope. (Psalm 130: 5)

We Miss You

"So also you have sorrow now,
but I will see you again,
and your hearts will rejoice!"



John 16: 22



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

This weekend members are asked to observe the **Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel**.

The following is a schedule of celebrations that will be televised on Sunday, April 26, Easter Standard Time:

- VisionTV 8:00 am
- YesTV 10:30 am
- Salt&Light 10:30 am and 11:00 am



You can also pray the Prayer Service for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel which can be found on our website at procathedral.ca under Current News and on the

Catholic Women's League section under Groups.

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel

God of wisdom and love,
you have sent your Son Jesus to be the light of the world,
and continue to send your Holy Spirit among us
to guide us into the way of truth.

Open our hearts to your word
and let us ponder your actions among us.

Give us your Spirit of wisdom and knowledge,
of understanding and counsel.

With Mary, may we rejoice in your gifts,
and walk in the way of truth and love.

With all your people on earth and in eternity,
we ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of your loving Spirit,
one holy God, for ever and ever.
Amen!



Please Note that it is with regret that the Pro-Cathedral Council June 100th Anniversary Celebrations have been cancelled. Due to the health and safety

risk that the Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19 presents to the members of the CWL and their family and friends.

MASS REQUESTS

Please know that all masses that were booked or requested will be re-scheduled once our liturgies begin again.



Development and Peace Stamp Collection



The stamps affixed on the right corner of your envelopes can be very useful. Members of Development and Peace, who are philatelists, sell them to stamp collectors. The proceeds will help fund development projects. If you wish to support this initiative, simply cut off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging perforations. **Save them in baggies or envelopes and when we are back together again they can be dropped into the collection basket.** *Our D & P Coordinator, Lorraine Atchison, will make sure they are sent to the Stamp Project. Thank you for your support!!!*

In compliance with Ontario Government directives the Cathedral and Parish Office are closed until further notice. Parish email and telephone messages will be checked and responded to in a timely manner.



We are here to help!
We have people ready and willing to assist you. Need a grocery pickup? A wellness call made to a family member? Other assistance? Give us a call or email and let us know how we can help!

Weekly & Easter Collection Report	
COLLECTIONS (12 & 19 APRIL)	
<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$5,722.00	\$1,437.00

Special Collection
<u>Holy Land</u>
\$870.00

Special Collection
<u>Flowers & Decorations</u>
\$616.00

Special Collection
<u>Share Lent</u>
\$3,660.00

Special Collection
<u>Easter</u>
\$3,295.00



CREDIT CARD DONATIONS — APRIL	
<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$5,687.00	\$1,344.00

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PRAYER BOOK RELEASE

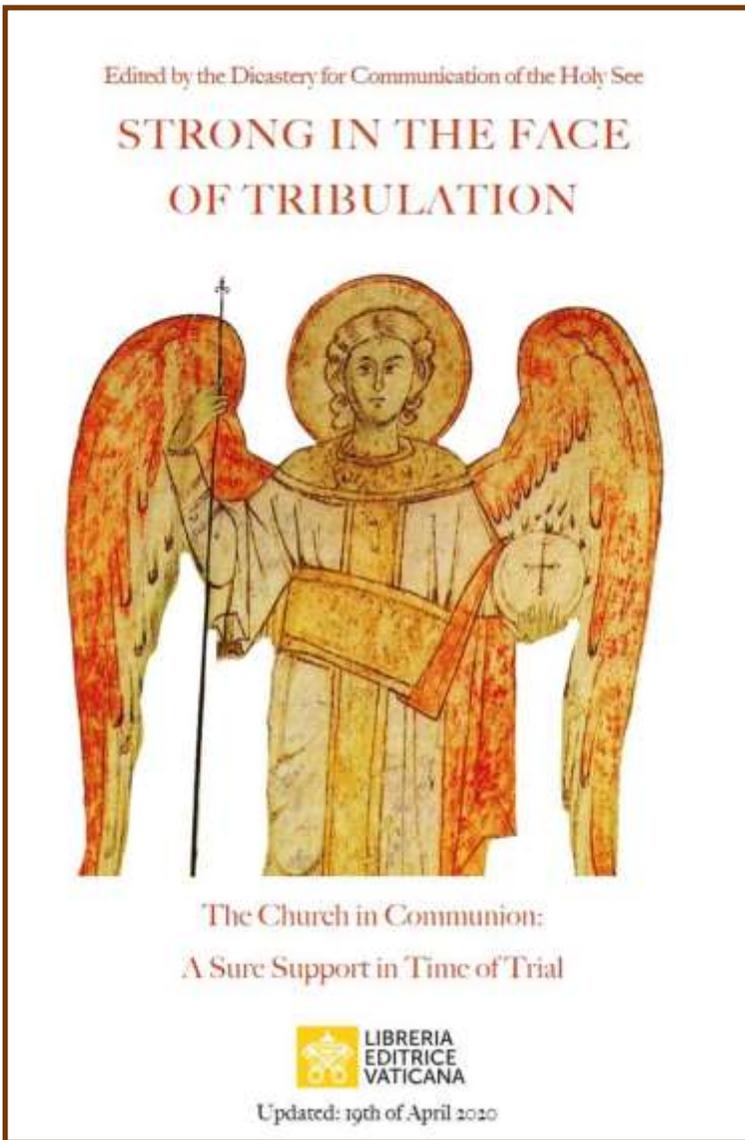
The Vatican has released a free online prayer book to help Catholics seeking divine assistance amid the coronavirus crisis.

The 192-page book is available for download on the website of the Vatican's publishing house, the [Libreria Editrice Vaticana](#). The publication, which is in PDF format, is available in English, Italian, Spanish, and French. A Portuguese version will be published soon.

The book, entitled *Strong in the Face of Tribulation: The Church in Communion – a Sure Support in Time of Trial*, has an image of the Archangel Michael on its cover and is divided into three parts.

The first part contains prayers, rituals and supplications, including prayers for the sick and for liberation from evil. The second explains how Catholics can continue to practice the faith without the support of the Sacraments. The third section gathers together Pope Francis' reflections since the pandemic struck.

The book is edited by the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication and will be updated regularly.



In the introduction, Andrea Tornielli, the dicastery's editorial director, writes: "This book is intended to be a little help offered to all, so as to know how to discern and experience God's closeness and tenderness in pain, in suffering, in solitude and in fear.

Of course, faith does not eliminate pain; ecclesial communion does not eliminate anguish. Rather, it does illuminate reality and reveal that it is pervaded by the love and hope based not on our abilities, but on the One Who is faithful and never abandons us."

He continues: "On the cover there is an image of the Archangel Michael, who protects the Church against evil and sustains us in this difficult trial, so that this evil may not prejudice our trust in the Father and the solidarity among us, but rather become an opportunity to look at what is truly essential for our lives and to share the love received from God among us all, and in a special way with those who are most in need today."

This publication can be found on the homepage of our parish website (procathedral.ca)