

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 April 2021

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Saint Luke [the author of Acts] describes the life of the early community of believers as being *of one heart and mind*, whose witness to the resurrection of Jesus brought favor upon them. In the second reading, John assures his community that faith in Jesus and obedience enable believers to conquer the world. In the Gospel, the risen Jesus appears at two different times to his disciples, offering them peace and giving them the authority to forgive sins. Thomas, after seeing Jesus, acknowledges Christ's divinity, saying, *My Lord and my God!* All three readings show the transformative power of belief in Jesus' resurrection. Saint John tells us that we become children of God through this belief. Thomas acknowledges Jesus as Lord and God in the Gospel, and he and the other Apostles go on to create an ideal community by proclaiming his resurrection in Jerusalem.

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.

Parish Sacraments

Due to the coronavirus new directives are in place for the preparation and celebration of our sacraments. Please call the parish office if you require more information for: Marriage, Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick.



Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM. Cathedral is open at 2:30 PM.

PASTOR Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, 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 Westenenk

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. 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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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.



Due to the Provincial Shutdown, the parish office is closed until further notice. Please call or email the parish office to contact us and we will return messages in a timely manner. Sign up to receive our parish bulletin at procathedral.ca which will also allow us to send you important information and updates.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 12 - 18 APRIL 2021



Monday	Acts 4. 23-31; John 3. 1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4. 32-37; John 3. 7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5. 17-26; John 3. 16-21
Thursday	Acts 5. 27-33; John 3. 31-36
Friday	Acts 5. 34-42; John 6. 1-15
Saturday	Acts 6. 1-7; John 6. 16-21
Sunday	Acts 3. 13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2. 1-5; Luke 24. 35-48

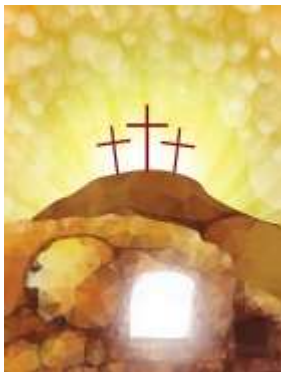
Attend Mass in Person or View Live-Streamed

The provincial regulation for religious celebrations is to seat at 15% capacity. *Because we have already been seating at this capacity, there are no changes to our celebrations at the Pro-Cathedral.*

We will also continue to live-stream our Saturday, 4:00 PM mass for those who do not feel comfortable attending at this time. You can view the mass on our website at: procathedral.ca

A dispensation from attending mass is still in place. Pope Francis invites us to make a Spiritual Communion — that is to invite Christ in to our hearts, and ask that Christ come close to us, and that we come close to Christ.

You can join Pope Francis for Spiritual Communion Posted on Our Website under LINKS at procathedral.ca



Second Sunday of Easter

Do you ever have times – at the dinner table or at a gathering of friends – where all seems right with the world? We hold our breath, conscious of the fragility of those moments, fearful that saying something might jinx things. It's a little like rooting for a pitcher cruising into the bottom of the ninth with a no-hitter – that feeling that we are on the verge of perfection.

Well, as Christians, we are on that verge, although perfection will not come in this life but the next. And so, as fleeting as these human moments feel, and can actually be, we are reminded in today's psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting ... Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His mercy endures forever.'" As we celebrate this Divine Mercy Sunday, and enter the second week of Easter, let us give thanks for the gift of God's great mercy, and pray for the grace to be as loving and merciful to others.

In the story of the doubting Thomas he demanded to place his fingers in the nail marks and his hand in Jesus' side. However, when Jesus addresses Thomas, Thomas' response is immediate and unqualified: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas has recognized the divine nature of Jesus; he sees him not just as the man he has followed, but as God. As Catholics,

we may sometimes face questions about how the Church has come to believe and teach certain things. Thomas' ultimate affirmation encourages us to be steadfast in our faith, and to be patient with any of our own and others' questions. That is because Christ will come to meet us where we are. As the Incarnation of God's divine mercy, Jesus Christ is the one who hears our doubts and insecurities, and he answers them: "Here I am. Look at me. Touch me. Feel my presence." Thomas was not afraid, and we need not fear either. God's mercy is upon us, "and the victory that conquers the world is our faith." Let us witness to our faith as Thomas did to his.



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 12 April - Weekday in the Easter Season

Giuseppe Pavone - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Dist. School Board
Jim Molnar - Vivian Molnar

Tuesday, 13 April - Weekday in the Easter Season

Iris Vendetti - Paul and Nadine Condon
Georgiana Levesque - Richard Levesque

Wednesday, 14 April - Weekday in the Easter Season

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Aline Lalonde - Andree Cornish
Mary Thomas - Catholic Women's League
Harvey Carmichael - Diane Carmichael

Thursday, 15 April - Weekday in the Easter Season

Mike Rossi - The Family
Giuseppe Pavone - Thelma and Rocco Mandaglio

Friday, 16 April - Weekday in the Easter Season

Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Kay and Buck Kyle - Kathie Cohen

4:00 PM Saturday, 17 April - Third Sunday of Easter

Sam Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
Laurina Laframboise - Reg Laframboise and Family
Intention of Roy Swanson - The Swanson Family

Sunday, 18 April - Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Peppino Pavone - Maria Gosselin and Family
Angela Pace - Katherine Voisin
Brent Dunlop - Clifford and Margaret Riopelle

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



Confirmation

Register Soon!

Because of the pandemic, our preparation for Confirmation has been delayed. Even though our preparation is postponed - please register as soon as possible so we can keep in touch with you with further updates.

Students in Grade 7, 8 or 9 are invited to register now to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Our preparation program brings everyone from across our region to prepare together. Youth will celebrate at the parish where they are registered and attend.

Registration for all Candidates is available online only at: www.holynamestalphonus.com/confirmation
A complete list of preparation dates and confirmation procedures can be found here as well.

Our preparation sessions will adhere to all safety protocols and are designed to inspire, have fun, deepen faith and build new friendships.



Catholic Women's League



Invitation from Colleen Murphy, Education and Health Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council Catholic Women's League of Canada:

Alex Schadenburg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition will be presenting "Responding to the Expansion of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide (MAiD)" in a Zoom Meeting on **Monday, April 12 at 7:00 pm.**

Registration is required, by clicking on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88674275665?pwd=T0lxemNYMER4T0Y2QnBiY1pXOGQvQT09>

Alex has always been a staunch supporter of our Catholic Women's League, as well as the Knights of Columbus. He is well versed in the repercussions of the Medical Assistance in Dying legislation in Canada, as well as similar legislation in other countries. He will inform us on the increased access to MAiD with the passing of Bill C-7 in March. I hope to see you there!

The CWL 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Council will be conducted virtually on Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.



Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan CWL Annual General Meeting – will hold the AGM in place of a convention on Saturday, April 17. There is no formal registration for this event, which will be held virtually on GoToMeeting.

The platform for the Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan AGM has changed to Zoom. You will require a computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone to participate. One of the requirements for a "virtual meeting" is to have the capability to vote, which Zoom provides.

Saturday, 17 April 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

Zoom meeting coordinates:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88674275665?pwd=T0lxemNYMER4T0Y2QnBiY1pXOGQvQT09>

Meeting ID: 886 7427 5665 Passcode: 836461



Relay for Life Looking for More Team Members!

Once again, CWL Soul Sisters will come together to relay in the fight against cancer! As many of you may know, this year's relay will be conducted virtually on Saturday, June 12, 2021. If you would like to join our team, please go to www.relayforlife.ca and then Relay For Life in North Bay: CWL Soul Sisters - Cancer Fundraising - Canadian Cancer Society, and then click on "JOIN THIS TEAM". Please contact Leah, Team Captain at pn.thebay@gmail.com, 472-5687, or Co-Captain, Amelia at amelia.pierce9@gmail.com, 845-0256, for information.

The Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life is more than a fundraiser — it's a chance for you to send a powerful message of solidarity to your community.

Why we Relay: each dollar raised will help us be bigger than cancer. Last year, thousands of people across the country came together to support those affected by cancer in their communities. Together, we raised \$23 million at Relay For Life!

LOST & FOUND

Have you lost a set of keys with a company electronic tag? Are you looking for the remote control for your hearing aids?

Call the parish office to identify and we can get these back to you.

We are also looking for a pair of men's prescription eyeglasses with a brown metal frame that were picked up from the Sacristy on Palm Sunday Weekend. If found, please call 474-7561 or the parish office.

Pope's April Prayer Intention ~ Fundamental Rights ~

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



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

Women Alone in Friendship



If you are single, we haven't forgotten about you!!

We hope to begin our informal gatherings again soon outside — **(weather permitting)** for a coffee and bag lunch at the waterfront or some other beautiful outdoor location so we can social distance.

When we advertise a location—please join us as we share our triumphs, fears, our good experiences and sometimes our not-so-good ones in a supportive atmosphere of friendship. Come for the good laughs and conversation. We can compare notes on matters that have resonance for *single people whether through separation, divorce or being a widow.*

Watch our parish bulletin at procathedral.ca and our Facebook site for possible upcoming gathering dates and plan on joining us as we cheer each other on, encourage and support each other.

For more information, please contact Karen Beaulieu at 705-495-6675



Be Centered, Be Safe

Social-distancing protocols are in place and you can still attend mass in person.

You will be required to be seated in the middle of each pew — please follow the direction of the ushers. If required, overflow attendance for our celebrations will still take place in the parish hall where a simultaneous celebration will take place. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated as we all work together to keep each other safe.

One of the most important directions to follow on our return to the Cathedral is that ***it is very important that you sit in the pew you are directed to and do not move once seated to another location.*** Moving locations cross-contaminates and does not allow time for proper sanitization.

Reminders:

- * A dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation to participate in the Mass remains in place for all Catholics.
- * Anyone who is in an at-risk health group or does not feel comfortable attending a public gathering should stay home. Even with the best health practices and increased efforts to clean the Church, there is a risk of infection anytime a person enters a public space.
- * Anyone who is sick or has recently been exposed to the coronavirus should refrain from attending a public Mass as it is an act of charity to safeguard the health of others.
- * Attendance at Masses is still restricted to ensure proper social distancing. ***If required***, we will celebrate a second mass simultaneously each weekend in the parish hall.
- * We are mandated to wear masks by the Ontario Medical Office of Health and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario. We ask that you ***please bring and wear your mask before entering the Cathedral.***
- * Follow all directions from our ushers so social distancing can be maintained.

STAY CONNECTED!

Not only do we send out the bulletin electronically each week in full colour, we use this means of communication to periodically share current news on a timely basis that affects the Cathedral.



Stay connected by signing up for the bulletin at: procathedral.ca

REGIONAL NEWS

North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre:

Appointments can be made to see clients/visitors by calling 475-9270. Along with guidance and support, did you know that we provide layettes to new moms and also have a baby clothes closet? Donations of diapers, wipes, baby wash, etc. & much more are appreciated. Please call to see what our requirements are. Looking for volunteers for different roles as well! Please call if you can help. If you would like to be part of our prayer ministry, email judyproulx@icloud.com



The Good Samaritan Corner: The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs. If you can donate your time, please consider:

The North Bay Food Bank – 1016 Fisher Street, 705-495-3290 Homeless kit items needed:

juice – tetra boxes bread peanut butters
mall boxes of cereal crackers granola bars
dried fruits and nuts

easily opened (pop top lids) items such as meat, pasta, fruit, & soup

The North Bay Food Bank provides food hampers that contain non-perishable food items & personal hygiene, baby items to people in North Bay and Redbridge once per month? When donating items, it is important to remember that they can not accept items that are left outside our doors, or if they are dated 2019 or earlier. For more information, visit <https://northbayfoodbank.ca/>

See how you can help and read more on the Pro-Cathedral website procathedral.ca under OUT-REACH

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Please help keep our records up-to-date! Drop this form into our mail slot at the office or email us the information.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ P/C: _____ Cell Phone: _____

- I am new to the parish and I wish to register
- I am unsure if registered, please check
- I have recently moved, please update



- I wish to donate using:
- Contribution Envelopes
 - VISA/MasterCard
 - Pre-Authorized Bank Donations