

Fourth Sunday
of Easter
25 April 2021

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 proclaims to the elders that the cripple who has been healed and saved was done so in the name of Jesus. This is the Jesus that they had crucified and *whom God raised from the dead*. The First Letter of John says that through the love of God we are now the children of God; what we shall become is not yet revealed. In the Gospel, Jesus says, *I am the good shepherd...[who] lays down his life for the sheep*. God loves us so much that we are not simply *called* God's children, but in fact *are* God's children now. This love is that of a good shepherd, who knows and cherishes his sheep, and who, unlike others, will sacrifice his own life for the safety of his flock.

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 just before 3:00 PM.

PASTOR Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, D.D.
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

RECTOR Msgr. Dave Tramontini
ASSISTANT Rev. Rex Lumine

PERMANENT MINISTERS

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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 26 April ~ 02 May

Monday	Acts 11.1-18; John 10. 1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11. 19-26; John 10. 22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12. 24—13.5a; John 12. 44-50
Thursday	Acts 13. 13-25; John 13. 16-20
Friday	Acts 13. 26-33; John 14. 1-6
Saturday	Acts 13. 44-52; John 14. 7-14
Sunday	Acts 9. 26-31; 1 John 3. 18-24; John 15. 1-8



58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations



This Sunday, 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. Pray that those that the Lord is calling to serve the Church will overcome their fear, and allow God to shape them into who he has made them to be.

Today also gives us the opportunity to reflect on, and give thanks for, the rich variety of ways through which men and women live out their Christian Vocations in today's world. Our paths may be different, but we are all called by God to journey together through life, sharing our time, talents and resources, and "choosing to make a difference" as we try to make our part of the world a better place.

You can read the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2021 World Day of Vocations— "Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation" under LINKS at procathedral.ca.

Also posted is the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart) which he refers to in his message.

There are a number of vocational choices for adults. We can choose to be married, or be single, or be a priest or sister. We must discern which vocation will be the best choice for us, so that we can develop our personalities and gifts to our fullest potential. God has a dream for each one of us that we will grow to be fully alive, so that we can share life, and generate life around us, and make our part of the world a better place. This is our vocation.

Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in our hearts as God's people.

Families with a lively spirit of faith, love and reverence contribute greatly to this work to encourage young people to think seriously about their future vocation.

**Watch our live-stream, Saturday 4:00 PM Mass
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**

**We will re-schedule all masses
once we are again open to celebrate mass.
Thank you for your patience.**



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

Development and Peace

Our Share Love, Share Lent campaign invited you to open your hearts to loving our most excluded and vulnerable sisters and brothers. And you responded with immense generosity and kindness. Despite facing your own pandemic-related isolation and challenges, you kept a special place in your heart for those in even greater need. We are humbled by your commitment to peace and justice.



We remain deeply committed to our mission of serving the poorest of the world. Development and Peace plays a critical role in putting the social teachings of the Church into action. Our Lenten campaign was directly inspired by the rich teachings of Pope Francis in his encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, that move us beyond ourselves and urge us to value "the worth of every human person."

May we carry the Paschal spirit of renewal through the moments of change within Development and Peace and in our troubled world thirsting for peace and justice.

Thank you for being a community with us, for standing by our side and for giving hope to the 15.6 million people we work with.

Thank you to Lorraine Atchison who continues be our liaison with Development and Peace Head Office, providing current information and news that we can share with you.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart ... He will direct your path."
(Proverbs 3: 5-6)

WWW.BEAPRIEST.CA

Pray the Rosary With Us *LIVE* Virtually!

At 11:30 am each weekday before mass, a group of faithful parishioners have been leading us in the Rosary.

In the spirit of maintaining a sense of community and prayer, they are now offering this through virtual means (online teleconference) and would love it if you join them *starting on Monday, April 26*, Monday to Friday from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm to pray the Rosary.

While we may not be able to gather in person, we can continue this beautiful prayer and be present with one another in this **VIRTUAL LIVE EVENT**.

Here is the link to log in Monday to Friday at 11:30 am (same link each day):

Pro-Cathedral Weekday LIVE Virtual Rosary

Please join from your computer, tablet or smartphone at:

<https://www.gotomeet.me/ProCathedral/rosarygroup>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Canada: [+1 \(647\) 497-9391](tel:+16474979391)

Access Code: 522-660-557

Note: To avoid technical difficulties – we suggest you install GoToMeeting and log in by 11 AM to ensure all settings (audio/video) are enabled according to your device.

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/522660557>

Sincere thanks to Judy Kelly-Manary, Karen Beaulieu, Richard Levesque, and Celine Mayer who will be continuing to lead this prayer virtually.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!



Catholic Women's League

Membership Renewal: The CWL is the voice of Catholic women expressing their values and promoting dignity and justice for all. The CWL is a gift of faith, friendship and support, offering leadership development and affirmation. The CWL invites all Catholic women to share their gifts and make a difference.

We are accepting memberships by mail this year. Please send your renewals to: Vicki Doucette, Treasurer
387 Princess Street West - North Bay, ON - P1B 6C7

Make cheques payable to the CWL Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Parish, **Questions?** Please call Brenda Passmore, Membership Chairperson, at 474-0447.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

For all of us, living as “children of God” is certainly not for the faint of heart! As our Psalm today says, we should place our trust in God – take refuge in him – rather than in what others may think of us. Why? Because living as disciples of Jesus can fly in the face of cultural norms. After all, Jesus was the stone the builders rejected – who became the cornerstone! He and the apostles challenged the status quo and faced ridicule and rejection, and even death because of it. Still, they always did the right thing. That’s hard, for sure. But Jesus, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for us, and that requires a response. Discipleship calls us to serve others by doing the right thing so that God’s kingdom will triumph over the kingdom of darkness.

St. John told his community that “the reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.” The key to being a loving force for good in the world is humility, and looking to God, rather than how we are perceived on social media or the car we drive, for our identity and worth. Tackling our ego begins by taking stock of what we value and whose opinion (rightly or wrongly) matters to us. Once we have explored those troubled waters, we can absorb St. Teresa of Calcutta’s advice: “Accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked. Be kind and gentle even under provocation.” Our slow steady witness shines light into darkness. The consistent challenge of our Christian behavior, offered without judgment, will promote God’s values in our families, schools, work, and neighborhoods. Our faithful witness allows God to work. Remember, God uses the stones that are rejected to become the cornerstone.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you to live humbly. Then ask the Spirit to open the door for you to invite others to know the joy of living according to God’s ways.

True intimacy with God
always brings humility.

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.

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.



Confirmation Register Soon!

Because of the pandemic, our preparation for Confirmation has been delayed, however, we would like you to register soon so we can keep in touch with you with further updates.

Students in Grade 7, 8 or 9 can register online at:
www.holynametalphonsus.com/confirmation

REGIONAL NEWS

North Bay Right to Life works to deepen respect for human life and heighten public opposition to abortion and euthanasia and other threats against human life both in the Christian Community and among the general public. **The Right to Life Annual meeting** will be held via Zoom on Monday May 3rd at 7:00PM. An agenda and Zoom invite will be sent out next week so stay tuned for the link!

Marriage Preparation Course being offered May 14 & 15. Couples should contact Samantha Briggs at 705-471-3284 as soon as possible to register.

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:

Indigenous Friendship Centre
 980 Cassells Street (705-472-2811)

Suswin Navigator Support Program: Clothing needed - hats, mitts, hand warmers, foot warmers
 Food needed - granola bars, juice boxes
 Personal hygiene items needed: Feminine hygiene products, all types.

The Indigenous Friendship Centre's Suswin Village Project is the result of the Suswin Navigator Support Program. The program was launched in 2017 designed to help homeless Indigenous community members navigate supports and services. In the first three years, the Suswin Navigators have a 63% success rate in finding homes for Indigenous community members.

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

Parish Donations 2021

If you need any information on our donation options, please do not hesitate to call or email the parish office - we are still checking in to make sure we can connect with everyone!

If you are currently not contributing financially we ask that you prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to the parish.

Ways You can Help Support our Parish

- 2021 Parish Envelopes
- Pre-authorized donations from your bank account.
- Credit card donations
- E-transfer music.finance@procathedral.ca
- Use our "Donate Today" button on our website at procathedral.ca

Have you thought about changing to pre-authorized donations through your bank or credit card? It's a safe and reliable way of supporting the Cathedral while allowing us to better budget!

If you are already donating through pre-authorized bank account or credit card donations your deductions will continue the same into 2021 unless you would like to revise the amounts deducted. Contact the parish office if you would like to revise your contribution amounts. If you donate through automatic withdrawals, you do not need to take parish envelopes.

Only if it does not cause hardship to you, we are grateful for your continued support.

Caring for Others who are Sick

GRACIOUS HEALER,

**I entrust my loved ones into your care.
 Ease the burdens that this illness brings.
 Relieve the sharp edges of pain.
 Stir up hope amid adversity.
 Give them spiritual strength to cope
 With the difficulties of their situation.
 Encourage them to lean on you
 and to find comfort in your presence.
 May those who help them
 do so with compassion and skill.
 Let all who are near my loved ones
 be a source of love and hope.
 I commit my loved ones who are ill
 into your care and safe keeping.
 Hold them close with your love
 as you gather them under your wings.**

Amen