

03 MARCH
2024

THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, God delivers his commandments. Paul explains to the Corinthians that the challenge the Gospel poses to Jews and Gentiles is also the power and wisdom of God to those who receive it. In the Gospel, Jesus drives the money changers out of the temple. When questioned about this, Jesus says he would rebuild the temple in three days if it was destroyed. Later, his disciples understood this to be a prediction of his resurrection. Jesus has such reverence for the temple, God's dwelling place, that he overturns tables and drives away those who are abusing its true purpose. This place here, where we are gathered and will receive Jesus in the Eucharist, is God's dwelling place as well. Let us allow Jesus to cleanse our hearts and our minds, that he might renew us as his dwelling place, his temple.

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

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

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 to Thursday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	2 Kings 5. 1-15a; Luke 4. 24-30
Tuesday	Daniel 3. 25, 34-43; Matthew 18. 21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4. 1, 5-9; Matthew 5. 17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7. 23-28; Luke 11. 14-23
Friday	Hosea 14. 1-9; Mark 12. 28b-34
Saturday	Hosea 5. 15b—6.6; Luke 18. 9-14
Sunday	2 Chronicles 36. 14-17a, 19-23; Ephesians 2. 4-10; John 3. 14-21

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 04 - 10 March

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday	10:00 AM	Church	Funeral: Carmela De Marco
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Church	Funeral: Audrey Loukidelis
	5:00 PM	Hall	Alpha Gathering
	6:15 PM	Church	1 st Reconciliation Celebration
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Hall	CWL General Gathering
Thursday	6:30 PM	Hall	Catholic Girls League
	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Friday	5:30 PM	Church	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	All Day	Hall	Private Function
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, March 5 - Weekday in Lent - 12:05 PM

Mary Miscio - Catherine Celebre and Family
 Vic Petella - Mary Lou Smith

Wednesday, March 6 - Weekday in Lent - 12:05 PM

JA Stephenson - Crystal Nguyenan-Stephenson
 Maria Rosário Gomes and José albano Costa - Antonio and Flora Costa
 Intention of Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

Thursday, March 7 - Weekday in Lent - 12:05 PM

George Renton - Carole Anne and Cynthia Renton
 Rev. Rheal Perron - Nadine and Paul Condon

Friday, March 8 - Weekday in Lent - 12:05 PM

Frances Agius - John Agius
 Gary Potter - Ann Sullivan
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Saturday, March 9 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - 4:00 PM

Serafim Carreiro - The Carreiro Family
 Addie and Laura Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
 Joseph Slattery - David Slattery

Sunday, March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM George Renton - John and Michelle Valiquette

11:00 AM Caterina Bruno - Ladies Auxiliary of the Davidi Club
 Int. of the Pro-Cathedral Parishioners - Fr. Larry Rymes



Church Cleaning Volunteers

Do you have time to help us out on Friday mornings? Cleaning supplies and coffee supplied!

We just need you to help out with some dusting, wiping down woodwork, removing debris from the pews, etc.

No heavy lifting or vacuuming. Call the parish office if you can help out! Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent

Held in the Cathedral at 5:30 PM



Sunday Collection - 25 February

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$3,207.55	\$1,027.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance \$ 27,415.52

Sunday, 25 February

Roof Loose \$ 361.70

43 Receipted Donations \$ 1,197.30

Orchard Gift Card Sales

4 Cards X \$5.00 Profit \$ 20.00

Total Profit to 25 February \$ 220.00

Twiggs Gift Card Sales

4 Cards X \$5.00 Profit \$ 20.00

Total Profit to 25 February \$ 20.00

New Roof Campaign Balance \$ 29,014.52



Set your clocks AHEAD One Hour

Next Sunday, March 10 at 2 AM or before you go to bed!



A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on **Tuesday, March 12** 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 11. *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*

Catholic Women's League



Come out to our **General Gathering** on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm. Pray, socialize and find out what our Council's next project will be!

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.

Special Parish Collection for Catholic Charities

According to the Government of Canada, in 2023 one in five (20%) who menstruate say they may not afford hygiene products at some point in the next 12 months, and 7% say this is very likely. Six in ten of the first group agree that inflation has increased the likelihood of not affording these products.

The Pro-Cathedral Catholic Women's League of Canada will be collecting pads, tampons and menstrual underwear at the back of the church from March 9-31 for our Catholic Charities

(Located in the Pro-Cathedral rectory basement)

Help us support the health and welfare of women who struggle financially to purchase these products.

Please bring your donation and place in the baskets that will be provided for this purpose.



Volunteers Needed for our Funeral Ministry Team

The ministry is comprised of individuals who assist, prior to and during each Funeral Mass, by setting up the Sacristy and the church with the necessary items for the celebration of the Mass.

Volunteers usher, operate the elevator, carry up the cross, assist with the incense, greet visitors and hand out worship leaflets. There are also occasions when the minister will proclaim the readings for the family and assist in distribution of the Eucharist. Whatever you are comfortable doing—there is a role for you!

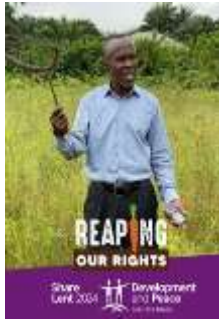
This ministry is most rewarding as it provides the opportunity to offer solace and support to our Christian family and loved ones of the deceased when they need it most.

Most funerals take place on weekday and Saturday mornings. Team members are notified of upcoming funerals and asked to respond with their availability. Training is provided.

If you have time to volunteer for this invaluable service, we would appreciate your call to the parish office.



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity



Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands.

To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read the mini-magazine that was distributed last week in the parish bulletin and posted on our website at procathedral.ca under BULLETINS or on our Facebook page.



Development and Peace Stamp Collection

Don't forget that your stamps affixed to the right corner of your envelopes can help fund Development and Peace projects as they sell them to stamp collectors. Please support this initiative by simply cutting off the stamps from your envelopes damaging the perforations. **Save them in baggies/envelopes & drop them into the office mail slot.**

Our D & P Coordinator, Lorraine Atchison, will make sure they are sent to the Stamp Project. Thank you!

Getting married in 2024? To help you prepare to

live out your vocation as husband and wife, the Church requires that you participate in a marriage preparation program. Plan to attend the Marriage Preparation Weekend April 12 & 13: 6:30–9:30 pm

on Friday, April 12 followed by 9:30 am–5:00 pm

on Saturday, April 13. Interested couples should call Samantha at 705-471-3284 for more information and to register.



\$25 Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards

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



Congratulations to our Usher Coordinator, Daley Boutilier!



After a season that began in September, and a trip to the Provincial Round representing Northern Ontario, Daley's team made up of Coach, Cheryl Zilinski, Connor Clark, Daley, Emile Roussal and Chantal Laframboise **won Gold!!**

The tournament was run last weekend in Sudbury with all teams bowling 10 games to gain points. "Nerves were showing" said Daley but by the end of the tournament "tears were flowing" as both local teams from North Bay qualified for the National Championships to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland from April 24-27. This is the first time in History that both teams from the same zone qualified for the Nationals.

Daley went on to say that "with the help of great bowling, and my asking of prayers from my inlaws (Donald & Lorraine Shago) ... never underestimate the Power of Prayer." He continued, "We can always use a fan club and prayers for success. I am sure our event will be livestreamed in April."

Congratulations to Daley and his team! Good luck in April!

The Good Samaritan Corner

Addressing the needs of people experiencing homelessness doesn't just mean providing food, essential items, and warm footwear. It also includes advocacy and education.

The **Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness** has prepared a message that people can send to the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Housing Minister to be considered within the upcoming Federal Budget and update the current housing policy. The CAEH is asking people to 'send a message so clear they can't ignore us and put pressure on the government to make the changes needed to fix the housing crisis and end homelessness in Canada.'

Go to [Tell the Government: Build a Better Budget for Housing \(caeh.ca\)](https://www.caeh.ca)

Did you know that ten people in North Bay have self-identified as homeless Veterans? One homeless Veteran is too many! Operation Leave the Streets Behind, is a program run by the Royal Canadian Legion and funded by the Poppy Fund. It was established to prevent and eradicate Veteran homelessness in Canada. The fund provides financial assistance for items such as first and last month's rent, rental arrears, and furnishings. The fund started in 2010-2011 and since then, in North Bay, they have accessed \$86 000 to support Veterans who are near-homeless or experiencing homelessness. For more information about the program visit https://www.legion.ca/docs/default-source/default-document-library/operation-leave-the-streets-behind.pdf?sfvrsn=ffad04f1_4

To support Operation Leave the Streets Behind please contact your local Legion. If you know a Veteran who is near-homeless or who is homeless please contact the Legion at:

Phone: 613-591-3335 or Toll-free: 1-877-534-4666
veteransservices@legion.ca or Contact a Command Service Officer in our area (contact the above for assistance)



The Pro-Cathedral Prayer Line consists of 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

Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 9, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Powassan, **with Msgr. Dave Tramontini**, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Begins with Holy Mass followed by a talk, "Journey to Wholeness", and concludes with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Refreshments will be served. Good-will offerings to defray expenses are appreciated. Everyone welcome.

Holy Name Ring the Bell Raffle Lottery – Win \$25,000: All proceeds to bell tower restoration. Main Prize Draw of \$25,000 on Easter Sunday 2024. Early Bird Draw of \$1,000 this coming New Year's Eve. Tickets are \$20 available at Holy Name or call 495-1501. Must be 18+ to purchase a ticket. Lottery License M853216.

Fish Fry & Concert—Easter Sunday, March 31 from 3 to 7 PM at **Paroisse Ste-Marguerite d'Youville in Val Therese**. \$20/Ticket, Students/Free. You can purchase in advance by calling 705-969-9339. 3 Pieces of fish, fries and coleslaw, cookies and fruit salad.

EDGE for students in Grades 6, 7 & 8 - Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8pm. Students are welcome to join us for games, music, prayer, friends and faith at Holy Name of Jesus Church Visit for more info: www.holynamestalphonesus.com/edge

OVER THE EDGE for students in high school Grades 9-12 -Thursdays from 8pm - 9:30pm beginning November 9! Come to support one another in growing as young people who know and love our faith in Jesus. Nights include games, talks, prayer and socializing and take place at Holy Name of Jesus Church or visit for more info: www.holynamestalphonesus.com/overtheedge

CLAY is a fun, faith-filled youth group led by parent volunteers, for grades JK-grade 5. Join us Thursdays 6:30- 8pm at St. Joseph's Parish, Powassan. Contact Jessica Shepherd 497-6219 for info.

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 remuneration, support and relief.

GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



People process grief in many ways. Reactions to grief may include feelings of numbness, anger, guilt, anxiety, sadness and/or despair.

This Grief & Bereavement Support Group format provides group members an opportunity to share and receive peer support as part of the spiritual processing of the journey of grief. Meetings will be held every Tuesday from 1pm to 3pm in the church hall at Holy Name of Jesus Church starting April 2 and will conclude on May 21. Number of participants will be limited to 10 or less. Adults of any age and spiritual background are welcome. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Holy Name Parish Office at 495-1501 and provide your name, contact information and the person you are grieving for.