

28 April 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, Barnabas introduces Saul to the Apostles in Jerusalem. In the second reading, John teaches that we remain in Jesus by keeping his commandment to love one another. In the Gospel, Jesus uses vineyard imagery to describe our relationship with him and his nurturing Father. Jesus is the true vine, we remain in him as his branches, and his Father is the vine grower pruning us to bear much fruit. When we remain in Jesus, his word remains in us, and we bear the fruit of love for one another. The Father prunes us, knowing what we need and do not need to grow and flourish. No other vine is as life-giving as that of Jesus.

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	Acts 14. 5-18; John 14. 21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14. 19-28; John 14. 27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15. 1-6; John 15. 1-8
Thursday	Acts 15. 7-21; John 15. 9-11
Friday	1 Corinthians 15. 1-8; John 14. 6-14
Saturday	Acts 16. 1-10; John 15. 18-21
Sunday	Acts 10. 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4. 7-10; John 15. 9-17

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 29 April to 05 May

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Church & Hall	Crowning of Mary Ceremony & CWL General Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I, II, III
	6:00 PM	Church	Ukrainian Easter Mass
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy
	12:15 PM	Church	Infant Baptisms
	11:50 AM	Hall	Social Sunday



For Children in Grade 2 & 3

Preparation will begin on **Wednesday, May 8**. If your child has celebrated First Reconciliation and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion, please complete an online registration form found under SACRAMENTS on our website at procathedral.ca. *If your child recently celebrated Confession with us they are already registered and there is no need to submit another form.*

- CANCELLED -

The Craft and Vendor show planned for June has been cancelled and may be re-booked at a later date. We will keep you posted!

Sunday Collection - 21 April

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$2,778.00	\$880.00
ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 21 APRIL 2024	
Roof Campaign Balance	\$48,375.83
<u>Sunday, 21 April Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$697.85
37 Receipted Donations	\$811.55
<u>Orchard Gift Card Sales</u>	\$30.00
6 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$590.00
NEW CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$49,915.23

Thank you for your continued generosity!
 The Campaign requires an average of \$3,845 weekly to reach our goal of \$200,000 this year.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 30 - Memorial-St. Catherine of Siena - 12:05 PM
 Mary Lou Stone - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
 Intention of Karen Steel - Alpha 2024 Group

Wed., May 1 - Memorial-St. Marie De L'Incarnation - 12:05 PM
 Mark Storie - Kathy Storie and Family
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
 Int. of Living and Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League

Thursday, May 2 - St. Athanasius, Bishop/Doctor - 12:05 PM
 Mac Allen - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
 Intention of Terry Marcotte and Family - Robert and Judy

Friday, May 3 - Feast of St. Philip & St. James, Apostles- 12:05 PM
 Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
 Rueben Levesque - Richard Levesque
 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Saturday, May 4 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - 4:00 PM
 Dave Harris - Linda Harris
 José Gomes Albano - Antonio and Floripes Costa

Sunday, May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Eloi Neron - Friends at the Golden Age
 Claudette St. Louis - Lisa, Judy, and Families
11:00 AM Richard Dinnes - Bob and Donna Frechette
 Int. of the Pro-Cathedral Parishioners - Fr. Larry Rymes

On Wednesday, May 1 we celebrate International Worker's Day. We recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.



THE NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE
 TAKE THE CHALLENGE COLLECTION
IS MAY 11 & 12

To reach our goal this year of raising \$200,000 for our campaign, we take a **LOOSE CHANGE SECOND COLLECTION** for the Roof at our Masses.

We currently average about \$450 in LOOSE donations in this collection. If someone donates in an envelope that has their name on it to receive a tax donation — *it is NOT included in this total.* The challenge is to match the loose collection only.

Please be generous in donating your non-receipted LOOSE change to the second collection on May 11 & 12 - the donor has agreed to match up to \$1,000 - Thank you!



A Ministry is calling YOU

The children in our parish gather each Sunday for Liturgy of the Word. The children leave the assembly at the beginning of Mass and return for the Liturgy of Eucharist (approximately 1/2 hour). There is a space in the

Lower Sacristy where the children gather.

There are two adults present each Sunday. The Leader leads the children in a Reflection on the Readings of the Sunday and all materials for the reflections are provided in The Sunday Leader Guide.

We have an amazing pianist who accompanies the children in sung prayer for the Psalm and Alleluia.

If you are interested in this ministry please join behind the children any Sunday to see if this Ministry is a way you can become involved.

We are in need of new members to join our AMAZING Team. Any young/older adults men or women are welcome. Thank you, for responding to this ministry in our parish.

Looking forward to meeting you,

Darlene Truchon, Coordinator for Liturgy of the Word

Contact for more information: darlene.truchon@gmail.com

Pope's Pastoral Works—Next Sunday, May 5



This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the collection is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church.

Easter Divine Liturgy (Mass) in Ukrainian/English Saturday May 4 at 6 pm at the Pro-Cathedral With Traditional Blessing of the Easter Baskets

Everyone is Welcome!

Celebrant ~ Fr. Peter Bodnar, Pastor
St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Sudbury, Ontario
For more information email or phone
stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca or 705-665-2869



The blessing of the Easter Basket containing the food for the first meal of Easter has been a beloved Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin. Easter was greeted with great joy as the day when Christ arose and Lenten fasts had ended.

Catholic Women's League



Please join us at our General Gathering on **Wednesday, May 1st** starting at 6:30 pm in the Church with the Crowning of Mary ceremony, which is a tradition in honouring Mary in the month of May.

This will be followed by a short business meeting in the parish hall and refreshments. As well, Deborah Hickey, Diocesan Treasurer/North Bay Regional Chair, will visit our council to follow-up on the CWL Unity Outreach Program that we participated in last year.

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.

Where are You at Mass?

Watch a video on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and see how the children link the Last Supper to the Preparation of the Chalice, to the Gesture Offering. Visit our website at <https://procathedral.ca> Ministries/Children & Youth and Scroll Down

Did you know that Catechesis of the Good Shepherd operates out of the Atrium located right here at the Pro-Cathedral?

This amazing program is available to your children and will give them the opportunity to work with materials that link Scripture to Liturgy.

\$25 Twigg's and Orchard Gift Cards

Cards are available at the Parish Office and at Mass on the last Sunday of the Month!



**I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him
will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.**

+ MEMORIAL FUND +

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



ELOI NERON

Pope Francis Tweet this Week

The love we receive from the Lord is the force that transforms our lives and enables us to love. We are able to love only because He has loved us, because He pours His own Spirit of holiness into our hearts. His love heals and transforms us.



Blessed white candles are available immediately before and after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy to pick up and light a vigil candle. At that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of \$5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs.

Back Packs of Love

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay will be accepting donations on Saturday, May 4 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Pro-Cathedral parking garages (corner of McIntyre & Plouffe Streets).



The Pro-Cathedral has been asked to "Adopt an Essential Item" for this campaign and our items are SOCKS and SILVER EMERGENCY BLANKETS.

Please donate these items on May 4 or drop them off to the parish office. If anyone would like to sponsor a box of emergency blankets, contact Karen at the Parish Office - she can order them from ULINE for \$50/case of 25 blankets.

You can also drop off other items that are needed on May 4—see complete list on the poster located on the church bulletin board.

The Good Samaritan Corner

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs.

Backpacks of Love

The drop off day is Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Pro-Cathedral parking garages. For more information contact Leah Pierce at 705-472-5687.



New item donations include:

Sturdy backpack or duffle bag, silver emergency blanket, tarp, small hairbrush (not combs), toilet paper, towelettes/wipes, lip balm, toothpaste and toothbrush, feminine hygiene products, sunscreen (cream only), insect repellent (cream only), sun hats, ball caps, rain poncho, six-pack of socks (light and heavy), reusable water bottle, deodorant, travel size shampoo & conditioner in one and body wash.

For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay> or contact Leah Pierce at 705-472-5687 or at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Each Friday 11 AM - NOON

TIM SILVER ORDINATION TO DIACONATE

Holy Name of Jesus parishioner Tim Silver, will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on **Friday, May 17 at St. Timothy's Parish in North York by Bishop Scott McCaig**. If you would like to attend the Ordination of Tim, you can book a spot on a Charter Bus organized by Holy Name of Jesus. Contact 705-495-1501 to reserve your spot - each seat is only \$20 (non-refundable). Departure from North Bay on Friday, May 17 at 1:30 pm; Ordination Mass at 7 pm; Departure from Toronto at 9:30 pm. Please keep Tim in your prayers!

North Bay Native, Michael Kelly Concert at St. Joseph's Motherhouse Sacred Heart Chapel (limited capacity) May 11 from 6 to 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20—contact switchboard at 705-474-3800. Payment by debit or credit card accepted. Donations to support ministries will be accepted—basket will be available at time of concert.

11th Annual Toilet Paper Drive supporting 16 Food Banks (including our Catholic Charities at the Pro-Cathedral) - next drop off is May 4 at Giant Tiger on Algonquin from 10 AM to 2 PM. Also during business hours in May at Allison the Bookman, Davedi Club, and TD Bank Main Street.

Craft Sale: St. Brice's Church 1225 Cassells Street, May 4 from 10 AM to 3 PM in the hall.

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay presents—Homelessness & Affordable Housing Virtual Presentation with Dr. Carolyn Whitzman, Housing & Social Policy Researcher on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 PM. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83290694430>

North Bay Right to Life has chartered a bus to attend the March for Life in Ottawa for Thursday, May 9 leaving Northgate Shopping Centre at 7 AM and returning around 9 PM. Fares must be booked and paid in advance. Adults \$30, Students \$10—call Jeannine to book a seat at 705-724-3424.

Spring Sweets Dessert Gala: Support the North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre by attending this event May 3 at the Callander Community Centre 1984 Swale Street—6:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by contacting nbphrc@hotmail.com or 475-9270

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.

Pray During the Day! Holy Name is open daily Tues-Fri, 11:30am to 4:30pm for prayer in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You can pop in at any time, for how long or how short you would like. We need adorers—call Karen at 495-6675 if you can help.

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.holynametalphonsus.com/edge