

07 April
2024

SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The first reading describes how the early community of believers held everything in common. In the second reading, John writes that to love God is to keep his commandments, and that faith in Jesus conquers the world. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples in a locked room and breathes on them, giving them the power to forgive sins. In today's Gospel, Jesus confers his divine power to forgive sins on the Apostles through the Holy Spirit. This forgiveness is still available to us in the sacraments. The gift of God's mercy calls us to also perform acts of mercy to ensure that, as in the earliest communities of believers, no one among us is in need.

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	Isaiah 7. 10-14; 8. 10d; Hebrews 10. 4-10; Luke 1. 26-38
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, 17-29; 1 John 2. 1-5; Luke 24. 35-48

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 08 - 14 April

Date	Time	Location	Event
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Hall	Right to Life Meeting
	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	9:30 AM	Church	School Mass
	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I, II, III
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy



Thank you to the students, parents and staff of St. Alexander's School for their generous donation of food to our Catholic Charities Food Bank.

All through Lent the students were encouraged to think of those who are in need and to make a donation of food items.



We thank them for their generous hearts!

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT - EASTER WEEKEND

Roof Campaign Balance \$ 36,015.66

Sunday, 31 March

Roof Loose \$ 677.15

39 Received Donations \$ 5,997.25

New Roof Campaign Balance \$ 42,690.06



Next weekend, April 13/14 a parishioner has offered to match the **LOOSE CHANGE** given in the Second Collection for the roof (up to \$1,000).

We are averaging about **\$450** in our loose change collection every weekend. *If we can double our generosity next weekend, we will be much further ahead in our roof campaign.*

Thank you to this anonymous donor who has offered the challenge to any other parishioner to match the Loose Collection in the future.

If you would like to participate in this way, please let us know – we would love to hear from you. Your generosity can be acknowledged or remain anonymous at your choice.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 9 - Weekday in the Easter Season - 12:05 PM

Frances Agius - John Agius
 Catherine Bruno - Maria Gosselin
 Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Wednesday, April 10 - Weekday in the Easter Season - 12:05 PM

Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
 For All Souls in Purgatory
 Intention of Brenda Boudreau - Susan Boudreau

Thursday, April 11 - St. Staqnislaus, Bishop/Martyr - 12:05 PM

Msgr. Angelo Caruso - Ted and Sharon Hargreaves
 John Hirvilammi - Donna and Family
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, April 12 - Weekday in the Easter Season - 12:05 PM

Jeannette Dominico - Randy Dominico
 Intention of Ben Oakes - Ann Sullivan
 For a Special Intention - Katherine Voisin

Saturday, April 13 - Third Sunday of Easter - 4:00 PM

Vic Pettella - Katherine Amo and Patricia Culhane
 Michael Gauthier - The Family
 In Thanksgiving - John and Carol Rowe

Sunday, April 14 - Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Rocco Vendetti - Jessica and Pedro Costa
 Carmela De Marco - Elisa Giustra and Family

11:00 AM Peter Murray - Elizabeth and Mary Louise Delarosbel
 Int. of the Pro-Cathedral Parishioners - Fr. Larry Rymes

Weekly Collection Report EASTER WEEKEND COLLECTIONS	
Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$4,268.20	\$1,368.27

Special Collection
Holy Land
\$2,142.80

Special Collection
Flowers & Decorations
\$1,265.00

Special Collection
Share Lent
\$4,854.55

Special Collection
Easter
\$3,742.50

Thank you all of our Pro-Cathedral parishioners and to our many Easter Visitors for their generosity!



Please note that these totals do not include pre-authorized bank donations and credit card donations for April as they are not received until mid-month for posting purposes.



Solar Eclipse Safety

On Monday, April 8 there will be a solar eclipse when the Moon moves between the Sun and the Earth.

In North Bay, it is expected to be between 2:00 and 4:30 PM, with the peak happening at 3:20 PM. That's when most of the Sun's light will be covered by the Moon.

How to Protect Your Eyes During a Solar Eclipse

It is dangerous to look directly at the sun any time – and especially during an eclipse. This can harm your eyes and even cause permanent damage and loss of sight.

The best way to avoid eye damage during a solar eclipse is to go indoors and do not look at the sun.



Blessed white candles are available ½ hour before and ½ hour after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy and ask our Sacristan for your vigil candle. It will be lit and at that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of \$5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs.

Catholic Charities Clothing Depot operates from the Pro-Cathedral rectory basement every second Wednesday from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help out with pre-sorting clothes, usually the Tuesday afternoon before opening on Wednesday.



If you have some time to spare and can help us to sort the donated items and help distribute clothes, please call the parish office. There are several scheduled church groups who help us out so your commitment may only be every six weeks. Thank you for your consideration!

If you have clothes or footwear in good repair, please donate by dropping them off at the parish during office hours. We are moving into summer and can only accept seasonal clothing due to limited space.



Winner of the MARCH 2024 Draw of \$945.00 is CATHERINE MINOR (Ticket #B-7996B) congratulations!

Raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay, Ontario under License #RAF1355768. Each draw is generated by computer and the winner is chosen randomly. Rafflebox is a government regulated raffle provider.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

On this Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday,

we recall the great events of God's everlasting mercy which we have celebrated over the past two weeks, through Holy Week and this past week's accounting of the stories of the Resurrection. We are reminded today that the effect of the Resurrection on the first community is seen in the love they have for one another and the freedom they have to care for the least among them so generously. We can pray for that grace for our time. The Thomas story is powerful. Jesus invites Thomas, in the midst of his doubts, to enter his wounds to know who he is, for Thomas and for us. We are invited today to contemplate those wounds, to enter them, to experience the power of God's everlasting mercy for us, in Jesus, and to be grateful. Believing is seeing – seeing that we have nothing to fear when we recognize our Lord and our God.



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.



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.

Baptism & First Reconciliation are the pre-requisites to receiving First Communion.

If your child has not received these two sacraments contact our parish office.

We want to work with you to have your child be able to receive their First Communion.

† MEMORIAL FUND †

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



EDWARD LAROCHE

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.

Mark your calendars and let your friends know about an upcoming event at the Pro-Cathedral.



We will be hosting a parish fundraiser by renting tables and charging a small entrance fee to a Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, June 29 in the Parish Hall.

Rent a six-foot table for \$50 and sell your wares! Candles, knitting, food items, jewelry, visual arts, fashion, body care, home décor & more!

For more information about renting a table, contact Annette at 495-3584 or annette.d@live.ca

Next weekend! 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.



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.holynamestalphonesus.com/edge

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Food, fellowship and faith at 7:00 AM at St. Peter's. For more information or to register visit: tmiynorthbay.ca



Coming to Stillness: The Deep Love of Jesus

Is your life too hectic? Out of balance? Do you need renewed energy for your inner life? Why not try a contemplative prayer experience on ZOOM sponsored by Shalom Place and facilitated by Sr Léa Joannis.

This evening of guided contemplative prayer will include restful music, inspiring meditation material, silent moments for personal reflection, and optional sharing will be held on **Monday, April 15 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM**. This is the fourth of six sessions but all are welcome to attend any individual session.

Register by email by Friday, April 12 at shalomssm@shaw.ca, on our website at www.shalomplace.ca or by phone at (705) 254-4690. Your financial gift (whatever you can afford) allows the ministry of Shalom Place to thrive and grow.

The Good Samaritan Corner

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

The Committee would like to thank all the volunteers and generous donors who made the first Easter Dinner in partnership with Open Arms Café possible.



On Sunday March 31 at St. John the Divine Anglican Church people experiencing homelessness were provided with a hot meal in a supportive and compassionate environment ... including wonderful musical acts provided by Trinity United Church.

Congregants and parishioners from a variety of local churches took the time to ensure that the Easter Dinner was a huge success.

A big thank you to Peggy Morrison and her team at Open Arms Café for their continued hard work and dedication to food security in North Bay.

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