

02 MARCH
2025

Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!

A tree is always known by its fruits. Many use the excuse that God looks at the heart to justify a worldly lifestyle. They forget that the fruits of their lives reveal the condition of their hearts. A bad tree bears bad fruits, and a good tree bears good fruits. Be holy inside out.

Today's first reading warns of the power of speech to reveal one's faults. In the second reading, Paul explains that Jesus has defeated sin, the cause of death. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to stop judging others, and says that *every tree is known by its own fruit*. In the second reading we heard that death is no longer something to be feared, for it has been *swallowed up* by the victory of Christ: *Where, O death, is your sting?* Jesus' life, death, and resurrection have transformed death into the road to eternal life. Therefore, in this life, we must labor with the steadfast hope of attaining heaven, certain that if we strive to serve the Lord our work is not in vain.

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

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.



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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

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

READINGS: 03 ~ 09 March

Monday	Sirach 17. 24-27, 29; Mark 10.; 17-27
Tuesday	Sirach 35. 1-15; Mark 10. 28-31
Wednesday	Joel 2. 12-18; 2 Corinthians 5. 20—6.2; Matthew 6. 1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30. 15-20; Luke 9. 22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58. 1-9a; Matthew 9. 14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58. 9b-14; Luke 5. 27-32
Sunday	Deuteronomy 26. 4-10; Romans 10. 8-13; Luke 4. 1-13

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.

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week Monday to Sunday, 03 - 09 March

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Tuesday	4:45 PM	Church	Environment Committee
Wednesday	5:00 PM	Hall	Pancake Supper
	6:30 PM	Hall	CWL General Gathering
Thursday	6:00 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to everyone for your generosity to the Roof Campaign Loose Collection last weekend.

We are almost at \$50,000!



Credit Card Donations February

Sunday	Building	Roof
\$3,363.00	\$1,416.00	\$513.89

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 February

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$3,691.70	\$930.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 23 February 2025

Roof Campaign Balance	\$38,396.60
Sunday, 23 February Collection	
Roof Loose	\$552.70
34 Received Donations	\$1,094.00
Pledged Donation	\$2,000.00
Parishioner Matching 23 February	\$1,000.00
Thank you to our generous, anonymous donor!	
Euchre Tournament Profit	\$187.00
Chili Cook-Off Donations	\$1,130.70
Orchard Gift Card Sales 25 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	\$125.00 Profit to Date: \$440.00
Twiggs Gift Card Sales 6 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	\$30.00 Profit to Date: \$35.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$45,029.89

Did you Know? You can pledge to donate a certain amount for each year of our campaign. By committing to this consistent stream of support we can plan and budget effectively for this project!

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 04 March: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Judith Kelly-Manary - Patricia, Dana, and Sean Kelly
Intention of Sue Boudreau - Jessica Costa
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

12:05 PM

Wednesday, 05 March: Ash Wednesday

12:05 PM

9:30 AM Mother St. Bride & St. Alexander School Mass

** NO Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Today

12:05 PM Solemn Celebration for Ash Wednesday

MacInnis & Williams Family Members - Kelly MacInnis & Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League

5:30 PM Solemn Celebration for Ash Wednesday

Thursday, 06 March: Weekday in Lent

12:05 PM

Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
Intention of Philip Edwards - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, 07 March: Weekday in Lent

12:05 PM

Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Geoff and Dan Laplante - The Family

Saturday, 08 March: First Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM

Armand Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
Dr. Kevin O'Grady - The Frair Family

Sunday, 09 March: First Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Joseph Slattery - David Slattery
Mike Boudreau - Marguerite Boudreau and Family

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Each Friday 11 AM - NOON



Congratulations to the winning team of Fr. Larry and Fr. Joseph for their awesome chili last Saturday!

In this friendly competition, everyone enjoyed chili and voted for their favourite.

Thank you to the following teams who volunteered their time, energy, and chili to this competition: The Knights of Columbus, The Dutrisac Family,

the Catholic Women's League, The Choir, and of course, Fr. Larry and Fr. Joseph!

Thank you to everyone who attended and for your generosity. With your good-will offerings we raised \$1,110.70 for the Roof Campaign!



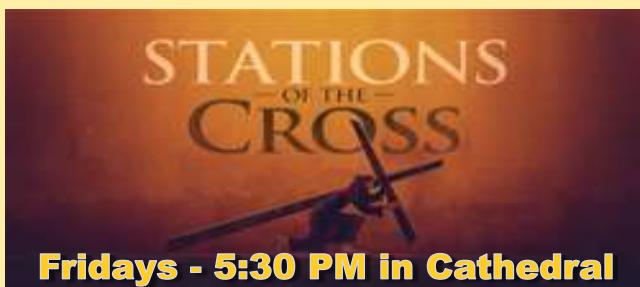


**Lent Begins
on Ash Wednesday
05 March 2025**
**Celebrations
12:05 PM & 5:30 PM**

The ashes on our forehead are our public witness that we acknowledge our failure and sins. We admit our human weakness and plead for Christ's help, because we are powerless without Him.

The sign of the cross on our foreheads is a reminder of the other times of our Christian lives that we have been signed with cross and holy oil: the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the Sick.

On Ash Wednesday this cross upon our forehead is different. There is no sacrament, no holy oils. We are signed with dust, a reminder of our death and decay. The ashes remind us of our sins. And yet, that cross of ashes is not doom and gloom. The cross gives us hope, reminding us that our source of grace is Christ crucified. He conquers sin and death. ***By receiving that cross of ashes, we are making the first step to return to Christ and walk with Him on this Lenten journey, because without Him we are and can do nothing!***



Fridays - 5:30 PM in Cathedral

Lent & Fasting & Abstinence

We may give up meat or other desirable foods on Fridays during Lent, and especially on Good Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.

Our abstinence for Catholics 14 years and older (as long as there are no health issues) is another way of sharing in Christ's work of saving the world. We may also substitute other good actions for abstinence. These could include special acts of charity (visiting the sick or aged,


PRAY FAST GIVE helping those in any need, contributing to a work of charity) or other acts of piety (taking part in a service of worship with others, praying with our family, spending some extra time in personal prayer, especially with the scriptures.



Catholic Women's League

**MARCH GENERAL GATHERING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
YES, ASH WEDNESDAY!**

Plan on attending Ash Wednesday Mass at 5:30 pm and the CWL General Gathering immediately following in the Parish Hall. *The Gathering will include a brief business meeting as well as guest speaker, Bernadette Lindsay from the Nipissing Serenity Hospice, who will give an update on the Hospice and their future plans. Questions and comments will be welcomed.*

There will be time for socializing too since this is our first gathering in 2025!

The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL)
The League: 411 Regional Development Day
March 22, 2025 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Holy Name of Jesus Church

The North Bay Regional Council invites all Women of the region to join us in a day of Inspiration and Connection, as we gather beginning with Mass, attending Workshops with guest speakers, visiting information booths as well as a fun station.

Bring a bag lunch.
Soup, tea, coffee, desserts will be served & more!
Check upcoming bulletins for more details to come.

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, and rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



Gracious God, Lent begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate. Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over me and enter my heart. I ask this for the sake of your love. Amen

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY

**EXPERIENCE PEACE AND LOVE THROUGH THE
BEAUTIFUL SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:**

HEARD SATURDAYS 3:00-3:45 PM



Baptism

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on **Tuesday, March 11** beginning at 6:30 PM. Call the parish office by Monday, March 10 to register.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan policy.

**MARCH
Tickets
on sale
now!**

**PURCHASE TICKETS
BY VISITING**

[www.rafflebox.ca/
raffle/procathedral](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral)

**50/50
RAFFLE**

This raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay under License #RAF143896

Welcome to all Single Women!! (Divorced, Single, Widowed)



Make 2025 the year you join the Pro-Cathedral single ladies social group. Together, we go to a movie, dinner, antiquing, shopping in the surrounding area, coffee every Thursday, theatre (local/Shaw/Stratford), berry picking, card nights, sleigh ride, long & short trips and a number of events we decide together to do.

If this is something you might enjoy, please call Karen for more information at 705-495-6675, or email kbeaulieu914@gmail.com or text 705-493-4191.

We only have two meetings per year to set the agenda and you can choose to attend or not attend any event that is planned. Entirely at your commitment and comfort level.

Parishioners — Can you help?

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for the Home Ministry. If you can help, call the parish office for more information.



Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Hope Church in Sudbury four Saturdays in March. March 8 Msgr. David Tramontini speaks on the theme, "Not About me - all about Him". Confessions 8:00 am; song, praise and morning prayer at 8:30; presentation follows. Mass at 10:15 ending with prayer for interested individuals. A reception will follow.

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.



Did you know that eight people in North Bay are 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: 613-591-3335 or Toll-free: 1-877-534-4666; veteranservices@legion.ca or contact a command service office in your area.

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

\$25 Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards Available at the Parish Office Only until Last Weekend of March at all Masses



DID YOU KNOW? DONATING SECURITIES TO CHARITY SAVES YOU TAX

- Charitable donations of publicly listed securities are exempt from capital gains tax on gains triggered by the gift.
- The donor also will receive a charitable donation receipt for the value of the shares
- No tax on the capital gain and claim for a charitable donation receipt equal to the value of the shares.

If you have investments that you would like to donate to the Pro-Cathedral Roof Campaign, contact the parish office to find out more.