

Fourth Sunday of **LENT** | Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

Welcome to Your Father's House!

30 March 2025


The readings for The Fourth Sunday of Lent, center around profound themes of reconciliation, forgiveness, and the transformative power of God’s mercy. In the First Reading the Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the land of Canaan. This moment signifies not just a physical entry into a new land but a profound transition from their past hardships to a renewed relationship with God, free from the ‘reproach of Egypt.’ In the Second Reading, Paul pleads with the Corinthians to be reconciled to God. This passage underscores the transformative power of God’s forgiveness, urging us to embody and extend this reconciliation in our own lives. The Gospel reading presents the Parable of the Prodigal Son, a narrative that epitomizes divine mercy and forgiveness, illustrating the boundless compassion God offers to all who seek reconciliation. Collectively, these readings invite us to reflect deeply on our personal journeys of faith. They challenge us to recognize areas in our lives where we may be estranged from God or others and encourage us to embrace the grace of forgiveness. As we meditate on these scriptures, we are called to open our hearts to God’s transformative mercy, allowing it to renew us and guide us toward a more profound communion with Him and our community.

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
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: 31 March - 06 April	
Monday	Isaiah 65. 17-21; John 4. 43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47. 1-9, 12; John 5. 1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49. 8-15; John 5. 16-30
Thursday	Exodus 32. 7-14; John 5. 18, 31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2. 1a, 12-22; John 7. 1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11. 18-20; John 7. 40-53
Sunday	Isaiah 43. 16-21; Philippians 3. 8-14; John 8. 1-11

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, 31 March - 06 April

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Hall	Lenten Book Study
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Hall	CWL General Gathering
Thursday	6:30 PM	Sacristy	Baptism Preparation
	6:00 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Friday	12:30 PM (Approx.)	Hall	Share Lent Hunger Meal following the 12:05 PM Mass
	5:30 PM	Church	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:20 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	1:30 PM	Church	Chrim Mass Choir Practice

ATTENTION—KEY/FOB USERS

Please ensure that the Cathedral doors are locked properly. You have to see the red light on the door mechanism to know the door is locked. Please check that you are locking up properly when you enter and leave any of the Cathedral doors — thank you!



A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Wednesday, April 2 beginning at 6:30 PM. Call the parish office as soon as possible to register for this preparation.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan policy.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 March

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$4,045.50	\$760.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 23 March 2025

Roof Campaign Balance	\$71,875.83
<u>Sunday, 23 March Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$655.30
34 Receipted Donations	\$715.65
Maple Syrup Fundraiser 20 Bottles Ordered	\$200.00 Profit to Date: \$530.00
Orchard Gift Card Sales 3 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	\$15.00 Profit to Date: \$575.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$73,461.78

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 01 April: Weekday in Lent **12:05 PM**

Gino Tedesco - Maria Gosselin
 Intention of Cathy Carlino - Art and Lisa Henry
 Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Lucille and Arthur Schiavo

Wednesday, 02 April: Weekday in Lent **12:05 PM**

Denise Bessette - Fleurette Kilmartin
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
 Int. of Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 03 April: Weekday in Lent **12:05 PM**

Gino Tedesco - The Family
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
 Intention of Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque

First Friday, 04 April: Weekday in Lent **12:05 PM**

Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
 Mike Boudreau - Karin O'Reilly
 Norma Milligan - Wilda Beaupre

Saturday, 05 April: Fifth Sunday of Lent **4:00 PM**

Msgr. Norm Clement - Henriette, Simone, and Maryanne
 Katie and Lorne Brownson - Carol and John Rowe
 Monica Allard - Ray Bethune and Family

Sunday, 06 April: Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Mary Miscio - Catharine Celebre
 Victor Proulx - Vince and Helen Zappala

11:00 AM Mike Boudreau - Liza and Ernest Boudreau
 Norma Milligan - Catholic Women's League
 Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

Stations of the Cross

Fridays - 5:30 PM in Cathedral
Next Friday - Mary's Way of the Cross

Prayer for Guidance for Our Prodigal Children

Dear Lord,

We come before You with heavy hearts, seeking
 Your divine guidance for our prodigal children.
 Please lead them back to the path of righteousness
 and fill their hearts with Your love and wisdom.
 Surround them with Your light, and may they find
 their way home to You.

**Grant us patience
 and strength as we
 trust in Your perfect
 plan.**

Amen.



EXTERNAL DEBT AND ECOLOGICAL DEBT: WHO OWES WHOM?

Global financial systems always demand massive debt repayments from countries in the Global South, often on harsh, impoverishing terms. Yet, they do not even acknowledge, let alone repay, a debt owed to those countries. This is the **ecological debt** that Pope Francis addressed in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

Western societies incur this debt while enriching themselves through economic models that rely on plundering resources from the Global South and on overconsumption. Greenhouse gases generated in the process drive the climate change whose brunt is borne by the lowest-emitting countries in the Global South.

Recognizing this ecological debt is an essential step to achieving debt and climate justice and a sustainable future.

Today, 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on debt servicing than on health or education.

That's why Development and Peace are joining their voices to those of Caritas Internationalis and others around the world who want to end these injustices. This Lent, please give generously to support the courageous work of our partners in the Global South. Together, let's end unjust debt and create hope to build a better world!

The Development and Peace "Share Lent Collection" will be taken next weekend at all Masses

- Please be Generous -

100% of the Share Lent Collection goes to Development and Peace for their Good Works.

You can use any envelope and mark it "Share Lent Collection". Be sure to add your name and address to receive credit for your donation.

**Please join us on Friday, April 4 at our Share Lent Hunger Meal in the Parish Hall following the 12:05 PM Mass.
(See Insert for Details)**

Easter Memorial Flowers & Decorations

A beautiful way to remember loved ones during this holy season is to donate memorial flowers and decorations in their memory. Donations will help decorate the altar and sanctuary during the greatest season of the year ... **the Resurrection!**

Please use an envelope and drop into the weekly collection or to the parish office. **Remember to include the names of the people you wish remembered as well as your full name and address for income tax purposes.** Printing would be best!

A listing of remembrances will be printed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. All donations over \$15 are tax deductible.



Remember your loved ones this Easter and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for this beautiful season!



Catholic Women's League

You are invited to our April General Gathering on Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. This gathering will include our Reception of New Members Ceremony, a Spiritual Program, a short business session, and a social to follow. Join us as we welcome new and transferred Sisters in Christ to the Pro-Cathedral CWL Council!

REMINDER!

Don't forget to pay your CWL membership dues for 2025. It's not too late!

You are being called to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service! Your membership is important.

Lent Day of Confessions

Change my heart & help me to follow the way.



Wednesday, 02 April 2025

**10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
St. Peter the Apostle Church**

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Do I centre my life on God, on fidelity to the Gospel and the Commandments?

Do I set aside time for personal prayer?

Do I keep Sunday by participating in the Eucharist? Is Sunday a day of prayer and rest?

Do I observe the penitential practices of the Church? Do I keep Lent as a time of prayer?

Do I behave as a Christian in daily and public life? Is my faith reflected in my employment?

Have I taken property of others – including my employer? Am I envious of what others have?

Do I share my goods with those in need?

Do I respect the reputation of others?

Do I care for my family?

Do I model Christian life for my family: parents, wife, husband, children?

Do I exercise authority with genuine concern and responsibility?

Do I give others the same respect that I expect for myself?

Have I dishonoured my body by thoughts or actions incompatible with Christian life?

Am I faithful to my marriage? Do I set an example of committed single living?

Do I live out my commitments to my spouse and my children to the best of my ability and reflect God's love and faithfulness? How do I deal with the difficulties, failures and disappointments of life?

Do I tend to the spiritual, physical and medical needs of my body? Can others see the grace of Baptism at work in my life?



Triduum & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday - 17 April

Mass of the Lords Supper

Mass at 7:00 PM (No 12:05 PM Mass)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 PM



Good Friday Passion of the Lord - 18 April

Celebration of the Passion at 3:00 PM

(No 12:05 PM Mass)

Good Friday Solemn Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM ~ Note Time Change



Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 19 April

8:00 PM (No 4:00 PM Mass)



Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord - 20 April

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Anishinabe Spiritual Centre (Espanola) Day of Reflection & Reconciliation A Quiet Day to Walk with the Lord: Saturday, April 5, from 11:45 to 6 PM. Lunch, reflections, meditations, speakers, reconciliation, elder and sacred fire available to talk with in the Teepee throughout the day, confessions, Mass. Coffee/tea served all day. Please RSVP by April 1 to Aaron at 705-869-4994 or email: Anishinabe.centre@gmail.com

Easter Sunday, April 20 Fish Fry at St. Marguerite D'Yville Parish in Val Therese. Take out available. From 3-7 PM. Tickets \$20. Student: Free. Purchase in advance by calling 705-969-9339. 3 pieces of fish, fries, coleslaw, tartar sauce, cookies and fruit salad.

Alzheimer Society Dementia Learning Series 4-week education series tailored for care partners, people living with dementia, and those eager to learn about the essentials of dementia care. April 1, 8, 15, 22 (Tuesdays) 9:30am-11:30 am Barclay House 600 Chippewa St. W. To register or for more information, contact us at education@alzheimersudbury.ca or 705-560-0603

2025-2026 Discipleship Formation Program (DFP)-St. Malo, MB Take a year off to dive deeper into your relationship with God and Catholic faith. The DFP is an 8-month live-in program for post high school students 18 years or older, at the Catholic School of Evangelization in St. Malo Manitoba. An opportunity to live in community, develop your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, study the Catholic faith with the head and heart, and to grow in missionary zeal through evangelization and ministry. Come and build friendships with other young adults from various places in Canada. Is God calling you? Tuition is \$7,500...\$300 price reduction when applying by April 30. Apply today at <https://www.catholicway.net/dfp>. For more information please contact Louis or Mary at richards@catholicway.net Join us on April 22 or June 24 for a virtual information session. link found at <https://www.catholicway.net/dfp>.

Soup for the Soul Spring Luncheon & Bake Sale: Redeemer Lutheran (Ferguson Street) on Saturday, April 5 from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Cost \$10/Person, choice of homemade soups, bun, tea/coffee/hot chocolate, and sweets. Bake Sale: Homemade pies, cakes, squares, cookies & more! Everyone welcome—bring a friend!

**Tickets
on sale until
Midnight
Monday,
March 31**

**PURCHASE TICKETS
BY VISITING**

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



**50/50
RAFFLE**

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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

Offering Mass intentions is a tradition of prayer, support, and community. You may request a mass for someone who is deceased; for the intentions of someone who is living; for those who are sick and suffering who need prayers; or in celebration of a special occasion. Contact the parish office to book a mass. A Mass Stipend is \$15.00 and an income tax receipt is provided.



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.

Here are some of the results from the Point-in-Time Count conducted in the District of Nipissing from Wednesday, October 9 to October 16, 2024.

Sources of income:

44%	Ontario Works
38%	Ontario Disability Support Program
5%	Employment



Did you know that 97% of respondents would like permanent housing, and that 57% of respondents were homeless for eighteen months or more in the past three years?

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