



First Sunday of

**LENT**

Welcome to Your Father's House!

09 March 2025

In the first reading, Moses explains to the people how they are to offer their *firstfruits* to the Lord. Paul explores the connection between faith, its profession, and salvation and justification. After his baptism, Jesus spends 40 days in the desert where he encounters the devil and resists his temptations. One way Jesus prepared for his public ministry was to go into the desert, filled with the Holy Spirit, *to be tempted by the devil*. We may have to confront a similar experience during Lent: While striving to follow the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, we encounter temptations to abandon our good resolutions. Jesus' example shows us the disposition we must have if we are to triumph over the enemy.



### 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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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 Noon. 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: 10 ~ 16 March

Monday	Leviticus 19. 11-18; Matthew 25. 31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55. 10-11; Matthew 6. 7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3. 1-10; Luke 11. 29-32
Thursday	Esther 14. 1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7. 7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18. 21-28; Matthew 5. 20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26. 16-19; Matthew 5. 43-48
Sunday	Genesis 15. 5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3. 17-4.1; Luke 9. 28b-36

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, 10 - 16 March

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Sacristy	Baptism Preparation
Thursday	7:00 PM	Hall	Right to Life Gathering
	6:00 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	12:15 PM	Church	Baptism



**Winner of the FEBRUARY 2025 Draw  
of \$402.50  
is MARILYN HALSALL (Ticket #D-1463)**  
**Congratulations!**

Raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay, Ontario under License #RAF1438966. 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!**

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 02 March

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
<b>\$4,662.90</b>	<b>\$1,841.60</b>

## Website Donations February

Sunday	Building	Roof
<b>\$694.00</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>

## ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 02 March 2025

Roof Campaign Balance	\$45,029.89
<b>Sunday, 02 March Collection</b>	
Roof Loose	\$530.20
42 Received Donations	\$3,616.00
Employee Charitable Matching (1 Donation)	\$7,988.00
<i>Corporate philanthropy in which companies match donations made by employees.</i>	
Tip Tap Pay Machine February	\$175.00
February 50/50 Profit	\$293.64
Orchard Gift Card Sales 10 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	\$50.00 Profit to Date: \$490.00
Twiggs Gift Card Sales 10 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	\$50.00 Profit to Date: \$85.00
<b>CAMPAIGN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$57,912.73</b>

## Mass Schedule

### Tuesday, 11 March: Weekday in Lent

Judith Kelly-Manary - Jessica Costa  
Michael Joly - Wendy Jacobs

12:05 PM

### Wednesday, 12 March: Weekday in Lent

Roger Mathieu - Yvon and Jackie Cadrin  
In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

12:05 PM

### Thursday, 13 March: Weekday in Lent

Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary  
Susan Levesque - Richard Levesque

12:05 PM

### Friday, 14 March: Weekday in Lent

Frances Agius - John Agius  
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

12:05 PM

### Saturday, 15 March: Second Sunday of Lent

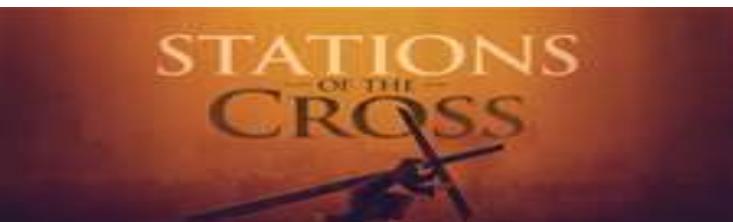
Bill Demarco - The Swanson Family

4:00 PM

### Sunday, 16 March: Second Sunday of Lent

**9:00 AM** Grant McGuinty - Margaret-Anne Lafontaine

**11:00 AM** Intention of the Choir Members - Jessica Costa  
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



**Fridays - 5:30 PM in Cathedral**



*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.*

## 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!**



**OUR NEXT "MATCH THE COLLECTION WEEKEND"**  
will be held March 29 & 30 for up to \$1,000

- \* The challenge is to match the LOOSE collection only - not donations for which people receive credit.
- \* At this time we have March and April covered but no commitments to match after those months. If this is something you or your company would like to do we would appreciate your assistance. You can match the collection exactly (usually around \$500) or up to any amount you would like.
- \* Call the parish office if you would like more information.



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Each Friday 11 AM - NOON



**\$25 Gift Cards**  
**ORCHARDS**  
Available at Parish Office

### 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, 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).



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**Catholic Women's League (CWL)**  
The League: 411  
Regional Development Day  
March 22 ~ 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!  
Bring a friend



A huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring and hosting our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

Thank you to those who attended and for your good-will offerings of over \$1,500.

Catholic men are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. They perform acts of charity through physical works and financial contributions to the Church and community.

For more information about this wonderful group of men, email David Dunkley at: [ddunkley@gmail.com](mailto:ddunkley@gmail.com)



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**50/50  
RAFFLE**

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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.*

## A Journey to Hope: Catholic Girls League Embarks on Lenten Retreat

On Saturday, March 1st, the Catholic Girls League of North Bay (CGL) gathered at St. Joseph's Motherhouse for a spiritually enriching day of reflection and preparation for Lent. Guided by their Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, the retreat, titled "Living as Hopeful Disciples - A Journey to Hope," offered a profound opportunity for the girls to nourish their souls and embrace a transformation of heart.



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The day began with joyful icebreakers that challenged both minds and skills, setting a tone of camaraderie and openness. The heart of the retreat unfolded with carefully guided reflections, designed to draw each participant closer to God and inspire a focus on Him throughout the Lenten season and towards "metanoia".

Adding to the day's blessings were the presence of special guests: Paula Mann, Director of Education for the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board; Fr. Larry Rymes, Patricia Clizia, Sault Ste. Marie CWL Diocesan President; Kathleen Niro, Vice-President; and Debbie Mattiazz, Faith Chairperson. Their support and presence further uplifted the girls on their spiritual journey.

Culminating a day filled with prayer and introspection, the retreat concluded with confessions, Mass, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It was a truly uplifting experience, leaving everyone feeling renewed and prepared to embrace the Lenten season with open hearts.

Sincere gratitude is extended to our esteemed guests and to Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, CCL Leaders, Fr. Larry Rymes, Katie Laporte, Catherine Boudreau, Lisa Henry and CGL President, Charlotte Dunkley who contributed to making this day so special. May this journey to hope continue to inspire and guide us all!

### 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.

**Catholic Young Adults** March 14 at 7pm at Holy Name of Jesus. Join us as we do Stations of the Cross and Vespers (evening prayer from Liturgy of the Hours) then community and fellowship afterward as we attempt to do some escape room in a box. Hope to see you there!

Deceased in 2006 at the young age of 15, the **Blessed Carlo Acutis** will be canonized on April 27, 2025. His 136 eucharistic miracles authenticated by the Vatican is returning to the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie March 22 and 23 at 2:00 PM at Ste-Marguerite d'Youville Parish in Val Therese, Ontario with a guided display in French. For more information, contact Yolande at [y.clement@ssmd.ca](mailto:y.clement@ssmd.ca)

## Order Your Purdys Easter Chocolate



Before March 20 Deadline

Canadian Owned & Made in BC!



The most delicious way to support our Roof Campaign!

### Purdys Easter Chocolate Fundraiser

Purchase your chocolates for gift giving (or eating!) by **March 20 deadline!**

Canadian made chocolates will be delivered to the parish office before Easter.

Our Campaign Number is 70359

Visit our fundraising website link at:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1769670-126239>

Join the campaign and shop!

If you are not comfortable ordering online—pick up a catalogue in the church

and drop off your order with your cheque to the parish office

(made payable to Pro-Cathedral) before March 20 for processing.



### 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 October 9 to October 16, 2024.

- 531 people were identified as homeless
- 31 children under the age of 16 were homeless
- 81% were single and homeless
- 61% identified as male and homeless
- 48% identified as Indigenous and homeless
- 25% were in emergency shelters

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](mailto:CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com).