



Today the Church celebrates the entry of Christ into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. This Sunday is called Palm or Passion Sunday. While Palm Sunday signifies royalty and triumph, Passion Sunday signifies both suffering and love. By freely going to Jerusalem, Christ demonstrates his humility and willingness to save us. On this day, the Christian community begins to re-enact a crucial phase of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. We re-enact the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem as well as his passion. Hence today's celebration reminds us of the dual nature of our Christian lives and journey. We are celebrated today and persecuted tomorrow. Today we are loved, while the next day, we are hated. Today we are praised and castigated the next day. Today, the same people applauding Christ by singing: "Hosanna to the son of David" might equally be the same people to shout: "Crucify him!" At the



Last Supper, Christ humbled himself by serving his disciples and eating at the same table with the one who was to betray him. He taught his disciples to humble themselves just as he humbled himself before Pilate and the chief priests even till death. In all of these, the lesson for us today is that humility is essential in all life circumstances. This includes both good and bad times. Christ was strong, but he humbly became weak for our salvation. He taught us that true power lies in service. He also taught

us that humility is one of the most important virtues we need for our service and mission.

Christ rode on a colt which symbolizes humility. In his suffering, Christ abandoned himself to his enemies without resistance or striking back. Let us, therefore, pray this Sunday that the Almighty God may grant us the humility with which to follow and serve Christ all the days of our life.

**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 Westenken

#### 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

<b>Monday to Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 AM to 4:30 PM</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>

## READINGS: 14 to 20 April 2025

*"He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice ..."*

Monday	Isaiah 42. 1-7; John 12. 1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 49. 1-6; John 13. 21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Isaiah 50. 4-9a; Matthew 26. 14-26
Thursday	Exodus 12. 1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11. 23-26; John 13. 1-15
Friday	Isaiah 52. 13-53.12; Hebrews 4. 14-16; 5. 7-9; John 18. 1—19. 42
Saturday	Genesis 1. 1-2.2; Genesis 22. 1-18; Exodus 14. 15-31; 15. 20, 1; Isaiah 54. 5-14; Isaiah 55. 1-11; Baruch 3. 9-15, 32-4.4; Ezekiel 36. 16-17a, 18-28; <b>Romans 6. 3-11; Luke 24. 1-12</b>
Sunday	Acts 10. 34a, 37-43; Colossians 3. 1-4; John 20. 1-18

**What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week**  
**Monday to Sunday, 14 ~ 20 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	Church	RCIA Walkthrough
Thursday	12 NOON	Church	Environment Committee
	4:00 PM	Church	Rehearsal
	9:00 PM	Church	Environment Committee
Saturday	9:00 AM	Church	Environment Committee
	1:00 PM	Church	Ukraine Liturgy—All Welcome!
	3:30 PM	Church	Rehearsal

**Needs of the Church in the Holy Land**



The collection for the Holy Land is taken on Good Friday. All parishes around the world are asked to support this collection to help Christians in the land where Jesus was born, lived, died, and was resurrected. Funds collected make up the main source of material support for Christians and their communities in the Holy Land.

**Together, we can continue to solidify the sacred home of Christ.** Please use

the envelope provided with your offering envelopes or any envelope marked with your name, address and "Holy Land Collection." Please place in the collection next Friday.


**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 06 April**

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
<b>\$5,454.65</b>	<b>\$1,314.00</b>

**Website Donations March**

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
<b>\$664.00</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>

**ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 06 April 2025**

Roof Campaign Balance	\$74,992.27
<b>Sunday, 06 April Collection</b>	
Roof Loose	\$618.40
27 Receipted Donations	\$819.00
<b>March "Match the Loose Collection"</b>	
Thank you to our generous Donor!	 \$566.95
Tip Tap Pay Machine March	\$170.00
March 50/50 Profit	\$438.24
Orchard Gift Card Sales	\$60.00
12 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	<b>Profit to Date: \$760.00</b>
<b>CAMPAIGN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$77,904.86</b>

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**



**Tuesday of Holy Week - 15 April**  
**Regular 12:05 PM Mass**

Frances Agius - John Agius  
 Vic Proulx - Nadine and Paul Condon  
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

**Wednesday of Holy Week - 16 April**  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions**

**Regular 12:05 PM Mass**

Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary  
 Colleen O'Reilly - Karin O'Reilly  
 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Arthur & Lucille Schiavo



**Thursday—Mass of the Lords Supper - 17 April**  
**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)*

**Solemn Stations of the Cross**  
**7:00 PM**

**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**

**Easter Sunday Masses are in memory of those whose names have been received for our Easter Memorial List**

*Names to be Published in our Easter Sunday Bulletin*



**Good Friday ~ 18 April**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

7:00 PM in the Church  
**(NOTE TIME CHANGE)**

**Palm Sunday ~ Hosanna!**

**Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to You with heartfelt praise. Give us the grace and the courage to follow You this Holy Week from death to resurrection, from darkness to the fullness of light. We need You, Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen**





## The Catholic Women's League

### DIOCESE OF SAULT STE. MARIE COUNCIL CELEBRATING 105 YEARS

Join us in North Bay this year to encounter a refreshed convention experience, in a new venue, in the month of May!

Come to celebrate and pray together in person to sow seeds of hope as "Pilgrims of Hope" in this Jubilee Year. Did you know? The Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council of the CWL represents more than 1,800 members in 30 councils from as far west as Sault Ste. Marie and as far east as Callander and places in between.

Join us from May 23 to May 25, to gather as women of faith, to pray together, to strengthen the bond of sisterhood, to participate in workshops and learn about the CWL, to develop leadership skills, to have fun and share stories, renew acquaintances and create lifelong friendships.

Please contact council president Mary-Lynn Truchon to register before April 23, 2025

Phone: 705-474-3082 E-mail: [mltruchon@hotmail.com](mailto:mltruchon@hotmail.com)



Don't forget to pay your CWL membership dues for 2025. It's not too late! The CWL is a voice of Catholic women expressing their values and promoting dignity and justice for all. It is a gift of faith, friendship, and support, offering leadership development and affirmation. The CWL invites all women to share their gifts and make a difference!



**Thank you to everyone for  
your support at last Friday's  
Share Lent Hunger Meal.**

**We were able to raise \$250 for the Development and  
Peace Share Lent Collection.**

### Easter Memorial Flowers In Memory of a Loved One

**Note that we require your donation  
and names of your loved ones by  
Monday, April 14 in order for the  
name to be added to our Easter Memorial List.**



**Mass of Chrism Goodies were exceptional!  
Thank you to everyone who dropped off baking last  
week for this celebration!**



**Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat for those aged 14 to 59.**

Fasting means we have one regular meal and less at other meals, and of course, no snacking. If you have a medical condition in which fasting is harmful you should not fast. When possible, we try to extend the discipline of fasting and abstaining from meat until after the Vigil on Holy

Saturday. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food, or unnecessary beverages, in order to be more open for prayer. For an otherwise healthy individual the law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

**Everyone Welcome!**

**Solemn Holy Qurbana (Mass)  
Sunday, 13 April at 4:30 PM  
Pro-Cathedral**



### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

It can be strange that there is a kind of excitement about receiving the fresh palms, followed by the somber reading of the Passion. The contrast is striking: While the palms, in ancient times, symbolized goodness and victory, hope and triumph, the account of Jesus' suffering and death reminds us of the price he paid for our redemption. Jesus knew that we can't have one without the other. It is the paradox of the cross: Jesus gave his life so that we might live.

For many, the past year has been like one long Good Friday, filled with discouragement, suffering, and loss. As we reflect on Jesus' passion, the palms we carry home remain a sign of hope; we know now how the story will end. As we place our palms in a special place, let us say a prayer of thanks to Jesus and ask for the grace to renew our faith and trust in God as we enter Holy Week.

### The Triduum



There is a richness in the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter

Vigil that are both humbling and uplifting. This time period, known as the Sacred Triduum (Latin for "three days") is the official end of Lent, and the summit of the liturgical year. As a society, we give far more attention to the buildup and celebration of Christmas – which is not to deny its importance, of course! – and so sometimes the Triduum is not as familiar to people in both its meaning and importance. Yet, it is during these days that we most intentionally remember and celebrate the gift of our redemption; we liturgically embrace the paschal mystery of Christ: dying he destroyed our death, and rising he restored our life. We have faced a difficult year together, and we rely on each other for prayer.



### CLOTHING NEEDED

Every second Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 PM, Pro-Cathedral Catholic Charities distributes free clothing to anyone who would like to pick up items.

If you have summer clothes to re-home, please consider donating them to our clothing depot. As we move into summer, we will be looking for seasonal clothing such as shorts, light jackets and shirts, pants, running shoes, etc.

Please only donate items you too would be proud to wear—no stained, ripped, or broken items. Not everyone has the means to repair items or replace zippers, etc.

Items that are donated are given away FREE. Next dates for Clothing Depot are: April 16 and April 30.



The Knights of Columbus, Council 1007, serves The Pro-Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, and St. Alphonsus's Church. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church.

As Knights, we perform acts of charity through our physical works and financial contributions to the Church and community.

If you would like to make a difference in your parish, by becoming a Knight, please email David Dunkley at: [ddunkley@gmail.com](mailto:ddunkley@gmail.com)



### JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO BARCELONA, LOURDES & ROME October 16 - 30, 2025

The Jubilee Year only happens every 25 Years! Join the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage October 16-30, 2025 and visit 4 Countries (Spain, Andorra, France, Italy), tour the breath-taking Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, explore Lourdes, Assisi, Florence, walk through the Jubilee Holy Doors in Rome and attend a Papal Audience! This fully escorted tour is led by Fr. Daniele Muscolino and includes roundtrip airfare from Toronto, 4-Star Accommodations, Guided Tours with Local Guides, daily breakfast and lots of free time worked in for your own leisure. Full Itinerary, prices, and more information available at [www.holynamestalphonsus.com/pilgrimage](http://www.holynamestalphonsus.com/pilgrimage)

**Easter Sunday, April 20 Fish Fry** at St. Marguerite D'Youville 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.

**Also hosting a Mother's Day Concert & Supper** on Sunday, May 11 from 2 to 7 PM. Tickets \$25 or free for Students. Mass at 7:00 PM Proceeds to the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus.

**Lenten Mission:** St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Powassan Monday and Tuesday, April 7 and 8, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The topic is "From Ritual to Relationship: Growing in Intimacy". The speaker is Brian Sullivan. Holy Mass at 6:30 pm, followed by inspirational talk at 7:00 pm, Praise and Worship with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 to 9 pm. Followed by refreshments and fellowship.

**English Style Tea—A fund raiser for Missions at St. Brice's Anglican Church,** Saturday, April 26 from 11 AM to 1 PM. Baby Quilts, Unique Cards & Baking. Sandwiches, Scones, Squares, Tea & Coffee \$10 [children under 10 years free]



### OUR NEXT "MATCH THE COLLECTION WEEKEND"

will be held

April 26 & 27

for up to \$1,000

The challenge is to match the Loose Roof collection only - not receiptable donations.

This is the last weekend we have someone scheduled to match the collection!

We are looking for generous volunteers to accept the challenge for May, June or July.

You can match the collection exactly (usually around \$500) *or up to any amount you would like.* Call the parish office if you can help.

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**50/50  
RAFFLE**

This raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay under License #RAF1438966

### Parishioners - Can you Help?

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay will hold its sixth Backpacks of Love campaign with the drop off day on **Saturday, May 3, 2025**, at the Pro-Cathedral garages from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Nipissing Counts 24 conducted in October 2024 revealed a total of 531 individuals experiencing homelessness across the district representing a 77% increase from the 2021 count of 200, and an 81% increase from the 2020 count of 293.

Once again, we need your help with our campaign. We are calling this **"Adopt an Essential Item"** Campaign.

**At the Pro-Cathedral, we have been asked to help by donating the following items:**

**SOCKS, FLASHLIGHTS,  
& SILVER EMERGENCY BLANKETS**

The goal is to ensure that the urgent needs of the people experiencing homelessness are met. Let's show our community how much we care for those experiencing homelessness in our city!

**Items can be dropped off into the basket provided at the church entrance; to the parish office; or to the parking garages on Saturday, May 3.**