

Fifth Sunday of

LENT

06 APRIL 2025

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

Welcome to Your Father's House!


This week we are invited into a profound period of introspection and spiritual renewal as we approach the culmination of the Lenten season. This time serves as a pivotal moment for believers to reflect deeply on their faith journey, embracing the themes of repentance, forgiveness, and the transformative power of God's grace. The readings are rich with messages that encourage us to leave behind past transgressions and open our hearts to the new life offered through Christ. We are reminded God's promise to do something new, making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, symbolize hope and renewal. In the second reading, Paul speaks of considering everything as loss compared to the supreme good of knowing Christ, emphasizing the pursuit of a deeper relationship with Him. The Gospel reading presents the powerful account of the woman caught in adultery, highlighting Jesus' boundless mercy and His call to sin no more. This narrative challenges us to examine our own lives, encouraging us to move beyond judgment and embrace compassion, both for ourselves and others. Let us open our hearts to the lessons embedded within these scriptures. May we be inspired to let go of the past, embrace the new paths God is carving for us, and step forward with renewed faith and commitment to live out His teachings in our daily lives.

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 Westenank

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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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: 07 - 13 April	
Monday	Dan. 13. 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64; John 8. 12-20
Tuesday	Numbers 21. 4-9; John 8. 21-30
Wednesday	Daniel 3. 13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95; John 8. 31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17. 3-9; John 8. 51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20. 7, 10-13; John 10. 31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37. 21-28; John 11. 45-56
Palm Sunday	Luke 19. 28-40; Isaiah 50. 4-7; Philippians 2. 6-11; Luke 22. 14—23. 56

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, 07 ~ 13 April

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
	7:00 PM	Hall	Right to Life Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Hall	Lenten Book Study
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Church	Mass of Chrism
Thursday	4:30 PM	Sacristy	Sacramental Prep. Planning
	6:00 PM	Church	Choir Practice
	6:00 PM	Hall	Catholic Girls League
Friday	5:30 PM	Church	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:20 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	5:30 PM	Hall	Fatima Movie & Pizza Night
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	12:15 PM	Church	Baptisms
	All Day	Hall	Reserved
	2:30 PM	Church	Decorating Committee
	4:30 PM	Church	Syro-Malabar Mass



Catholic Women's League

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

Did you know that your membership helps with advocacy to make our voices heard by the government to address social justice issues? Join the CWL to strengthen our voice so together, we can be heard!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 March

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$2,628.85	\$587.90

Credit Card Donations March

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
\$3,388.00	\$1,416.00	\$513.89

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 30 March 2025

Roof Campaign Balance	\$73,461.78
<u>Sunday, 30 March Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$566.95
19 Receipted Donations	\$314.65
Twiggs Gift Card Sales	\$10.00
2 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$95.00
Orchard Gift Card Sales	\$125.00
25 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$700.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$74,992.27

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 08 April: Weekday in Lent

12:05 PM

Euclide Jean - Bryan and Lori Jean
 Margaret Fournier - Karin O'Reilly
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, 09 April: Weekday in Lent (No 12:05 Mass Today)

Please join us this evening for the Diocesan Celebration of the Mass of Chrism at 7:00 PM - Everyone welcome!

Thursday, 10 April: Weekday in Lent

12:05 PM

Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
 Clifford Riopelle - Paul and Nadine Condon
 Intention of Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque

Friday, 11 April: Weekday in Lent

12:05 PM

Geoff and Dan Laplante - The Family
 Richard Dinnes - The Dinnes Family
 Intention of Mary Ann Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Saturday, 12 April: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 4 PM

Claudette St. Louis - Carole Valade
 Ann Boudreau - Ben and Theresa Boudreau
 Intention of Lorna - Carol and John Rowe

Sunday, 13 April: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 AM Judy Kelly-Manary - Jessica Costa
 Eric Boulanger - The Family

11:00 AM Clifford Riopelle - Vince and Helen Zappala
 Kim Van Patter - Ben and Theresa Boudreau
 Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

Stations of the Cross

Friday - 5:30 PM in Cathedral

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!



This Fifth Sunday of Lent (April 6) is "Solidarity Sunday"

a day chosen by the bishops of Canada to nourish the mission of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

In his Bull on the Jubilee year, Pope Francis called the world to *"forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them."* He also said, *"This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice."* Our campaign is a response to that appeal.

That's why we're asking you to give generously to Share Lent, the annual fundraising campaign of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

Your donations help empower communities in the Global South with social, economic and ecological resilience. Last year, your generosity supported 79 projects in 34 countries. Your donation changes lives and goes straight to the hearts of those who need it most.

Please accept this invitation to give generously to the Share Lent Collection which will be taken at all Masses this weekend.

Envelopes will be located on the bookcases in the Cathedral this weekend. Please be sure to write your name and address on them to receive income tax credit.

This Lent, as we reflect on the life and ministry of Jesus to the most vulnerable people, let's give generously to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

For more information or to sign up to "Give Year-Round" visit <https://devp.org> **Thank you for your solidarity!**

For those who cannot attend

**The Chrism Mass will be broadcast live
on YouTube on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM.**

**To access the live stream:
www.youtube.com/@DiocesanCentre
The stream will appear as the first option
on the page. Just click to access it.**



**Winner of the MARCH 2025 Draw
of \$597.50
is LOIS MAUNSELL (Ticket #C-1459)
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!

Everyone Welcome!

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



Holy Week 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**

Welcome to all Single Women!!

(Divorced, Single, Widowed)



Why not join the Pro-Cathedral single ladies social group? We have over 40 members who get together to share social times and great conversation! For examples, we go to a movie, dinner, antiques, shopping in the 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.

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.

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.

Pope Francis Stable Vatican Says

Pope Francis' condition remains stable, and an X-ray showed there has been a slight improvement regarding his lingering lung infection, the Vatican press office said.

The pope continues to show improvements in his mobility and ability to speak, the press office told reporters April 1.

A significant portion of his day is spent doing physical therapy to restore the level of movement he had before he was hospitalized Feb. 14 for breathing difficulties. The pope later was diagnosed with double pneumonia, as well as viral and fungal lung infections. The pope continues to follow his prescribed drug and respiratory therapies, and, like last week, his voice is showing some improvement after being significantly weakened during his long convalescence.

The pope does not receive any outside visitors, the press office said. He is assisted by his personal secretaries, there are always medical personnel on call, and his doctors visit him regularly.

The pope concelebrates Mass every morning in the small chapel near his rooms on the second floor of his residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae, and he works during the day at his desk.

The pope is in "a good mood" and welcomes the many signs of affection from the faithful, the press office added.

The Vatican published the text prepared for the pope's weekly general audience April 2 and the homily he has prepared for a Mass April 6 as part of the Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers will be read by Archbishop Rino Fisichella, who already was scheduled to preside at that Mass.



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.

Eventually ... it will get warm lol! 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.

Catholic Young Adults North Bay On Friday April 11 at 7pm at Holy Name of Jesus (895 Memorial drive) the young adults planning team and the teens from Over the Edge young group are hosting a showing of Passion of the Christ . What better way to prepare for Holy Week.

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.

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.

Thank you to everyone for your
generous donations to our
Catholic Charites Food Bank Collection
last weekend!
What you can spare ... we can share!



North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre

Support available for women experiencing unexpected pregnancy - providing a safe place to make an informed decision. For support or to make a donation please call 705-475-9270 or email nbphrc@hotmail.com

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.

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. Top 5 barriers to finding housing:

- 1) Rent is too high - 84%
- 2) Low Income - 75%
- 3) Discrimination - 31 %
- 4) Addiction/substance use - 28%
- 5) Poor housing conditions - 27%



Did you know that 81% of respondents were single and that 44% of respondents first experience homelessness before the age of 25?

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.