

# Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
22 March 2026

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## Welcome to Your Father's House!

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**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. Rick Hamelin  
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago  
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenek

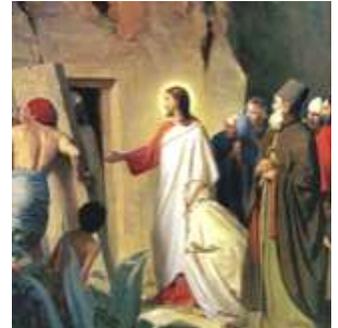
#### Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. Shirley Falconi  
Miss Ruth Godon

### IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Schools

The 5th Sunday of Lent Year A brings us one of the most powerful stories in the Gospel of John. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. This story helps us remember that even when everything feels lost, God can still bring life. Jesus shows He has power over death and that He brings hope to those who trust Him.



In the first reading from Ezekiel, we hear about dry bones coming back to life. This reminds us that God never forgets His people. Even in dark times, He gives His Spirit to bring us back to life and lead us home.

The psalm is a cry for mercy. It reminds us that God listens when we call. And the reading from Romans teaches that the Spirit of God gives life to our bodies, just as it did for Jesus.

On this Sunday, we are asked to trust in God's promise. Even in sorrow or loss, He can raise us up.



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.



### WE APPRECIATE YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

#### WAYS TO GIVE:

- E-transfer: [music.finance@procathedral.ca](mailto:music.finance@procathedral.ca)
- Pre-Authorized Donations from Bank Account
- Pre-Authorized Donations using Credit Card
- Parish Envelopes: Pickup at Entrance
- Use "DONATE" button on our Website
- Visit CanadaHelps and Search Pro-Cathedral

### MASS OF CHRISM 2026

Bishop Thomas Dowd invites all the faithful of the Diocese to attend the Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated this Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Precious Blood Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie.

During this solemn celebration, the Bishop will bless the holy oils that will be used in the sacraments throughout the year, and the priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly promises.

All are warmly invited to participate in this important diocesan celebration and to keep our priests in your prayers.



**Challenge Accepted**

**NEXT MATCH THE ROOF LOOSE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 28 & 29 !**

**Thank you to our anonymous donor, this collection will be matched up to \$1,000.00**

### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

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

### WEEKLY READINGS: 23 - 29 MARCH

Monday	Daniel 13. 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64; John 8. 1-11
Tuesday	Numbers 21. 4-9; John 8. 21-30
Wednesday	Isaiah 7. 10-14; 8.10d; Hebrews 10. 4-10; Luke 1. 26-38
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	Matthew 21. 1-11; Isaiah 50. 4-7; Philippians 2. 6-11; Matthew 26. 14-27.66

**What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week**  
**Monday to Sunday, 23—29 March**

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday	6:30 PM	Sacristy	C.W.L. Executive Meeting
Tuesday	All Day	Hall & Sacristy	Reserved for Use
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Friday	5:30 PM	Church	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
Saturday	9:20 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	12 Noon	Church	Environment Committee
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	4:30 PM	Church	Mass in Malayalam



There are e-mail scams using the identity of Fr. Larry and the parish requesting gift cards, money, personal information, etc. Please do not reply — always call the **parish office if you receive these types of emails. No such solicitation would ever come from us. Our e-mail address is only [office@procathedral.ca](mailto:office@procathedral.ca) or [music.finance@procathedral.ca](mailto:music.finance@procathedral.ca)**

Pre-Authorized Bank Donations February		
Sunday	Building	Roof
<b>\$6,361.00</b>	<b>\$1,730.00</b>	<b>\$707.00</b>

Second Sunday of Lent - 15 March	
Sunday Offering	Building Fund
<b>\$5,987.00</b>	<b>\$1,192.50</b>

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 15 March	
Roof Campaign Balance	\$37,049.12
<u>Sunday, 15 March Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$530.25
27 Receipted Donations	\$705.00
February 50/50 Profit	\$382.78
Tip Tap Pay Machine Donations	\$60.00
<b>CAMPAIGN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$39,434.15</b>

**Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday, 24 March - Weekday in Lent** **12:05 PM**  
 Geraldine Lefebvre - Shelley Schenk and Family  
 Helen Duquette - Carol Lefebvre  
 Giuseppina Verrillo - Verrillo and Colozza Family

**Wednesday, 25 March - The Annunciation of the Lord** **12:05 PM**  
 Elizabeth Marconi - Cecile Robert  
 Sam and Lily Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi  
 Josie Verrillo - Suzanne Lukasik

**Thursday, 26 March - Weekday in Lent** **12:05 PM**  
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu  
 Intention of Karen Steel - A Parishioner  
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Jessica Costa

**Algonquin High School Mass** **1:30 PM**

**Friday, 27 March - Weekday in Lent** **12:05 PM**  
 Intention of the Carey Family - The Montgomery Family  
 Roger Mathieu - Michelle Mathieu  
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary

**Saturday, 28 March - Palm Sunday** **4:00 PM**  
 For a Special Intention - Carol and John Rowe  
 Dianne Wilson - Tom Wilson and Family  
 Gertrude and Eugene Souliere - Vivian Molnar

**Sunday, 29 March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**9:00 AM** Giuseppina & Salvatore Verrillo - Verrillo & Colozza Family  
**11:00 AM** For those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund  
 Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

 Blessings to the following young lady who will be celebrating a special birthday this week: 

Elda Liberty who celebrates her 103rd Birthday on March 26, 2026

May God bless you with an abundance of peace, joy, and love this coming year.

**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. Your donation 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

Membership in the League is very important. Please renew or purchase your membership soon! Contact Vice-President, Margaret Sroga, if you have any questions about membership or if you have new contact information: [margsroga@gmail.com](mailto:margsroga@gmail.com) or 705-499-8336

\*\* We are also looking for someone who purchased a membership in late December or early January—we don't know who you are as no name was on the envelope. Please call Margaret if this is you.

The CWL Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie Council celebrates 106 years this year! This year's diocesan convention will take place from Friday, May 1 to Sunday, May 3, in Sudbury. For more information please visit <https://ssmcwl.ca/events/#106th-annual>.



For those members of our CWL Council who wish to attend and are not currently serving on the executive, you are more than welcome to submit a registration package along with your cheque to cover the cost of attendance at the convention directly to Annette Vas, Registration Chairperson. **Registration deadline is Monday, April 6.**

Contact council president, Leah Pierce, at 705-472-5687 or at [president.procathedralcwl@gmail.com](mailto:president.procathedralcwl@gmail.com), if you are planning on attending or have any questions.



**On this Solidarity Sunday**, Development and Peace Caritas Canada's On Track for Justice campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation this weekend transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. To support and for more information—visit [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for your solidarity!



## Triduum & Easter Schedule



**Holy Thursday - 02 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 - 03 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 - 04 April**  
**8:00 PM (No 4:00 PM Mass)**



**Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord - 05 April**  
**9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

**Wasn't that a Party?! Thank you to all of our hardworking volunteers for putting on a wonderful St. Patrick's Party last weekend. A special thank you to our cooks who spent days preparing for this event!**



**Thank you Samantha Depatie & School of Fiddle & Stepdance!**



**Check out our website at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca) under Ministries/Social to watch a slideshow of all the shenanigans!**



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## ORCHARDS

Available at Parish Office  
& at All Masses Next Weekend



**Catholic Charities**  
Food Collection  
NEXT WEEKEND

Donations of non-perishable food to our Catholic Charities Food Bank would be appreciated. Items that go with bread are in demand: peanut butter, tuna, salmon, mayonnaise, cheeze whiz, etc.

# MAPLE SYRUP

FOR SALE AFTER  
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## Chinese Food Buffet Dinner

Saturday, 18 April  
Parish Hall ~ 5:30 PM

On Sale Next Weekend!

Lots of yummy & savory choices!

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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES & AT THE PARISH OFFICE

Proceeds to the Roof Campaign

\$40/ADULT  
\$10/KIDS  
FREE/UNDER 3

**Lenten Retreat:** St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Powassan invites everyone to their 3 day Lenten Retreat, Sunday, March 22 to Tuesday, March 24, at 7 pm each evening. The Retreat Master is Deacon Brad Lewis, who ministers at St. Patrick's Parish in Kearney and at Holy Spirit Parish in Burks Falls. A free-will offering will be most appreciated.

**The Knights of Columbus #8163 St-Vincent-de-Paul Church Breakfast** 29 March, serving from 9 am till 1 pm - everyone welcome!

### The 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.

The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness is asking for people to call their local Member of Parliament to create a Housing Accord. Because the housing and homelessness crisis is too big for any one government, all levels of government must come together to form a Housing Accord.

Visit Call Your Local MP Now and Demand a Canada Housing Accord for more information on how you can advocate for housing and homelessness.

For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/>

