

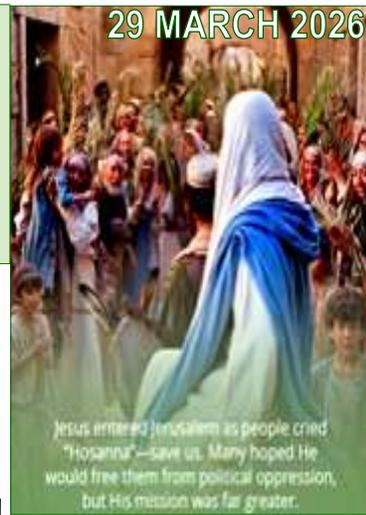
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

Passion SUNDAY

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

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Jesus entered Jerusalem as people cried "Hosanna"—save us. Many hoped He would free them from political oppression, but His mission was far greater.

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Palm Sunday remembers the day Jesus came into Jerusalem as a humble king.

Crowds welcomed him with palm branches and shouts of praise. They called him the Son of David, showing they believed

he was the promised Messiah. Yet, the week ahead would bring both joy and deep sorrow.

This day marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is a time to walk with Jesus in his final days before the cross. Palm Sunday Year A invites us to see the contrast between the cheers of the crowd and the suffering that is to come.

We hold palm branches to remember that Jesus' kingdom is built on peace and service. His way is different from the world's idea of power. As we reflect on this day, we are called to follow him in humility and love.



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.



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.



"The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."

And when he entered Jerusalem

the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?"

And the crowds replied,

"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."



OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday—Thursday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Good Friday	OFFICE CLOSED

WEEKLY READINGS: 30 MARCH - 05 APRIL

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
Holy Thursday	Exodus 12. 1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11. 23-26 John 13. 1-15
Good Friday	Isaiah 52. 13—53.12; Hebrews 4. 14-16; 5. 7-9; John 18. 1—19. 42
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	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; Romans 6. 3-11; Matthew 28. 1-10
EASTER SUNDAY	Acts 10. 34a, 37-43; Colossians 3. 1-4; John 20. 1-18

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- **E-transfer:** music.finance@procathedral.ca
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- **Parish Envelopes: Pickup at Entrance**
- **Use "DONATE" button on our Website**
- **Visit CanadaHelps and Search Pro-Cathedral**

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 30 March - 05 April

Date	Time	Location	Event
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Hall	CWL General Gathering
	7:00 PM	Church	RCIA Practice
Friday	12 NOON	Church	Filipino Community Stations
	7:00 PM	Church	Stations of the Cross (Note the Time Change)



Holy Qurbana in Malayalam (Mass)
This Sunday, March 29 at 4:30 pm

Palm Sunday **Everyone Welcome!**



**Please have your
 Easter Memorial Flower
 Names & Donations
 to the Parish Office
 by Monday, 30 March**

Website Donations February		
Sunday	Building	Roof
\$925.00	\$155.00	\$861.00

Credit Card Donations March		
Sunday	Building	Roof
\$3,480.00	\$1,286.00	\$603.89

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 22 March	
Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$3,105.30	\$683.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 22 March	
Roof Campaign Balance	\$39,434.15
Sunday, 22 March Collection	
Roof Loose	\$615.40
24 Receipted Donations	\$559.35
St. Patrick's Dinner Profit	\$1,268.92
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$42,073.79

♥ Thank you for your generosity!



Monday - 30 March
No Mass

Tuesday, 31 March - 12:05 pm Mass
 Int. of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
 Veraldi and Knight Families - Myrtle Veraldi

Wednesday, 01 April - 12:05 pm Mass
 Intention of Living and Deceased CWL Members
 Msgr. Norm Clement - Henriette, Simone and Maryanne

THE TRIDUUM

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)

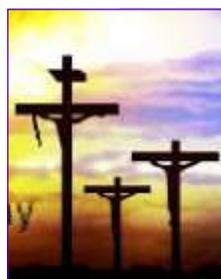
Good Friday Solemn Stations of the Cross
 7:00 PM ~ Note Time Change



Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 04 April
 8:00 PM *(No 4:00 PM Mass)*



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



Good Friday ~ 03 April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 PM

(Note Time Change)



Lent Fasting & Abstinence

We give up meat or other desirable foods especially on Good Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.

Abstinence is for Catholics 14 years and older (as long as there are no health issues).

Just a reminder that there will be no Catechesis of the Good Shepherd or Children's Liturgy of the Word next weekend. Have a Blessed Easter!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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 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, if you are planning on attending or have any questions.



Purchase this week for Easter Gifts!



Needs of the Church in the Holy Land

The collection for the Holy Land is taken on Good Friday - April 3.

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. Thank you.

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 onlyoffice@procathedral.ca or music.finance@procathedral.ca

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2026!



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *On Track for Justice* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, **our parish collected \$3,172.20 last weekend.** This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

Please note that a final donation amount will be reported once all collections have been posted from our pre-authorized and website donations.

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you attend Mass on a regular basis and don't mind staying periodically for an extra 15 minutes afterwards? We are looking for a team of people who would be willing to sell Orchard Cards once per month and at times, tickets to social events.

If we get several volunteers, you may only be scheduled to sell once every two-three months. That would be awesome!

We really need your help. Our current volunteers have been faithfully committed to doing this for years. If you can help us out, details will be provided to you.



Today our Passion Sunday reading is from Matthew's account of the crucifixion and death of Jesus. He is the only Evangelist to mention the message that Pilate's wife sent to Pilate while he was sitting in judgement.

This Gospel gives us the opportunity to discern: How do I know which action is most obedient to the will of God? How do I know what is the moral thing to do? The right thing to do?

Pilate actually knew the right thing to do. The chief priests and the elders push Jesus forward screaming "crucify him". Pilate asks "Why what evil has he done?" He knew that the motives of Jesus's accusers were unjust and that Jesus did not deserve to be crucified.

Sometimes discernment comes from outside of ourselves. For most of us that means reaching out and asking a spiritually wise person to confirm our reading of the situation. Sometimes the confirmation comes unbidden as a gift of the Holy Spirit. Pilate's wife chose to send a word to him "Have nothing to do with (the death) of that innocent man, today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him".

We wish that decisions were always so clear cut! We know the right thing to do and then it is confirmed! But what happened that day? The loud voices of the crowd prevailed. Pilate gave in to fear and he ended up doing what was wrong rather than was right.

The problem isn't that God doesn't speak to us (disturbing as it sometimes may be), the problem is that we choose not to listen.

When we find ourselves in the position of Pilate: "Do we choose what is right or what is wrong?" When God speaks will we listen?



Congratulations to the following family who recently celebrated the baptism of their child!

Giuseppe Delfino & Carmelina (McParland)
on the baptism of their son,
ELIO GIUSEPPE DELFINO

*May your lives be filled with love and peace
and may God bless and protect your child!*



Divine Mercy Sunday—April 12

Come join us in celebrating the Feast of the Divine Mercy at St. Peter the Apostle Church on Sunday April 12 at 3:00 PM. A potluck will follow with cake and beverages. Please bring your goodies to the church hall prior to the celebration.

Reminder: The Novena begins Good Friday and runs until this gathering - chaplet pamphlets can be picked up at the Pro-Cathedral entrance.

A Prayer for Holy Week



Lord Jesus, guide my heart this Holy Week. Help me reflect deeply on Your sacrifice and love, understanding the depth of Your mercy. May I see Your presence in every moment, and may my thoughts, words, and actions honour Your teachings. Let my heart be open to spiritual growth and transformation as I meditate on Your journey to the cross. Help me to be with Jesus in this week as he demonstrates again his total love for me. Strengthen my faith to walk humbly and follow Your example with love and devotion. Amen

Infant Baptism

Are you expecting or have a child who has not been baptized? We are here for you to help welcome your child into the faith.

Parents are required to take a baptism program prior to a baptism being scheduled. This takes the form of a one-night meeting held here at the parish. We usually schedule these gatherings from September to May each year and once taken, parents can choose a scheduled baptism date. Preparation can be taken prior to the birth of your child so you will be ready to schedule a baptism.



Contact the parish office by phone or email for more information.

Getting Married in 2026? Plan on attending the next Marriage Preparation Weekend:

April 17-18 at St. Alphonsus Church in Callander. 6:30 PM Friday evening and 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday.

To register or for more information, call or text Samantha Briggs at 705-471-3284 or email at samyehsilver@gmail.com to reserve your place. Material cost of \$100 is payable at registration.

Register soon to guarantee your spot! Marriage Preparation is mandatory in our Diocese.



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 find out more about the Knights of Columbus and make a difference in your parish and community by becoming a Knight, please email David Dunkley at: ddunkley@gmail.com

YES Canada looking for hosts for international high school students—a fantastic way to experience another country and culture in your own home! Email Karrie at karrie@youthedservices.ca or call 249-591-1629

Free quilts for people living with cancer. Victoria's Quilts Canada (VQC) provides handmade quilts to people living with cancer in Canada. By providing these quilts, we hope to bring physical comfort to those dealing with cancer as well as spiritual comfort in knowing that they are not alone. If you know someone or you yourself is living with cancer please request a free quilt at our website at Victoria's Quilts Canada. The North Bay Branch will personally deliver.

The Good Samaritan Corner

FREE EASTER SUNDAY DINNER offered at Open Arms Café, located at St. John the Divine Anglican Church, 307 Main Street East, on Sunday, April 5 from 4-6 p.m. **All are welcome!** Enjoy a warm meal in a welcoming environment.

This is the third year that the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay has partnered with Open Arms Café to provide an Easter Dinner to the unhoused, the lonely and the forgotten.



Bowl for Kids' Sake 2026 in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Bay and District by sponsoring a bowler. All funds raised support "littles" within the program. Visit Bowl For Kids Sake 2026 - Gutterly Ridiculous - Canadahelps

