

# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 9, 2017

**Mon, Apr 10 8:00 am** Lena Aultman by Roy & Fran Malette  
Intentions of Ron & Dorothy Aultman by Al & Bette Lamothe

**Wed, Apr 12 St. Luke School Mass**  
**9:30 am** Intentions of Len Weisflock by Friend  
Ron Marleau by Theresa Taillefer

**Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm**  
**Thu, Apr 13 8:00 pm** Laurent Dumais by Therese & Maurice Chartier  
Ben Whitt by Frank & Nancy Tremblay

**Good Friday – Collection for the Holy Land**

**Fri, Apr 14 11:00 am Good Friday Children's Liturgy**  
**3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord**  
\* **Regional Indoor / Outdoor Way of the Cross Celebrations**  
(see ad below for more information)



**Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – First Mass of Easter**

**Sat, Apr 15 8:00 pm** For the intentions of the Donors of the Easter Memorial Decorations

**Easter Sunday**

**Sun, Apr 16 9:00 am** For the intentions of the Donors of the Easter Memorial Decorations

**11:00 am** For the intentions of the Donors of the Easter Memorial Decorations

Father Tony's homily is available online at [www.stpetertheapostle.ca](http://www.stpetertheapostle.ca) →About→Meet Our Pastor→Our Pastor's Homilies

**PRAYER LINE:** *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:**



Sunday, April 2, 2017 \$4 404.25

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

\* **GOOD FRIDAY:**

**Regional Outdoor Way of the Cross**

Beginning at St. John's Anglican Church (301 Main St. East) at 5:00 pm and up Main Street to Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Parish

**Regional Indoor Way of the Cross**

Begins at 5:45 pm at Pro-Cathedral Parish

*For more information call Colleen at 705-840-3400.*

**Thank you for your support to Share Lent**

Development & Peace – Caritas Canada thanks everyone who donated to Share Lent. Thanks to your generosity, \$4622 was collected in our parish. This sum will go towards meeting the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to make a donation, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to make a donation directly at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



**The Promises of Fatima:** Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at St. Peter's Parish.

**WISDOM QUOTE:**

"Whatever you do, do with kindness. Whatever you say, say with kindness. Wherever you go, radiate kindness."  
Jonathon Lockwood Huie

**Good Friday 2017 Pontifical Collection**  
**in support of the Holy Land**

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday April 14, 2017, and our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Apr 10-16	
Monday	Isaiah 42.1-7; John 12.1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 49.1-6; John 13.21-33,36-38
Wednesday	Isaiah 50.4-9; Matthew 26.14-26
Thursday	Isaiah 61.1-3,6,8-9; Revelation 1.4-8;p Luke 4.16-21 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; Isaiah 54.5-14; Isaiah 55.1- 11; Baruch 3.9-15,32–4.4; Ezekiel 36.16-28; Romans 6.3-11; Matthew 28.1-10
Sunday	Acts 10.34,37-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18

# Holy Week

- Mon 10:00 am** Rising Stars  
**3:30 pm** SNAP (Parish Hall)  
**Wed 9:30 am** Cenacle – Rosary (Church)  
**7:00 pm** Catholic Women’s League General Meeting (Parish Hall)  
**7:00 pm** Holy Thursday Practise (Church)  
**7:30 pm** Good Friday Practise (Church)  
**Fri** Parish Office is Closed for Good Friday  
**Sat 10:00 am** Holy Saturday Practise (Church)

## Holy Week

**Reflect:** Judas the Iscariot, one of his disciples, and the one who would betray him, said, “Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days’ wages and given to the poor?” John 12.4-5

**Pray:** Father, I don’t want to lose sight of what is most important – my relationship with you. One of the greatest dangers to that relationship is my desire for money. It can upset everything. I don’t want to lose myself in the pursuit of financial gain. May I be content with what I have and may I have what I need. Don’t let me be like Judas and lose sight of what is most important. Amen.

**Act:** Break the grip of greed and donate financially to your church or to a charity.

## Ladies of St. Peter the Apostle:

North Bay will be hosting this year's 97th Annual Catholic Women's League Diocesan Convention from April 28th to April 30th and will be held at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Centre on Lakeshore Drive. For inquires and registrations please contact Marcelle Beaulieu at 705-475-1851 or email: randmbeaulieu@bell.net Closing date for registration is April 11, 2017.

## CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women’s League *General Meeting* will be held on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. All members welcome.



Our Lady of Good Counsel is the Patroness of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada and here at St. Peter’s, our CWL will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel with a CWL Sunday Mass on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 AM.

## Confirmation Information Night 2017

**Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm**

in St. Peter’s Parish Hall. Candidates and parents are asked to attend this meeting. Sponsors are also welcome. Please include a copy your Baptism Certificate with registration form, available from the Parish Office or on the church website [www.stpetertheapostle.ca](http://www.stpetertheapostle.ca) Candidates requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are presumed to be in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and to have previously received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, please call the Parish Office at 705-472-1817.



## Prayer for Families

God of palms and celebration, of passion and suffering, draw us into the mystery of your dying with hope in your Resurrection. Mold and fashion our lives around the story of Palm Sunday as we wait in joyful anticipation for the new life you have won by the Cross. Amen.



## Acknowledge your state of denial

The palms used in the rituals of Palm Sunday signify victory over one’s enemies; yet the scripture reading for today offers an account of Judas’ treachery toward Jesus. How odd. Somehow we’re saying that despite being betrayed, tortured, and murdered, Jesus is our hope and our salvation. That is the outrageous truth of Christianity. Jesus draws life from a source that conquers death. And consider this: Many of Jesus’ most beloved disciples denied and deserted him before his death, but only one is called a traitor. The reason: All but one repented. In your own Christian discipleship, remember that it is your willingness to acknowledge your failings and undergo conversion again and again that is most important. “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

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The *North Bay Right to Life* will be having a BAKE SALE at the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Anyone wishing to donate homemade baking for this very worthy cause may drop it off at Holy Name of Jesus Church on Friday, April 21, 2017 from 12 pm to 5 pm or call Nicky at 474-3018 for pick-up. Thank you for your generous support.

## April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

We experience all kinds of emotions in today's readings. The joyous crowd becomes an angry and vengeful crowd. Jesus' disciples betray, deny or run away from him. The women, however, remain strong even though their hearts are being torn out. The heavens weep as Jesus empties himself out, obedient to the point of death – death on a cross. The cross of shame in Jesus' time has become for us the sign of victory over sin and death. Through his perfect sacrifice of love on the cross, Jesus won forgiveness for our sins and defeated the power of sin and evil. By so doing, Jesus transformed the cross from an instrument of death into the tree of life and source of our salvation.

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**Register for Discovering Christ**  
**St. Peter's Church Tuesdays at 6:00 PM from April 25 to June 6**  
**Seating is limited to 80, so register early!**  
**Go online at [christlifenorthbay.org](http://christlifenorthbay.org) or contact Len Lanthier**  
**705-724-1368 or [lsanthier@gmail.com](mailto:lsanthier@gmail.com)**

**Joshua Sullivan will be leading Praise and Worship** beginning at 7:00 PM each Sunday evening during Lent at the Pro-Cathedral. ALL are very welcome and encouraged to attend this uplifting experience!

**Regional Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday**, April 14 begins at St. John's Anglican Church (301 Main St. East) at 5:00 PM and up Main Street to Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Parish. The youth stop along the way to enact each Station. All are welcome to come and support our youth in this sacred evening by walking with us or joining us at the Cathedral at approximately 5:45 PM for Regional Indoor Way of the Cross.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** is on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 PM at St Peter's Church with Exposition, Stations of the Cross and Divine Mercy Talk. Fellowship will follow with a potluck supper. Reminder – begin the Chaplet and 9 day novena on Good Friday.

**North Bay will be hosting this year's 97th Annual Catholic Women's League Diocesan Convention** from April 28 to 30 at the Best Western. For more information please contact Marcelle Beaulieu at 475-1851 or email [randmbeaulieu@bell.net](mailto:randmbeaulieu@bell.net)

**Near North Palliative Care Network presents their 6th Annual Fund Raiser Concert & Silent Auction** on May 5 at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church. Tickets are \$10/adult; \$5/child; 5 & under free. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from Mike 495-1792.

**Celebrate Spring with a Contemplative Art Retreat Day.** Like the Unfolding of a Flower, Experience the Elegance that is YOU! Sunday, April 23 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Joseph's Motherhouse. Facilitators: Sr. Sharon Miller & Sr. Pauline Guindon. Cost: \$75 includes lunch, art supplies & take home project. Limited space (12 to 24 participants) – register soon. Non-refundable reservation fee of \$15, balance to be paid on the day. Call 474-3800 ext. 213 to register.

**Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander** every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs).  
**St. Joseph's Motherhouse** first Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM in Holy Family Chapel and Pro-Cathedral First Friday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held weekly at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Please come and visit Jesus even for a few minutes. He waits for us. Hours of Adoration: Monday and Thursday 12 noon to 5 pm; Tuesdays 12 noon to 9 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Lena Butler 497-3434.

**Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board Parent Involvement Committee welcomes Dr. Jean Clinton** for a keynote address on April 12 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Auditorium. Topics such as how relationships impact learning and development and the influence of social media. Free event with free childcare available with RSVP by April 10. Register at [www.npsc.ca](http://www.npsc.ca) or by calling 472-1201.

**Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region:** Every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to be Evangelizers. For more information call Fran at 476-4146 or Holy Name Parish Office at 495-1501

**The Promises of Fatima:** Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at St. Peter's Parish.

**The New Evangelization Summit 2017** is scheduled for May 12-13, mark it on your calendar. Eight great speakers – including Bishop Robert Baron. Cost is \$25.00/person. For more information contact Len Lanthier [lsanthier@gmail.com](mailto:lsanthier@gmail.com) 705-724-1368

**20<sup>th</sup> National March for Life** being held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday, May 11. North Bay Right to Life is chartering a bus leaving Staples parking lot around 7:00 AM & returns approximately 9:30 PM the same day. Adults \$25.00 Students \$20.00. Seats must be paid in advance. To book call Jeannine 705-724-3424. Your attendance can help to restore a culture of life.

**Marriage Preparation Weekend April 21-22:** Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place. Material cost is \$40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Register soon!

**North Bay pregnancy Help & Resource Centre**, 323 Algonquin Ave, North Bay, ON P1B 8J8. Open weekdays 10:00am – 4:00pm. Tel: 475-9270. Offering free pregnancy testing, optional counselling, a friendly non-judgmental ear, baby supplies, post-abortion grief counselling, and community service referrals.

**CLAY- (Catholic Love Attitude Yes!)** A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, Powassan, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For more information please contact Laurie Dobbs at 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or [jessicasheppard@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasheppard@gmail.com).

**THE EDGE Catholic Youth Group:** Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Join us Mondays at 6:45 PM in the hall of St. Joseph's Church, Clark St., Powassan. No need to pre-register. Call Pauline at 724-5964 for more information.

**The North Bay Right to Life Bake Sale** at the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival Saturday, April 22. Anyone wishing to donate homemade baking for this very worthy cause may drop it off at Holy Name of Jesus Church on Friday the 21st from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 p.m. or call Nicky at 474-3018 for pick-up.

**April Showers Tea and Bake Sale** St. Brice's Anglican Church, April 22 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Sandwiches, pickles/veggies, dessert tea and coffee will be served for \$5.00. Children under 10/ \$2.50. Cardmakers' unique cards also for sale. All welcome.

**Strawberry Luncheon and Bake Sale at Redeemer Lutheran Church** (Ferguson) on Saturday, April 29 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Everyone welcome!

**L'Arche North Bay Community Walk**, Saturday, May 6 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Waterfront Rotary Rotunda. Walk the distance and pace you wish. Help support the needs of the community. If wishing to make a donation, contact the L'Arche North Bay office at 474-0081 or website: [larchenorthbay.ca](http://larchenorthbay.ca)

**Blood Donor Clinic April 11 & 12.** Book your appointment at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) or call 1-888-236-6283 You have the power to give!