

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION – MARCH 29, 2015

Monday, March 30

8:00 am Margaret Ladouceur by Jack & Shirley Marcotte
Doreen Walsh by Ed & Shirley Lafreniere
Philip Aultman by Pat Porter

Wednesday, April 1

9:30 am **St. Luke School Mass**
Intentions of Tony & Barb Man-Son-Hing by Al & Bette Lamothe
Allan Frankish by St. Peter's Catholic Women's League
Lorne Fleece by Pete & Barb Lefebvre

HOLY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord's Supper – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm

Thursday, April 2

8:00 pm Intentions of Kettlers & Guillemettes by Rita McDonell
Natalina Kennedy by Yvonne & Fern Degagne
Peggy Dillon by John & Liette Burns

GOOD FRIDAY (Share Lent Collection)

Fri, Apr 3

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

Saturday, April 4

8:00 pm For the intentions of the Donors of the Easter Memorial Decorations

EASTER SUNDAY

Sun, Apr 5

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.aaog.blogspot.com

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: *Father J.J. Johnston, CR; Mary Jane Purdon, mother of Nancy Purdon; Florence Evers, grandmother of Melody Cazabon*



Sunday, March 15, 2015 \$4 932.55
Sunday, March 22, 2015 \$4 514.55
Thank you for your generous contributions!



Tomorrow, the **National Catholic Mission 2015**, "Beware the Holy Spirit!" will be

broadcast on VISIONTV on Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31 at 6 PM and repeated at 10 PM. It will be hosted by Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick and feature Spiritan Fr. Anthony Gittins.

* **GOOD FRIDAY:**

Regional Outdoor Way of the Cross

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

Regional Indoor Way of the Cross

Begins at 7 pm at Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Parish

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



WISDOM QUOTE:

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." Hudson Taylor

Holy Week

- Mon 10:00 am** Rising Stars (Parish Hall)
Wed 9:30 am Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Holy Thursday Practise (Church)
7:30 pm Good Friday Practise (Church)
Thu 1:00 pm Parish Hall Occupied
Fri Parish Office Closed for Good Friday
Sat 10:00 am Easter Vigil Practise (Church)

Confirmation Information Night 2015 Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 pm

in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Candidates, parents and sponsors are asked to attend this meeting. Please include a copy of your Baptism Certificate with registration form, available from the Parish Office. In requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation it is presumed that you are in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and have 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 as soon as possible. For further information, contact Colleen Hutson at 705-840-3400.

Key Dates for Confirmation 2015:

Confirmation Information Meeting

April 22, 2015 6:30 pm at St. Peter's Parish

Confirmation Overnight Retreat

April 25 – 26 at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall

Session I

April 29-6:30-8:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall

Session II

May 6-6:30-8:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall

Session III

May 13-6:30-8:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall

Confirmation Practice

May 20-6:30-8:00 pm for Candidates, Parents and Sponsors at Pro-Cathedral Parish

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF
 CONFIRMATION

Pentecost weekend – May 23, 2015 at 11 AM

CWL NEWS – The Catholic Women's League with to thank all who participated in making our Share Lent Breakfast and Bake Sale a great success. We are truly grateful for all your amazing work. A total of \$1087.82 will be forwarded to Development & Peace.

“Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.” Phil 2.8-9 Do you live with humility before God and others? Is the thought of being a priest pulling at your heart? Contact Father Tony or Father Pat Woods at the Office of Vocations 705-674-2727 ext250 or pwoods@diocesecentre.com and check out www.beapriest.ca Please pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life.



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 followed by Mass.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar 30 – Apr 5	
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	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; Mark 16.1-8
Sunday	Acts 10.34,37-43; Colossians 3.1-4; Mark 16.1-8

Holy Week

The Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God's Son!” Mark 15:37-39

Father, death is frightening because I cannot comprehend it. May the death of Jesus be for me a sign of hope and a reason for courage.



CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2015 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.



***Do you want to be inspired to share the love of Christ?
Do you want to be informed how to share Christ's love?
Do you want to connect with other like minded Catholics?***

... then mark your calendars now for Friday, April 24th 6-9pm, and Saturday, April 25th 9am-4pm at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall, Bishop Carter Auditorium

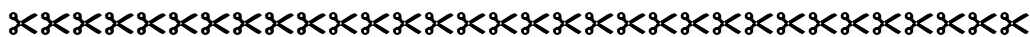
The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and the Parishes of North Bay area are privileged to be the host site for live streaming from Ottawa of the New Evangelization.

The New Evangelization Summit will feature eight (8) dynamic presenters:

<p>Dr. Scott Hahn A doctor of theology, a EWTN TV host, author of over forty books</p> <p>Dr. Ralph Martin President of Renewal Ministries, doctor of theology; Consultor to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization</p> <p>Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC The director of the Association of Marian Helpers, a best-selling author</p> <p>Patrick Coffin A dynamic speaker, emcee, host of the top-rated national radio show, Catholic Answers Live</p>
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<p>JoEllen Gregus Light of the World Evangelization Ministries, and responsible for Adult Evangelization in her local parish</p> <p>Ken Yasinski The founder of Face to Face Ministries and a Lighthouse Catholic Media contributor</p> <p>Fr. James Mallon A priest from Halifax, NS, and the founder of the JP II Media Institute</p> <p>Michael Dopp Founder of the New Evangelization Summit and President of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries</p>
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***Registration is only \$20.00 and includes lunch and coffee breaks
Submit Payment and Registration Form in Sunday collection before April 17th
For more information go to www.newevangelization.ca***



<p>Full Name _____</p> <p>Phone # Day _____ Night _____ Cell _____</p> <p>Number of Tickets @ \$20.00 each _____ Make cheque payable to North Bay Regional Parishes</p> <p>Office: _____</p>
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Easter 2015 ~ Despite all, Faith is our Light

Recalling the messianic entrance of Christ into Jerusalem with the blessing of the palms marks the beginning of Holy Week, or the “Great Week” as it was once called in Church history. Indeed, we remember this week, the heart of the mystery of our salvation in Christ. The events we will celebrate reveal the profound meaning of the life of Jesus, as in ours, *since by dying, He destroyed our death and by rising, He restored our life.*

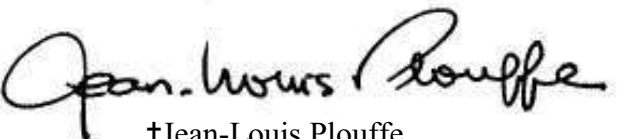
In light of the passage from death to life of the Paschal Triduum, the opening words of the declaration of the Second Vatican Council on *The Church in the modern world* take on a deeper meaning, giving our lives and solidarities their full dimension: *The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men and women of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts.* Despite war and all kinds of violence, despite our fear of terrorism, despite the religious persecutions, despite the uncertainty of our economy, despite the failures in our efforts for reconciliation and peace, despite the personal challenges we face, despite our weaknesses and wavering faith, Easter gives us a new outlook on life, with newfound confidence in the hearts of people who believe, despite everything! Despite all, faith is our light.

Strangely, light is often more appreciated in darkness and during hardships. If the suffering and death of Good Friday leads to the new life of Easter, the more difficult times in which we live can become a time for deepening our faith and a time of grace to rediscover the Lord present in our lives. In these more somber moments, our desire to see Him is that much stronger. In reality, when thinking about it, is not “seeing God” the most important thing in life, regardless of age? This is a question that I often get asked by children: “Have you ever seen God?” The answer is not so simple. It is the challenge of faith. On Easter morning, even those closest to Christ did not recognize Him at first glance. Two of His disciples on the way to the village of Emmaus only recognized Him by listening to Him make sense of what was happening as he explained the Scriptures and at the moment of the Breaking of the Bread.

May this Easter 2015 give us the grace to welcome wanted and unwanted events in our lives in the light of faith in the Risen One. Let us take time to listen to His word, to reflect upon it in silent prayer, and to make memory of the Passover of Christ by sharing the Bread and the Cup of our Eucharists with those who believe in Him. May the living God purify our outlook to see His face through our close ones and especially those less fortunate.

Blessings for a faithfilled Easter!

March 29, 2015,
Palm Sunday
Bishop's Office

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†Jean-Louis Plouffe
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie



29 March – Palm Sunday

Today's first reading describes the Suffering Servant faithfully carrying out his duties while being subject to mistreatment, all done in obedience to God's will. The second reading speaks of the obedience of Jesus to the will of the Father. He was obedient, even unto death. In the Gospel, we hear of the Passion and death of Jesus. Jesus freely chose to suffer and die so that our sins could be forgiven and we could be reconciled to the Father. The motivation our Lord had for doing this was his great love for us and his desire to be faithful to the will of his Father. By entering more deeply into our Lord's passion, we can come to experience more fully his great love for us.

Coming to North Bay! Hosted at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Bishop Carter Auditorium **THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT**

An international event that will inspire thousands of Catholics to be engaged in sharing the "Good News"! The Summit is a bringing dynamic presenters, simulcasting to Catholics all around North America – approximately 5,000 like-minded Catholics from the continent will be united in one goal: To be connected with each other and form a network of Catholic evangelists. The "new" refers to the new methods and expressions we use in word, deed or prayer to lead people into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Effectively, it brings the Good News to those who have forgotten the message or have never heard it or understood it. Held Friday April 24 from 6:30 to 9:15 PM and Saturday from 8:45 AM to 4:15 PM. Registration is only \$20 and includes lunch and coffee breaks. Contact your local parish for a registration form. Everyone welcome! Visit www.newevangelization.ca or call Len Lanthier at 724-1368 for more information.

Divine Mercy Sunday - Please join us to celebrate the Feast on April 12 at 3:00 PM at St. Peter's Church. The Chaplet and 9-day Novena of Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday - copies available in the foyers of St. Peter's and Holy Name Churches. After the celebration of Divine Mercy, fellowship in the hall with potluck to share. Contact Colleen at 840-3400 for more information.

CWL Convention Invite members to be part of the Opening Liturgy Choir – we need you! Looking for piano/organist, guitar, instrumentals and voices. Mandatory practices at Holy Redeemer Parish in Sudbury April 11 and 18 at 12:00 noon. Call 705-585-2375 or 705-507-6163 or email et.mercier@gmail.com

North Bay Right to Life Executive extends sincere thanks to everyone who renewed or took out membership during our Parish Membership Drive. Also, special thanks to everyone who attended our recent Spaghetti/Lasagna Supper at St. Vincent's Church, donated or purchased items at silent auction and bake table. Your support is always much appreciated.

North Bay Regional Eucharistic Adoration: Holy Name Church, Mon-Wed-Fri (Noon – 6 PM), Tuesday (Noon - 9 PM), Thursday (Noon - 5 PM). Come and visit Jesus in this Sacrament of love. To make a commitment call Lena Butler, 497-3434

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.

THE EDGE Youth Group for Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's 6:45-8:30 pm on Monday evenings in the downstairs hall of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Powassan. Explore issues of our faith through live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, scripture, crafts etc. Double bonus: snacks and prizes! No need to pre-register. Call Pauline at 724-5964 or Jeannine at 724-3424 for information. Let us know if you need transportation

City Wide Good Friday Prayer Gathering You are invited to join others in an ecumenical gathering on Friday, April 3 at 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon at The Capitol Centre as many churches from across the city come together in this special prayer gathering.

Marriage Preparation Program Weekends: May 1-2, October 23-24. Couples should register early by calling 472-5821. Series limited to 18 couples – register early! Material cost \$40/couple payable at time of registration.

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

Springtime of the Spirit Regional Prayer Group at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Recitation of the rosary, praise and worship, meditative prayer, sharing and fellowship.

CLAY- (Catholic Live Attitude Yes!) A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, 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 705-724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

Dream Workshop at St. Joseph's Motherhouse, Friday, April 24 at 7:00 PM to Sunday, April 26 at 1:00 PM Theme: "Letting Your Body Interpret Your Dreams" A dream is a code for a hidden life-energy that leads to solving life's problems. It opens a direction that we cannot otherwise provide. Letting the life-forward energy actually come in the body is the chief purpose of body interpretation. It is a gentle process that gives one a sense of well-being. Presenter: Sr. Mary McGuire, csj (PhD in Clinical Psychology) Offering: \$ 170.00

"April Showers Tea and Bake Sale at St. Brice's Anglican Church Saturday April 18 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Sandwiches, pickles, veggies, dessert, tea and coffee for \$5.00 (children under 10 years \$2.50). All welcome!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd National Level 1 Course – Part A: A formation experience for adults to work with 3-6 year old children. Monday July 13 to Saturday, July 18 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Kanata, Ontario. Call Dale at 613-225-0988 or email balkovec@magma.ca for more information.

NEW DIOCESAN POLICY MASS STIPENDS

A recent directive has been received from the Diocesan Office indicating that Mass Stipends are increased to \$15 per Mass effective February 2, 2015. All masses after that date will be increased from \$10 to the new stipend of \$15 per Mass. Mass stipends will now receive a tax receipt.