

**Precious Blood Cathedral** 

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## The Fifth Sunday Of Lent

March 26, 2023

#### **Pastor:** Father Hamish Currie

Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor): **Father Jeff Shannon** 

> Parish Office: Monday-Friday

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Office Admin Jennifer

Weekend Masses: Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9am and 11am

> Weekday Masses: Morning Mass:

Tues to Fri at 9am

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday: 4:15pm-4:45pm

**Baptism:** Usually on the **3rd Sunday** of the month. Please make arrangements one month in advance by contacting the Parish office.

Marriage:

Please make marriage arrangements 6 months in advance by contacting the Parish office.

Papal Blessing:

Please allow at least 6 months for Papal Blessing to arrive after the request has been made.

> **Knights of Columbus:** Ernie Console

**CWL President:** Maureen Gooderham 705-945-0852

Liturgical Music / Choir : Bruce Douville bruce.douville@gmail.com

**Bulletin Announcements:** 

Email yours to pbcathedral@on.aibn.com Before 11:00 AM Wednesday

> **Prayer Line:** Corona McNally



# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHEDRAL VIDEO FORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY's in LENT from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the GATHERING PLACE (Parish Hall)

"THE SEARCH" - VIDEO SERIES

Tuesday March 28 - WHY A CHURCH?

Each one builds on the other but could be viewed independently if you cannot attend each night.

See you there!

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In the Church, Friday March-31ST @ 5pm

Good Friday April-7th @ 11am

#### **The Mass of Chrism**

Bishop Dowd invites all the faithful of the Diocese to the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00pm at Ste-Anne-des-Pins Parish in Sudbury. During this special Mass, Bishop Dowd will bless the oils that will be used for the sacraments of the Church. The priests will also renew their priestly promises. All faithful of the Diocese are welcome to participate in this important celebration.

#### PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 1- 5:00pm

Sunday, April 2 - 9:00am & 11:00am

# THE LORD'S SUPPER HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6 - 7:00pm

# GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OFTHE LORD'S PASSION

Friday, April 7 - 3:00pm

EASTER VIGIL
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Saturday, April 8 - 8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday, April 9 - 9:00am & 11:00am



#### **CWL MEMBERS AND LADIES OF THE PARISH**

#### ANNOUNCING A BAKE SALE

A bit of news we have today, a Bake less Bake Sale is on the way. On these busy days, now who would bake, pies, cookies or even a cake.

You'd be surprised if you count the cost, of material, heat, and the time you have lost.

Cooking for a sale is extra work, yet nobody really wishes to shirk.

So we have thought of a plan that is grand, and feel quite certain you will all understand.

Will you in an envelope please put the price, of a pie, or cake or something nice.

Without fuss or bother you have done your part, we are sure you will give with a willing heart.

This is the end of our little tale, please wish us success for our Bake less Bake Sale.

Sponsored by Precious Blood Catholic Women's League

Please return your envelope by March 31. You may put your envelope in the Sunday collection basket after Mass or drop it off at the Church Office



#### **CWL News:**

**Thank you** to everyone who volunteered their time and donated baking for the All Day Confessions on March 23rd.

March 28th - Executive Meeting - 1 pm, Gathering Place.

**April 11th** - General Meeting at **7 pm**. New members are welcome. Bring a friend and a game to enjoy a night of games. If you

could bring a personal hygiene item (shampoo or toothpaste...) to be donated to Sudbury Inner City shelter. These items will be

brought to the convention this April in Sudbury.

April 21 - 23 - Annual Diocesan Convention in Sudbury.

**November 4/5** - There will be a **Tea**, **Bazaar and Bake sale**. If you would like to be part of the planning committee, please contact Maureen Gooderham. This is open to all parishioners.

#### **COMPASSION**

Do you recognize the human dignity in all people? Do you feel motivated to do something to help others? Catholic Women's League members embark on many projects that directly impact those who are disadvantaged in society. How can you help? Become a member and be part of the solution.



This week, St. Vincent Place launched a brand new program, The Period Pantry.

Precious Blood is running a collection drive from March 7 to 19th for all parishioners to participate. There is a drop off box in St. Anne's room.

We'll be running a drive-thru hygiene drive on Women's Day (March 8) from 10am to 6pm here at St. Vincent Place. Donors won't even have to get out of their vehicles – simply pull up to our main doors and we'll come collect your donations of menstrual products. By helping spread the word about this event, you can help make a big dent in period poverty in Sault Ste. Marie.

Thank you very much for your time and your ongoing support of St.Vincent Place. If you have any questions, you can check out <a href="http://www.vincentplacessm.ca/periodpantry">http://www.vincentplacessm.ca/periodpantry</a> www.vincentplacessm.ca/periodpantry or reach out to me at emailto:marketing@vincentplacessm.ca marketing@vincentplacessm.ca or 705-253-2770 ext. 202.



# **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION For Grades 6, 7 & 8**

JUNE 8th, 2023, Precious Blood Cathedral

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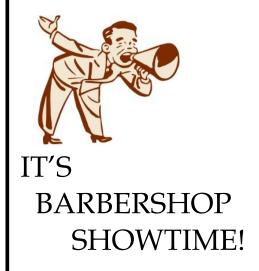
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# THE NORTHLAND BARBERSHOP CHORUS

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#### **JOINING THE NORTHLAND CHORUS:**

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(formerly known as Yonge Guns)

All Tickets are non-reserved @ \$35.00\* CDN Funds (\$30 US), available from:

Hess Jewellers (Churchill Plaza), Sault Theatre/STARS (Soo, Mich.)
Any Chorus member Theatre Centre Box Office\* (Station Mall)

(\* Note: Box Office adds a \$4 surcharge/ticket. Total price at Station Mall Box Office is \$39)

For ticket info, call Doug Iles at 705-942-3075 or visit www.northlandchorus.com/annual-show

As always, a major portion of the proceeds supports local speech therapy programs at the Speech and Language Pathology Unit of the **Sault Area Hospital** – With more than **\$100,000** donated so far, the chorus has begun work on their next \$100,000 in lifetime donations to this cause in keeping with their motto:

"We Sing...That They Shall Speak."

# **Income Tax Donation Receipts**

2022 Income Tax donation receipts are available in front of the St Anne's room in sealed envelopes in alphabetical order.

If you have any questions.

Please email

pbcathedral@on.aibn.com

**Precious Blood Cathedral Mass** 

## SATURDAY at 5 PM SUNDAY AT 9AM AND 11AM

Sunday Collections
March 18th & 19th 2023
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\$2035.90
On Line weekly donations
\$1350.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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# OUR LADY OF THE RAPIDS GIFT SHOP OPEN SUNDAY'S 10AM-1PM WE ACCEPT CASH OR E-TRANSFER TO pbcathedral@on.aibn.com

## **Prayer Line**

Anyone wishing to have prayers for a special Intention, or someone who is ill, having surgery, for the deceased, or any other intention may contact Corona at 705.575.6975



## Saturday March 25, 2022 5pm

† Linda Dugas by Annette & Robert Dugas

## Sunday March 26, 2023 @ 9am

- † Albert & Helen Raymond by Rod & Paula Smith <u>Tuesday March 28, 2023 @ 9am</u>
- † Carmine Melchionna by Marie & Tony Bruno & Family

## Wednesday March 29, 2023 @ 9am

No Mass Intention

## Thursday March 30, 2023 @ 9am

No Mass Intention

## Friday March 31, 2023 @ 9am

† Carol Ann Delabbio by John & Nadine Condon

March 25th & 26th, 2023	Greeter & Collection	Collection & Communion Ushers
Saturday, March 25th 5:00 pm	St Anne's Entrance Joanne Young Queen Street Entrance Femina Felix	Collection & Communion Ushers  Sam Biasucci Linda Clement
Sunday, March 26th 9am 11am	St. Anne's Entrance Sandra Suurna  Queen Street Entrance Michelle McIntyre  St. Anne's Entrance Roseanne Breton Queen Street Entrance Tony Pino	Collection & Communion Ushers  Maureen Gooderham Terry-Lou Legros  Collection & Communion Ushers  Richard Breton  Riccardo DiTommaso
March 25th 5pm March 26th 9am	Lectors  March 25th  Dale DePiero  Lectors  March 26th  Susan Colizza	Eucharistic Minister  March 25th  Robert Dugas  Eucharistic Minister  March 26th  Paula Smith
11am	Danny Viotto	John Bruno

#### The Fifth Week of Lent

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The **Fifth Sunday of Lent** brings us closer toward the Passion and death of Jesus. This is the third and final week of <u>Scrutinies</u> in our parishes for those in the RCIA program. In **John's Gospel**, we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. Jesus was not there when his dear friend, Lazarus died, but after meeting with Lazarus' grief-stricken sisters and weeping himself, he stood at the door of the tomb and called, "'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them,'Untie him and let him go.'"

The first readings prepare for the gospels. We begin with the long, but wonderful story of Susanna, who trusted in God. The bronze serpent on a pole reminds us of Jesus' saving cross. Three young men refuse to commit idolatry and show us how God protects "the servants who trusted in him." God enters a covenant with Abraham. Despite his persecution, Jeremiah praises God, "For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" God promises the people of Israel "a covenant of peace."

Our gospels are again from the **John's Gospel**, also known as the **Fourth Gospel**. On Monday, Jesus is presented with a woman caught in adultery. Reminding us of the bronze serpent and his death, Jesus says, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM." To the children of Abraham and to us Jesus declares, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." "Whoever keeps my word will never see death.... Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM." They heard what they thought was blasphemy and tried to stone him. Jesus simply told the truth, because, "the Father is in me and I am in the Father." After the raising of Lazarus, the plans were set to destroy Jesus. The high priest says the prophetic words, "it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish."

On **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** we make our way into **Holy Week**. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole **Passion**, this year from **Matthew's Gospel**.

# Daily Morning Masses Tuesday-Friday 9am

#### Daily Prayer This Week

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going on in our own hearts is more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent.

The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us. There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me.

It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift. If we are celebrating the Scrutinies with the RCIA candidates and catechumens, this is a wonderful time to pray for them as well, for their protection from the evil one in the last days of their journey.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to celebrating Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude, realizing this was all for me.

# Weekday Scripture Readings: March 27th- March 31st, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Daniel13.1-9,15-17,19-30, 33-64++	John 8.1-11
Tuesday	Numbers 21.4-9	John 8.21-30
Wednesday	Daniel3.13-20,24,49-50,91-95++	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 11.45-57

## **Coffee Sundays**

The first Sunday of each month—join us after the 9am and I I am mass for coffee in the Gathering Place. Next Coffee Hour: April 2, 2023



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