

05 MAY 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

# PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 2Z4

## Welcome to Your Father's House!

I NO LONGER CALL YOU  
SLAVES, BECAUSE A  
MASTER DOESN'T  
CONFIDE IN HIS SLAVES.  
NOW YOU ARE MY  
FRIENDS, SINCE I HAVE  
TOLD YOU EVERYTHING  
THE FATHER TOLD ME.  
JOHN 15:15

This Easter season, as the paschal mystery continues to unfold before us, Jesus focuses our attention on love being at the heart of discipleship. Jesus' words and actions were always rooted in his profound love for us. As disciples, we grow closer to Jesus and his mission by sharing God's love with others. In God's love, he is revealed. In the first reading, Peter humbly speaks while the Holy Spirit falls upon those who are listening, resulting in more baptisms. In the second reading, John writes of our call to love one another. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to remain in his love. He calls them friends, no longer slaves.

### Our Parish Mission Statement

*We, the members of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption community, believe that we have been called through Baptism to live the Good News of Jesus Christ under the patronage of Mary, our Mother. We accomplish this by proclaiming the Word, celebrating the Sacraments, & reaching out to others.*

**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. Albert Falconi  
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago  
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin  
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

#### Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. Shirley Falconi  
Mrs. Norma Milligan  
Miss Ruth Godon

### IN RESIDENCE

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

Our faith community dates back to 1886 when we were originally located on Main Street West and called St. Mary's of the Lake. The cornerstone of the existing Cathedral was laid in 1904. The history of our parish is recorded in the memories of thousands of people who built our community.



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### 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 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 12:45 PM. 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.



### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	2 Timothy 4. 1-5; John 10. 11-16
Tuesday	Acts 16. 22-34; John 16. 5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17. 15, 22-18.1; John 16. 12-15
Thursday	Acts 18. 1-8; John 16. 16-20
Friday	Acts 18. 9-18; John 16. 20-23a
Saturday	Acts 18. 23-28; John 16. 23b-28
Sunday	Acts 1. 1-11; Ephesians 4. 1-13; Mark 16. 15-20

**What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week**  
**Monday to Sunday, 06 to 12 May**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	6:30 PM	Hall	Right to Life Meeting
Wednesday	6:15 PM	Hall	First Communion Preparation
Thursday	1:30 PM	Church	Algonquin School Mass
	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I, II, III
	5:00 PM	Hall	Pasta Dinner Fundraiser
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy



**For Children  
in Grade 2 & 3**  
**Preparation Begins  
this Wednesday May 8.**

If your child has celebrated First Reconciliation and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion please plan on attending this. Call the parish office first thing Monday morning to register.

The Diocesan Centre has moved and is now located on the site of Holy Redeemer Parish, Sudbury. Access is at 1887 Bancroft Drive found by going around the church on the east (left) side all the way to the south side (back) of the church.



Please do not use the parish address to send mail to the Diocesan Centre. Use the following postal address to send all correspondence:

Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie  
PO Box 31010  
RPO Bancroft Drive  
Sudbury ON P3B 0C9

**Sunday Collection - 28 April**

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
<b>\$2,953.80</b>	<b>\$753.00</b>

**ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 28 APRIL 2024**

Roof Campaign Balance	\$49,915.23
<u>Sunday, 28 April Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$476.15
36 Receipted Donations	\$997.20
<u>Orchard Gift Card Sales</u>	\$120.00
24 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$770.00
<u>Twiggs Gift Card Sales</u>	\$15.00
3 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$70.00
<b>NEW CAMPAIGN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$51,523.58</b>

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, May 7 - Weekday in Easter Season - 12:05 PM**

José Miguel Gomes dos Santos - Antonio and Floripes Costa  
Anna Marie Kelly - Mary Kelly

**Wednesday, May 8 - Weekday in Easter Season - 12:05 PM**

Denis Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu and Family  
Claudette St. Louis - J.P. and Lorraine Guillemette

**Thursday, May 9 - Weekday in Easter Season - 12:05 PM**

Eloi Neron - Vivian Lebel  
Alfredo Celebre - Karen Anne McArthur

**Friday, May 10 - Weekday in Easter Season - 12:05 PM**

Intention of Patricia Anderson  
In Thanksgiving to Father Larry Rymes - Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Saturday, May 11 - The Ascension of the Lord - 4:00 PM**

Janice Sage - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo  
Richard Dinnes - Elizabeth and Art Appleton

**Sunday, May 12 - The Ascension of the Lord**

**9:00 AM** Geraldine and Clarence Lefebvre - Carol Lefebvre & Family  
Ashabi Peters - Omotayo Adebajji

**11:00 AM** Sandra Washington-Diesel - The Washington  
and Zima Families

Int. of the Pro-Cathedral Parishioners - Fr. Larry Rymes



**TAKE THE CHALLENGE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

**MAY 11 & 12**

Andrew and Casandra Walton, parishioners and owners of Northwood Window & Door Centre are pleased to match the

**May 11 & 12 LOOSE ROOF COLLECTION up to \$1,500.00!**

Please be as generous as you can by donating to the **LOOSE CHANGE SECOND COLLECTION** for the Roof at our Masses.

If someone donates in an envelope that has their name on it to receive a tax donation – *it is NOT included in this total.*

The challenge is to match the loose collection only.

*Empty your piggy banks and dig to the bottom of your purse 😊 Please be generous in donating your non-receipted LOOSE change to the second collection next weekend.*



**Winner of the APRIL 2024 Draw  
of \$530.00  
is TOM NODWELL (Ticket #D-1617)  
Congratulations!**

Raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay, Ontario under License #RAF1355768. Each draw is generated by computer and the winner is chosen randomly. Rafflebox is a government regulated raffle provider.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT!**



### **Building Fund VS Roof Campaign**

The **Roof Campaign** specifically goes to the expenses we will incur as we do the work on the tower and roof. We need to raise these funds to have on hand for this planned work.

The **Building Fund** is a collection for regular maintenance of our facilities such as repairs, utilities, snow removal, etc.

We ask that people who made a commitment to the building fund continue to donate to it and view the roof campaign as an extra contribution. *For those who are currently not contributing to either of these funds, we ask that you consider donating to them in your planned giving as long as it does not cause a hardship to do so.*



### **A Ministry is calling YOU**

The children in our parish gather each Sunday for Liturgy of the Word. The children leave the assembly at the beginning of Mass and return for the Liturgy of Eucharist (approximately 1/2 hour). There is a space in the

Lower Sacristy where the children gather.

There are two adults present each Sunday. The Leader leads the children in a Reflection on the Readings of the Sunday and all materials for the reflections are provided in The Sunday Leader Guide.

We have an amazing pianist who accompanies the children in sung prayer for the Psalm and Alleluia.

If you are interested in this ministry please join behind the children any Sunday to see if this Ministry is a way you can become involved.

**We are in need of new members to join our AMAZING Team. Any young/older adults men or women are welcome. Thank you, for responding to this ministry in our parish.**

Looking forward to meeting you,

Darlene Truchon, Coordinator for Liturgy of the Word  
Contact for more information: [darlene.truchon@gmail.com](mailto:darlene.truchon@gmail.com)

## **Catholic Education Week May 5-10**



Catholic Education Week 2024 begins on Sunday, May 5. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are called to love."

This is a week specially set aside to celebrate our Catholic schools and why the triple connection of home, school and parish is an important and integral part of Catholic education. This triad emphasizes for our children, the reality of our wider Catholic community that collaborates on their faith formation and education.

The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible.

Visit [www.npsc.ca](http://www.npsc.ca) or call 705-472-1201 for more information.

### **Volunteers Needed for our Funeral Ministry Team**



The ministry is comprised of individuals who assist, prior to and during each Funeral Mass, by setting up the Sacristy and the church with the necessary items for the celebration of the Mass.

Volunteers usher, operate the elevator, carry up the cross, assist with the incense, greet visitors and hand out worship leaflets. There are also occasions when the minister will proclaim the readings for the family and assist in distribution of the Eucharist. Whatever you are comfortable doing—there is a role for you!

This ministry is most rewarding as it provides the opportunity to offer solace and support to our Christian family and loved ones of the deceased when they need it most. Most funerals take place on weekday and Saturday mornings. Team members are notified of upcoming funerals and asked to respond with their availability. Training is provided.

If you have time to volunteer for this invaluable service, we would appreciate your call to the parish office.



### **Why is May called the month of Mary?**

The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ. Devotion to Mary is an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen.



Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service  
Vatican City — May 1, 2024

The greatest enemy of faith is fear, Pope Francis said at his weekly general audience. That is why faith is the first gift "that must be welcomed and asked for daily, so that it may be renewed in us. It is seemingly a small gift, yet it is the essential one," he said May 1 in the Paul VI Audience Hall.

Faith is the act by which a person freely commits him or herself to God, the pope said.

Francis recounted the story of the disciples crossing the lake in a boat with Jesus, but beginning to panic when the boat started to fill up with water in a storm. They woke Jesus who had been sleeping and were upset he seemed not to care they were in danger.

Jesus rebukes them, saying, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

Francis said, "Here, then, is the great enemy of faith: it is not intelligence, it is not reason, as, alas, some continue obsessively to repeat." The enemy is "simply fear."

"We who are believers also often realize that we have only a short supply" of faith, he said.

"But it is the happiest gift, the only virtue we are permitted to envy," the pope said, "because those who have faith are inhabited by a force that is not only human; indeed, faith 'triggers' grace in us and opens the mind to the mystery of God."

"Faith is the virtue that makes the Christian. Because to be Christians is not first and foremost about accepting a culture with the values that accompany it, but welcoming and cherishing a bond" between God and oneself, he said.

### The Good Samaritan Corner

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs.

True **Self Debwewendizwin**, located at 239 Main Street East, 2nd Floor, North Bay, runs an outreach program with six workers that provide urgent aid to people who are experiencing homelessness, especially those who are living "rough". Recently, Brooke and Stuart, outreach workers, spoke to members of the Compassionate Committee about the housing crisis in North Bay. They said that people cannot find a room to rent let alone an apartment. **Please consider donating the following items to assist with their outreach efforts:**



**Water, Socks, Easy-to-open Snacks, Warm Clothes**

For more information about True Self visit [www.trueself.ca](http://www.trueself.ca)

**Hope Awaits Ministry, located at 390 First Ave E., works within the city of North Bay to end homelessness.** They work with men who are homeless until they are independent, truly transforming lives. Their shelter program offers safe housing for up to 7 men. They also offer a clothing bank filled with warm clothing. For more information visit <https://www.hopeawaitsministries.com/>

For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay> or contact Leah Pierce at 705-472-5687 or at [CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com](mailto:CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com)



**To all Single Women!!**

(Divorced, Single, Widowed ~ All Welcome)

You're invited to join the Pro Cathedral Single Ladies Social Group. Together, we go to a movie, dinner, antiques, shopping in the surrounding area, coffee every Thursday, theatre (local/Shaw/Stratford), berry picking, card nights, sleigh ride, long & short trips and a number of events.

If this is something you might enjoy, please call Karen for more information at 705-495-6675, or email: [kbeaulieu914@gmail.com](mailto:kbeaulieu914@gmail.com) or text 705-493-4191

We only have two meetings per year to set the agenda and you can choose to attend or not attend any event that is planned. Entirely at your commitment and comfort level.

**North Bay Native, Michael Kelly Concert at St. Joseph's Motherhouse Sacred Heart Chapel (limited capacity) May 11 from 6 to 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20—contact switchboard at 705-474-3800. Payment by debit or credit card accepted. Donations to support ministries will be accepted—basket will be available at time of concert.**

**11th Annual Toilet Paper Drive** supporting 16 Food Banks (including our Catholic Charities at the Pro-Cathedral) - next drop off is May 11 at Parker's Independent Grocer from 10 AM to 2 PM. Also during business hours in May at Allison the Bookman, Davedi Club, and TD Bank Main Street.

**The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay presents—Homelessness & Affordable Housing Virtual Presentation** with Dr. Carolyn Whitzman, Housing & Social Policy Researcher on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 PM. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83290694430>

**North Bay Right to Life has chartered a bus to attend the March for Life** in Ottawa for Thursday, May 9 leaving Northgate Shopping Centre at 7 AM and returning around 9 PM. Fares must be booked and paid in advance. Adults \$30, Students \$10—call Jeannine to book a seat at 705-724-3424.

**First Nations Pilgrimage June 14, 15, Martyrs' Shrine, Midland Ontario:** Friday Evening 7 pm: Faith Sharing Circle, lower Shrine grounds. Saturday morning, St Ignatius Chapel (Church basement); 9-10:30: Opening prayer, Praise, song, sharing, Mass practicum. 10:30-11:00: 11:00–12:00 Indigenous Rosary; Introductions and prayers; 12 noon-1:00: Picnic lunch provided. 1-2 pm: Free time: Visit grounds, Gift Shop, Votary; 2 pm: Stations of the Cross, Kateri Prayer Garden: Smudging Ceremony, Mounting of 4 colours; 3-4 pm: Special Guest Presentation; 4:00 pm Outdoor Mass (weather permitting). Admission: Indigenous free with proof of status card, Non-Indigenous: \$10.00 Under 18 - Free. Responsible for own accommodations: Comfort Inn has group rates before May 12. Bring your own Feast bundles. Paper plates etc. will be available. Call Anishinabe Spiritual Centre (705-869-4994) to reserve for free lunch or for more information.

**Community Living North Bay looking for compassionate host families** to open their hearts and homes to an adult with an intellectual disability. Reach out to [familyhomje@clnb.org](mailto:familyhomje@clnb.org) or 476-5117 ext. 225 for more information about remuneration, support and relief.