

15 SEPTEMBER  
2024

24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME



# PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

*Welcome to Your Father's House!*

For whoever will save his  
life shall lose it; and  
whoever will lose his life  
for my sake shall find it.  
—Matthew 16:25

Isaiah prophesies of the servant of the Lord who has not turned his back on the Lord but has given his back to those who beat him, believing that the Lord is his help. In the second reading, James argues that faith without works is dead. In the Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples who they say he is. Peter answers, *You are the Christ*. Jesus then says that anyone who wishes to follow him must take up his cross. Today we hear the question that is at the center of the entire Gospel. Who is Jesus, and what does it mean to follow him? We would do well to reflect on this question from time to time. Who do we say that Jesus is, and how do our actions demonstrate this belief?

## 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 Westenek

### 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 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.



## OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday to Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 AM to 4:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON</b>

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	1 Corinthians 11. 17-26 33; Luke 7. 1-10
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12. 12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7. 11-17
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 12. 31 - 13. 13; Luke 7. 31-35
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15. 1-11; Luke 7. 36-50
Friday	1 Corinthians 15. 12-20; Luke 8. 1-3
Saturday	Ephesians 4. 1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9. 9-13
Sunday	Wisdom 2. 12, 17-20; James 3. 16-4.3; Mark 9. 30-37

## What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week

### Monday to Sunday, 16—22 September

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	6:30 PM	Hall	CWL Bazaar Planning
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Sacristy	Baptism Preparation
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium	Atrium Registration
	5:30 PM	Church	Ukrainian Mass
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy Begins
	2:30 PM & 4:00 PM	Church	Confessions followed by 4pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Litany & Procession, and Fellowship in Parish Hall

### DEACON RICK HAMELIN (SEMI RETIREMENT)

Deacon Rick Hamelin reached the mandatory age of retirement for clergy this summer. A deacon is ordained for life, but may retire from active status while still being involved in ministry work on a lesser scale. As such, he is still in good shape and spirits and able and willing to do ministry so you will continue to see Rick serving our parish periodically but not as often on the altar.

Also, because a retired deacon may choose to be involved in ministerial service according to his willingness and in consultation with the Bishop, we are pleased to say that Rick's love for the hospital ministry will continue. He will still coordinate visitation to our Catholic members and coordinate the Hospital Ministers of the Eucharist.

**We are grateful for Rick's service and ministry  
and we pray that this change in pace will be  
nurturing for him and his health.**

### Sunday Collection - 08 September

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
<b>\$4,510.45</b>	<b>\$1,951.00</b>

### ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 08 September 2024

Roof Campaign Balance	\$102,482.28
<b><u>Sunday, 08 September Collection</u></b>	
Roof Loose	\$665.35
29 Receipted Donations	\$730.65
Parish Breakfast Profit	<b>\$1,610.00</b>
August 50/50 Profit	<b>\$334.39</b>
<b>NEW CAMPAIGN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$105,822.67</b>

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Tuesday, September 17 - Weekday in Ordinary Time - 12:05 PM**

Susan Robillard - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board  
Theron Piper - Kathleen Gauthier and Family  
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

### **Wednesday, September 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time - 12:05 PM**

Connie and Rocci Zimbalatte - The Family  
Claudette St. Louis - Joe and Louise Defonzo  
Intention of Connor Montgomery - Judy and Robert

### **Thursday, September 19 - Weekday in Ordinary Time - 12:05 PM**

Albina Boaro - Lorna Rick  
Intention of Sister Linda MacIsaac - The Carey Family

### **Friday, September 20 - St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions, Martyrs - 12:05 PM**

Frances Agius - John Agius  
Rosa Gallo - Myrtle Veraldi  
Louis Taillefer - Paul and Karen Taillefer

### **Saturday, Sept. 21 - 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4:00 PM**

Charlie Knight - Mary Lou Smith  
Intention of Dielli and Sarah - Ben and Theresa Boudreau

### **Sunday, September 22 - 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM**

Kathy Belcourt - The Andras Family  
Charlotte Kelleher - William de Grosbois

### **11:00 AM**

Leo Morrissette - Dino and Jean Dottori  
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, September 17 beginning at 6:30 PM. Call the parish office on Monday if you are not already registered. *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan policy.*

### Sunday Liturgy With Children



### GATHERINGS BEGIN THIS WEEKEND

Sunday Liturgy With Children is held every Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass from September 15 to June 2025 for all children ages 4-12 years old. The focus of each group is to incorporate a variety of experiences that appeal to a young child's natural sense of wonder about God.



**Twiggs and Orchard Cards also available  
at all Masses the last Sunday of every month!**

**Last weekend's Parish Breakfast was a huge success!** Thank you to the many people who attended!

*A very special thank you to our Knights of Columbus who donated the cost of*



*this breakfast, allowing us to profit \$1,610.00 that we can put towards our Roof Campaign! Their generosity is overwhelming. Thank you also to the Knights who came out and worked so hard in the kitchen and serving too!*

*An ecstatic thank you to the many youth and college students who have become such supportive members of our parish. Your hard work in helping to serve, clean and help out in the kitchen did not go unnoticed and we want you to know how much your work was appreciated!*

*Thank you to our team of organizers, shoppers and hard workers who worked to support this latest fundraising event. Often these unsung heroes work many hours behind the scenes getting these events off the ground and we are so grateful!*

**Leftover food was individually packaged into meals for distribution and donated to Tracy Clement, operator of Hearts and Hands, an outreach program that provides food and items to people living on the street**



## **SACRAMENT PREPARATION FALL 2024**

**Registration Deadline  
September 25**

**Confirmation preparation for students in Grade 7, 8, 9, 10 or older will begin September 26 so please register soon.**

**Sessions and the Day of Retreat will be celebrated together as a region, however, candidates from the Pro-Cathedral will celebrate their confirmation here at our parish.**

**Registration and Preparation Dates can be found on our website at [procathedral.ca](http://procathedral.ca) under SACRAMENTS/CONFIRMATION**

**Program begins on September 26**

**Candidates who miss the Confirmation Retreat on October 5 will not be permitted to participate.**



Catholic Charities Food Bank  
Open Tuesday Mornings  
at the Pro-Cathedral

Did you know that you can donate your PC Optimum points and our coordinator, Elaine Summers can use them to purchase much needed items? If you earn these points and would like to donate them, please let us know by calling the parish office.

**THANK YOU ANONYMOUS DONOR!**

**WE HAVE A PARISHIONER WHO HAS OFFERED TO  
CONTRIBUTE \$400 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE  
UPCOMING CHINESE FOOD DINNER**

**THANK YOU TO THIS GENEROUS PERSON!**

## **Calling our amazing YOUTH at our church!!!**

**Do you have a desire to begin  
your very first ministry?**



**We are looking for children who have  
made their First Communion (and older) to join  
Father Larry's Altar Serving Team!!!**

**We will be hosting an opening night to our current  
and new altar servers to strengthen our faith by  
gaining a deeper understanding of the Mass parts  
through teachings by Father Larry!**

**Please join us for a pizza dinner and training session  
including alb fittings on Wednesday, October 24  
at 5:30 pm in the lower sacristy.**

**Please RSVP to the Parish Office to register  
by September 30.**

**We look forward to seeing you!**



**Catholic Women's League ~ It's that time of year again! **Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea: Saturday, November 16 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall****

**Heritage & Hidden Treasures:** We are looking for your precious treasures that need a new home: heirlooms, jewelry accessories (scarves & purses), home décor, games & puzzles as well as toys and Christmas decorations.

**NEXT WEEKEND!** Patricia Fassl will be at the garages to receive your wonderful and generous donations on September 14 and 15; after the Saturday 4 p.m. mass, after Sunday 9 a.m. mass and before the Sunday 11 a.m. mass.

For more information, contact convener, Patricia at 705-494-0614. We can also arrange to pick up your donations. Thank you!





**Feast of St. Francis Assisi**

**Sunday, September 22 ~ 4:00 PM**

The feast will be devoutly celebrated and everyone is warmly welcome to participate to receive the blessings of our beloved Saint.

**Solemn Feast Day Syro-Malabar Mass  
with Fr. Jijimon Maliyekkal  
at the Pro-Cathedral  
Litany and Procession after Mass  
Fellowship Dinner in Parish Hall**



**Blessed white candles are available ½ hour before and ½ hour after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy and ask our Sacristan for your vigil candle. It will be lit and at that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of \$5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs.**

**The Good Samaritan Corner**

Recently, the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay wrote a letter to the various levels of government asking them to implement some of the recommended action of the "Solve the Crisis" campaign, a comprehensive plan to assist municipalities in addressing the challenging situation of supporting people experiencing homelessness.

Lack of supportive affordable housing is a crisis in the Nipissing District. The Nipissing District Poverty Report: Housing and Homelessness indicates that Ontario Works recipients experiencing homelessness rose from 4% in 2021 to 7% in 2022. Social service groups in our community indicate that there are not adequate resources and appropriate housing available to provide support.

Of the recommendations made in the "Solve the Crisis" project, we urge the governments to: a) Provide our municipality with the resources to have a 24/7 community hub to relieve pressure on emergency departments and first responders; and b) Commit to increased funding for supportive, affordable housing so that people can transition from homelessness to appropriate housing with the necessary supports.

In addition to the recommendations in the "Solve the Crisis" project the provincial government needs to support Bill S-233, a Federal Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income. This will support people to get out of the cycle of poverty, to provide food security and to prevent homelessness.

There are many committed individuals and organizations in the Nipissing District who are working to end homelessness. We are counting on our mayor and our members of parliament to support aspects of the "Solve the Crisis" campaign and to advocate for increased provincial and federal resources so that everyone will have a place they can call home.

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)



**Pro-Cathedral Saturday, September 21  
The Divine Liturgy (Mass)  
in Ukrainian/English at 5:30 pm  
Everyone is welcome!**

**For more information, please reach us at  
[stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca](mailto:stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca) or 705-665-2869**

**September  
Tickets  
on sale  
now!**

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**50/50  
RAFFLE**

**This raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay under License #RAF1355768**

**Shalom Place is offering the Spiritual Exercises** again this year! Come to a free ONLINE information session to learn more! Sept. 18 7:00–8:00 PM OR Sept. 19 10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON Registration deadline is September 16th! Visit [www.shalomplace.ca](http://www.shalomplace.ca) for more information.

**Young Women's Bible Study:** Enjoy faith and friendship within a group of women who are striving with you to learn and grow in relationship with Jesus and each other. You would be so welcome to come study, pray and visit with us in North Bay on Thursday evenings from 6:45pm-9:00pm. Please call or text Annabelle if you have questions or are interested in attending, at 705-303-5027.

**North Bay Catholic Young Adults invites you to a Prayer and Pizza Night,** September 20 at 7:00 PM at Holy Name. Join us for adoration led by Fr. Daniele followed by "Build Your Own Pizza" and board games in the hall. We look forward to seeing you!

**Alpha is Back!! at St. Peter's Church Starting Tuesday, September 17 - 6:00 PM:** Whether you're just curious about faith or new to Christianity altogether, Alpha provides an open and welcoming environment where you can explore life's biggest questions with people asking the same things. You are invited to bring a friend for a meal, watch a short video, and get to know each other through conversation and spending time together. Alpha is about Connection, Content, and Conversation no matter where you are in your faith journey. Alpha runs for 11 weeks, including a weekend day retreat with all sessions held at St. Peter's. **To register, visit [www.alphanorthbay.com](http://www.alphanorthbay.com) or contact Colleen Hutson at [hutsoncolleen@gmail.com](mailto:hutsoncolleen@gmail.com) or (705) 840-3400.**



**JUBILEE OF YOUTH - ROME, ITALY:** The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie is inviting all **Catholic young adults aged 18-35** to participate in our **Pilgrimage to Rome, Italy for the Jubilee of Youth from July 27 - August 10, 2025** led by Fr. Daniele Muscolino. For prices, dates, itinerary, requirements and application, visit: [bit.ly/jubileesm](http://bit.ly/jubileesm) **Deadline to Apply is September 25**