

20 APRIL 2025



# PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

## Welcome to Your Father's House!

*Suddenly two men in bright shining clothes stood by them. Full of fear, the women bowed down to the ground, as the men said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised."*

*"Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Their understanding would grow in the hours and days that followed. These early witnesses would then share the Good News of Jesus' resurrection, often at the cost of their own lives, building up the Church that endures today. Like the disciples, we, too, are commissioned to witness to our faith in the risen Jesus, sharing this life-changing reality with others through our words and actions.*



**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  
Miss Ruth Godon

### IN RESIDENCE

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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.



God of mercy, you wash away our sins in water, you give us a new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



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.

## OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Easter Monday	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday—Thursday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

## Scripture Readings: 21 ~ 27 April

Monday	Acts 2. 14, 22-33; Matthew 28. 8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2. 36-41; John 20. 11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3. 1-10; Luke 24. 13-35
Thursday	Acts 3. 11-26; Luke 24. 35-48
Friday	Acts 4. 1-12; John 21. 1-14
Saturday	Acts 4. 13-21; Mark 16. 9-15
Sunday	Acts 5. 12-16; Revelation 1. 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20. 19-31



**What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week**  
**Monday to Sunday, 21 ~ 27 April**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Hall	Catholic Girls League
Friday	10:00 AM	Church	Funeral: Robert Miller
Saturday	9:30 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	11:00 AM	Church	Funeral: Wayne Dugas
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word



**Tuesday, April 29**

Join us to meet with the architects and contractor for our upcoming **Tower and Roof Project**. You can expect information sharing, drawings, as well as time to answer any questions you may have.

**EXCITING NEWS!**

Work is set to begin shortly after Easter, so come to our **Town Hall Meeting** to find out how we are moving forward. **Everyone is Invited!**

**Watch for some exciting Fundraising Events happening over the next several months!**

Restoration Jazz Band Concert in May, OPP Golden Helmets Performance in June, Summer Tea, BBQ, Indian-Food Supper in September, Hearty Ham Dinner in October, and a Christmas Supper in December!

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 April**

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
<b>\$4,683.50</b>	<b>\$1,902.00</b>

**Credit Card Donations April**

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
<b>\$3,623.00</b>	<b>\$1,326.00</b>	<b>\$513.89</b>

**ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 13 April 2025**

Roof Campaign Balance	\$77,904.86
<b><u>Sunday, 13 April Collection</u></b>	
Roof Loose	\$635.25
37 Receipted Donations	\$1,566.00
Orchard Gift Card Sales	<b>\$155.00</b>
31 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	<b>Profit to Date: \$915.00</b>
<b>CAMPAIGN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$80,775.00</b>

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**



**Tuesday, 22 April: Weekday in Easter Octave 12:05 PM**

Alanna Travers - Nipissing-Parry Sound District School Board  
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

**Wednesday, 23 April: Weekday in Easter Octave 12:05 PM**

Jeannette Dominico - Randy Dominico  
 Monica Allard - Mr. and Mrs. D. Brennan and Family  
 Richard Dolighan - The Dolighan Family

**Thursday, 24 April: Weekday in Easter Octave 12:05 PM**

Norma Milligan - Don and Lorraine Shago  
 Addie and Laura Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo  
 Intention of Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque

**Friday, 25 April: Weekday in Easter Octave 12:05 PM**

Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary  
 Yvette Guillemette - Judy Carriere

**Saturday, 26 April: Second Sunday of Easter 4:00 PM**

Delbert Passmore - Brenda Passmore and Family  
 In Thanksgiving - John and Carol Rowe

**Sunday, 27 April: Second Sunday of Easter**

**9:00 AM** Mary Norton - Friday Morning Volunteer Group  
 In Memory of those Remembered in the  
 Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

**11:00 AM** Myrtle Riopelle - Maureen Marchildon  
 Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



**ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND!**  
**Available at All Masses**  
**Last Weekend of the Month**  
**or at Parish Office During the Week**

**Food Bank Sunday ~ Next Weekend**

**NEXT WEEKEND** we take our collection of **non-perishable food items** for our **Catholic Charities Food Bank**. This wonderful service runs from the rectory basement each Tuesday morning helping our brothers and sisters in need.



**Please be generous in helping to stock our shelves — with non-perishable food items.**

**Whatever you can spare ... we can share!!**



**The Catholic Women's League**  
**DIOCESE OF SAULT STE. MARIE COUNCIL**  
**CELEBRATING 105 YEARS**

Join us in North Bay this year to encounter  
a refreshed convention experience, in a new venue,  
in the month of May!

Come to celebrate and pray together in person to sow  
seeds of hope as "Pilgrims of Hope" in this Jubilee Year.  
Did you know? The Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council  
of the CWL represents more than 1,800 members in  
30 councils from as far west as Sault Ste. Marie and as  
far east as Callander and places in between.

Join us from May 23 to May 25, to gather  
as women of faith, to pray together,  
to strengthen the bond of sisterhood,  
to participate in workshops and  
learn about the CWL, to develop  
leadership skills, to have fun and share  
stories, renew acquaintances  
and create lifelong friendships.

Please contact council president Mary-Lynn Truchon  
to register before April 23, 2025  
Phone: 705-474-3082 E-mail: [mltru-  
chon@hotmail.com](mailto:mltru-chon@hotmail.com)



Don't forget to pay your CWL membership dues for  
2025. It's not too late! The CWL is a voice of Catholic  
women expressing their values and promoting dignity  
and justice for all. It is a gift of faith, friendship, and  
support, offering leadership development and  
affirmation. The CWL invites all women to share their  
gifts and make a difference!



**Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament**  
**Each Friday 11 AM - NOON**

**Do you have an eye for great photos and a passion  
for storytelling through photography?**

We're looking for a gifted volunteer  
photographer to help capture the  
spirit of our parish community at  
various events throughout the year—  
dinners, movie nights, fundraisers,  
games nights, and more!

This isn't just about taking pictures—it's about capturing  
the heart and joy of our parish family. The photos you  
take will be shared on our website, social media, and  
bulletin to help connect and inspire others.  
If you have experience behind the lens and want to use  
your talent to serve the parish in a meaningful way, we'd  
love to hear from you!



## Death, Where is Your Sting?



Today we celebrate Christ's own  
victory over the grave. We hear  
the wonderful Easter message:  
*"He is not here. He has risen!"*  
Jesus has announced to the  
whole world that death has lost its power to hurt us. As Paul  
says: *Death has been swallowed up in victory.*

*Where, O death is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?*

*Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15: 55, 57)*

Jesus died in our place on the cross, taking on himself all our sin,  
all the sin that separates us from God – all the sin that prevents  
us from ever getting to heaven. Jesus rose again from the dead at  
Easter to demonstrate that death could not hold him down, that  
the power of sin to condemn us has been destroyed and the  
ability of death to wipe us out completely has been overcome.

This gives us positive hope – after our life on this earth is over,  
there is a new life waiting for us. Didn't Jesus say, *"There are  
many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a  
place for you"*? (John 14:2).

The message of Easter is clear and simple. The enemy death has  
been defeated. And although we are parted from family and  
friends for a while because of death, we know that we shall meet  
up with those who die in the Lord beyond death in the bliss of  
eternal life. We may have longed for one more hour, or one  
more day, but in Christ we have eternity. When those close to us  
die, or when we die, we leave the troubles of this world and  
enter the joys of eternal life. When it comes to death our  
Christian faith is as relevant as ever.

- Who or what else can give us any security when faced with death?
- Who or what else can offer us any hope when death comes close?
- Who can make any sense out of what appears to us to be a senseless waste of life?
- Who can help us when someone is taken suddenly and inexplicably?
- Who else can comfort us when the pain that death brings strikes our hearts with such ferocity?
- Who? The living Jesus!

His resurrection assures us, who are his children, that we too  
shall rise.

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**





## OUR NEXT "MATCH THE COLLECTION WEEKEND"

will be held next weekend, April 26 & 27 for up to \$1,000

The challenge is to match the Loose Roof collection only -  
not receiptable donations.

**This is the last weekend we have someone scheduled to match the collection!**

**We are looking for generous volunteers to accept the challenge for May, June or July.**

**You can match the collection exactly (usually around \$500) or up to any amount you would like. Call the parish office if you can help.**



The Knights of Columbus, Council 1007, serves The Pro-Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, and St. Alphonsus's Church. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church.

As Knights, we perform acts of charity through our physical works and financial contributions to the Church and community.

If you would like to make a difference in your parish, by becoming a Knight, please email David Dunkley at: [ddunkley@gmail.com](mailto:ddunkley@gmail.com)

North Bay Pregnancy Help and Resource Centre will be holding its Annual Spring Gala, "Life Abundantly", Friday, April 25, 7:00 pm at the Bethel Gospel Chapel, 781 Tackaberry Drive. Tickets \$35 each. Price includes decadent desserts, coffee and tea. Mocktails will be available for purchase. There will also be a Silent Auction. Features Esther Stone, James Palmer and Sean Dayton. For tickets: [contactus@nbphrc.ca](mailto:contactus@nbphrc.ca) or 705-475-9270. This event is the main yearly fundraiser for this charitable organization, which helps women and families with unplanned pregnancies in our region, down to South River.



**March For Life Ottawa**, Thursday, May 8: Bus loads at 6:45am at Northgate Shopping Centre. Leaves at 7am, returns about 9pm. One 15 min stop going, 1/2 an hour stop coming home. Adults: \$40.00 Students \$10.00. Tickets must be paid in advance. Call Harley 705-752-4105, Jeannine 705-724-3424 or Nancy 705 472-6099. Can e-transfer fare to [northbayrighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:northbayrighttolife@gmail.com)

**The Shalom Place 7-Day Silent Retreat is returning!** It is being held at St. Joseph's Motherhouse in North Bay in July (22-29). There are two options available: 1. The person-directed retreat - Includes private room, meals, and daily individual meeting with a spiritual director. \$685.00 **OR** 2. A video recorded retreat with Margaret Silf - Includes private room, meals, and daily video input session and reflection material from Margaret Silf (used with permission) based on a retreat she gave on "Discovering Your Wisdom Years." Cost: \$400.00. For more information and to register: [www.shalomplace.ca](http://www.shalomplace.ca), [shalomssm@shaw.ca](mailto:shalomssm@shaw.ca), or 705-254-4690 Limited space, so register soon!



**English Style Tea—A fund raiser for Missions at St. Brice's Anglican Church**, Saturday, April 26 from 11 AM to 1 PM. Baby Quilts, Unique Cards & Baking. Sandwiches, Scones, Squares, Tea & Coffee \$10 [children under 10 years free]

### Can you Help?

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay will hold its sixth Backpacks of Love campaign with the drop off day on **Saturday, May 3, 2025**, at the Pro-Cathedral garages from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



The Nipissing Counts 24 conducted in October 2024 revealed a total of 531 individuals experiencing homelessness across the district representing a 77% increase from the 2021 count of 200, and an 81% increase from the 2020 count of 293.

Once again, we need your help with our campaign. We are calling this **"Adopt an Essential Item"** Campaign.

**At the Pro-Cathedral, we have been asked to help by donating the following items:**

**SOCKS, FLASHLIGHTS,  
& SILVER EMERGENCY BLANKETS**

The goal is to ensure that the urgent needs of the people experiencing homelessness are met. Let's show our community how much we care for those experiencing homelessness in our city!

**Items can be dropped off into the basket provided at the church entrance; to the parish office; or to the parking garages on Saturday, May 3.**



### JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO BARCELONA, LOURDES & ROME October 16 - 30, 2025

The Jubilee Year only happens every 25 Years! Join the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage October 16-30, 2025 and visit 4 Countries (Spain, Andorra, France, Italy), tour the breath-taking Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, explore Lourdes, Assisi, Florence, walk through the Jubilee Holy Doors in Rome and attend a Papal Audience! This fully escorted tour is led by Fr. Daniele Muscolino and includes roundtrip airfare from Toronto, 4-Star Accommodations, Guided Tours with Local Guides, daily breakfast and lots of free time worked in for your own leisure. Full Itinerary, prices, and more information available at [www.holynametalphonsus.com/pilgrimage](http://www.holynametalphonsus.com/pilgrimage)