

The Ascension
of the Lord

01 JUNE 2025

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, the author tells Theophilus that in his first book he *dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up*, and then expounds on the moment when Jesus was taken up from [them] into heaven. In the second reading, Paul greets the Ephesians, blesses them and offers a prayer that they might have knowledge of Christ and the hope he offers. In the Gospel, Jesus ascends to heaven before the disciples. They return to Jerusalem with *great joy, praising God*. On this Solemnity of the Ascension, we recall with praise what Jesus has done for us by his suffering, death, and resurrection. We are called to not simply meditate on these events, but to bring the fruits of our prayer into the world as his *witnesses*. This is the task of the Church – to preach the Gospel to *all nations* – and we participate in this individually by living and proclaiming our faith within our own spheres of influence.

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. Rick Hamelin
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenek

Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. Shirley Falconi
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

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

Scripture Readings: 02 — 08 June

Monday	Acts 19. 1-8; John 16. 29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20. 17-27; John 17. 1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20. 28-38; John 17. 11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22. 30; 23. 6-11; John 17. 20-26
Friday	Acts 24. 27; 25. 13b-21; John 21. 15-19
Saturday	Acts 28. 16-20, 30-31; John 21. 20-25;
Sunday	Acts 2. 1-11; 1 Corinthians 12. 3b-7, 12-13; John 20. 19-23

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 02 ~ 08 June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Reserved
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Sacristy	CWL Convention Review Mtg.
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Hall	CWL Dinner & Service Awards
Thursday	6:00 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Friday	10:00 AM	Church	Student Organ Lesson
Saturday	10:00 AM	Church	Funeral: William Demarco
	11:30 AM	Church	Tour of Stained Glass Windows
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word

May "Match the Roof Loose Collection"

Thank you to our anonymous donor who agreed to match last weekend's collection up to \$500.00.

We are thankful for your generosity!

NEXT MATCHING WEEKEND—JUNE 28 & 29

We are looking for anyone person or company to match our July, August or September collection.

Call the parish office if you can help!

You can donate anonymously or your gift can be acknowledged publicly.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 25 May

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$3,469.00	\$790.50

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 25 May 2025

Roof Campaign Balance	\$110,768.89
<u>Sunday, 25 May Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$645.50
23 Receipted Donations	\$350.00
Parishioner Matching (25 May Collection up to \$500)	\$500.00
Memorial Donation North Bay Toyota	\$2,500.00
Orchard Gift Card Sales 45 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	\$225.00 Profit to Date: \$1,650.00
Twiggs Gift Card Sales 4 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	\$20.00 Profit to Date: \$200.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$115,009.39

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 03 June: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions 12:05 PM

Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
 Al Falconi - Darlene Truchon
 June Marleau - Wilfred Marleau and the Marleau Family

Wednesday, 04 June: Weekday in Easter Season 12:05 PM

Claudette St. Louis - Carole Valade and Family
 Living and Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League
 Intention of Kate Woron - Mary Lou Smith

Thursday, 05 June: Memorial of St. Boniface 12:05 PM

In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Arthur & Lucille Schiavo
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

First Friday, 06 June: Weekday in Easter Season 12:05 PM

Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
 Lloyd Voisin - The Voisin Family
 Glenna McAuley - Jean and June McAuley

Saturday, 07 June: Pentecost Sunday 4:00 PM

Eric Boulanger - Suzanne Boulanger
 Serafim Carreiro - The Carreiro Family
 Sylvia Franchi - Audrey and Jim Murphy




Sunday, 08 June: Pentecost Sunday

9:00 AM Clifford Riopelle - Karin O'Reilly
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Barb and Frank Gurini

11:00 AM Al Falconi - Lorraine and Don Shago
 Frank O'Hagan - Mary Lou Smith
 Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Friday 11 AM - NOON

 **The Pro-Cathedral Prayer Line consists of a group of parishioners who pray for the needs of others. Concerns great and small are presented to the Lord on your behalf. If you have a prayer request *or would like to join the group* call Sister Shirley McNamara at 474-3800, Ext. 295 or Lorraine Atchison at 474-0613**

Thank you so much to North Bay Toyota and The Falconi Family for their donation of \$2,500 in the memory of Deacon Al Falconi.



This donation was made to the Roof Campaign in honour and recognition of the many years of service and care that Deacon Al provided to our parish community.

Thank you so much to the Falconi Family for this generous donation.



The Catholic Women's League

You are invited to our Wednesday, June 4 General Gathering in the parish hall, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Thirty-one council members will be awarded their appropriate Years of Service Pins, ranging from 5 to 65 years!

This Gathering will also include a Spiritual Program, a brief business update, and a reception to honour our Service Pin recipients.



REMINDER: The first Wednesday of the month, Wednesday, June 4 we celebrate one of the intentions at the 12:00 noon Mass for the living and deceased members of our CWL council. Plan to attend if you can and remember our sisters.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

It's not too late to pay your 2025 CWL membership dues.

Contact Brenda Passmore for membership information at:

705-474-0447 or passmorebe@gmail.com



PILGRIMS CENTERED IN HOPE NORTH BAY REGIONAL CWL ENCOUNTER



Invitation for ALL women to attend this second of three PILGRIMS OF HOPE faith encounters titled "*Pilgrims Centered in Hope*".

This presentation focus is Centering Prayer, and will include time for silence and will conclude with spiritual dance.

Please join us on

Saturday June 14, from 1pm until 2:30pm
in the McColgan Room at the SSJ Motherhouse
2025 Main Street West.

Coming this Fall - September 27 & 28 Beautiful Wood Art Sale

Bethlehem's Christian community relies on selling handcrafted olive wood religious art to visiting pilgrims, forming its primary income.



Declining tourism has hit them hard in recent years, leading some Christians to leave The Holy Land, posing a threat to key sites like the Church of The Nativity.



Your purchase will not only enrich your collection but also contribute to strengthening the Christian presence in The Holy Land.

Welcome to all Single Women!!

(Divorced, Single, Widowed)



Why not join the Pro-Cathedral single ladies social group?

We have over 40 members who get together to share social times and great conversation! For examples, we go to a movie, dinner, antiquing, shopping in the area, coffee every Thursday, theatre (local/Shaw/Stratford), berry picking, card nights, sleigh ride, long & short trips and a number of events we decide together to do.

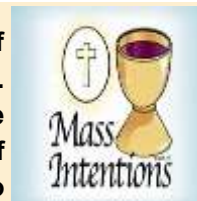
We only have two meetings per year to set the agenda and you can choose to attend or not attend any event that is planned. Entirely at your commitment and comfort level.

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

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

(Hebrews 9: 24)

Offering Mass intentions is a tradition of prayer, support, and community. You may request a mass for someone who is deceased; for the intentions of someone who is living; for those who are sick and suffering who need prayers; or in celebration of a special occasion. Contact the parish office to book a mass. A Mass Stipend is \$15.00 and an income tax receipt is provided.



Dear Church Partner,

I hope you are doing well by God's grace.

Thank you very much for your support and generosity towards the Pregnancy Centre. Your support for the mothers and families experiencing unexpected pregnancies and pregnancy loss is making a positive impact in our community.

I am glad to report that our Musical Gala Fundraiser raised over \$5,000.00. Praise the Lord for his faithfulness and providence.

Our Baby Bottle Campaign is on-going ... Thank you to our new and old partners !!!

Yessey Ndyamuhaki Msc/PM
Executive Director



Have you picked up your baby bottle yet? Please take a baby bottle from the basket in the Cathedral, put your donations inside, and return the bottle by Father's Day to the collection or to the Parish Office only. Thank you!



Just a reminder that
the last gathering for
Children's Liturgy is
Sunday, June 15.
Join us again this Fall
beginning on
September 14.

The Gathering Place fundraiser "North Bay Taste" Saturday, June 7 at On The Rocks. Over 15 local restaurants offering two bite samplers for attendees to try. Tickets \$20 can be purchased in advance at Battery Battery (1315 Main St. W.) or at The Gathering Place. All proceeds directly to The Gathering Place so we can continue to feed those at risk in our community.

Mustard Seed Productions "Happily Forever After" musical for kids about the kingdom of God at Trinity United Church on Friday June 6 at 7 PM and Saturday, June 7 at 2:00 PM. Tickets \$10/Adults and \$5 kids 12 and under. Available at the door or Trinity Office 474-3310

Life in the Spirit Seminar—Give permission for the Holy Spirit to transform your life on Pentecost Weekend! A series of talks, prayer, reflection, praise and worship and empowering the Holy Spirit in your life like on the day of Pentecost. Friday, June 6 from 6:45–9:00 PM; and Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 AM to 8:30 PM. Spend some time 'on retreat' and come and experience Life in the Spirit! Information and registration is available at: www.holynamestalphonesus.com/inthespirit

Corpus Christi Procession & Celebration June 22: Holy Name of Jesus Parish Sunday, June 22. Eucharistic Procession begins at 12:30 PM from church to the Kiwanis Bandshell, where Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the park at 1:20 PM, followed by Live Music, BBQ and Games for the kids until 4:00 PM. Bus Shuttle available all day between Church & Kiwanis Bandshell. All welcome!

Trinity United UCW Strawberry Social and Bake Sale: Fellowship Hall, June 14 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. \$8/Person

Hope Awaits Ministries Men's Shelter Homeless Night Challenge June 7 from 12 Noon to 5 PM. Put together a 4-5 person team to compete against other teams in great games to help raise funds for this ministry that helps homeless men of North Bay. Held at the Kiwanis Bandshell at the waterfront. BBQ, and beverages available and crafters on site! For more information on the Homeless Night Challenge call 705-752-2655 or 705-477-6350. Find out more about Hope Awaits at: <https://youtu.be/F2PhVA-lguE>

Catholic Vacation Bible School Summer Camp July 7 - 11: For kids aged 4 to 11 from Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 11 each day from 9am to 12pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Get ready for the Great Journey with Jesus this Summer! Cost is \$50 per child; or \$100 per family. More information and registration can be found at www.holynamestalphonesus.com/vbs

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 Contact: www.shalomplace.ca, shalomssm@shaw.ca, or 705-254-4690

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" the Apostles are asked. Well, hello! The risen Jesus, who had once again walked among the Apostles, "was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." Of course the disciples would look up, to gaze once more upon the Son of God whom they loved. Today's feast reminds us, however, that to look for Jesus is not to stand around looking up, but to engage with others in the world in which he remains present. Even as he sits "at the right hand of God," Jesus dwells among and within us. For God is not some distant figure, but One who desires to walk alongside us in the person of his Son, Jesus, and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit as our help and advocate. Even in times when we experience doubt, complacency, or simply feel distant from God, Jesus is at our side. Once we open our hearts to his presence, we cannot help but share the Good News of God's love in our families, workplaces, and everyday encounters with others.

For anyone wishing to grow in their understanding of what evangelization looks like, today's readings offer as good a playbook as any. As we celebrate the Ascension, we may be tempted to see it as a kind of "farewell party" for Jesus. But while on the surface, it may appear that Jesus "left" the Apostles, he promises to remain with them through the gift of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean for us? Today's Gospel sums it up, quoting Jesus' words immediately before he was taken up to heaven: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." As Catholics and Christians, that's our bottom line. "Proclaim" goes beyond mere words, and encompasses living out the Gospel by sharing God's love. Jesus remains at our side, encouraging us to use the gifts God has given us to build up the Church.

Today's feast reminds us that we have an advocate in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As you enter a challenging situation or even just a typical day, remember to ask Jesus to give you a "spirit of wisdom."

GOOD SAMARITAN CORNER



Health and Disability Topics of those Surveyed:

During the Point in Time Count conducted in the fall of 2024 throughout Nipissing District, the following health and disability data of those surveyed were captured:

- ⇒ 70% used substances
- ⇒ 68% were dealing with issues around mental health
- ⇒ 39% had issues with hearing and seeing
- ⇒ 42% were dealing with issues around developmental and cognitive function
- ⇒ 62% would accept substance use treatment if offered today
- ⇒ 39% had physical limitations
- ⇒ 35% had illness or medical conditions
- ⇒ 33% had acquired brain injuries

Homelessness results in significant excess health care costs and resources!

For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay> or contact Leah Pierce at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com