

18 MAY
2025

FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Paul and Barnabas visit the early Christian communities, encouraging them to persevere in faith and appointing elders to lead them. In the second reading, John shares a vision of the new Jerusalem *prepared as a bride adorned for her husband*. In the Gospel, after Judas has left, Jesus tells his friends that all will know they are his disciples if they love one another as he has loved them. That is his *new commandment*. Jesus tells his Apostles that all will know they are his disciples if they love one another. We are called to follow this command to love, so that God can use us to draw the world to himself. This is what Paul and Barnabas are endeavoring to do in the first reading; they are proclaiming the Gospel out of love for God and his people so that the reign of his love might spread throughout the world.

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 Westenenk

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—Thursday **8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

Friday **OFFICE CLOSED**

Scripture Readings: 19—25 May

Monday **Acts 14. 5-18; John 14. 21-26**

Tuesday **Acts 14. 19-28; John 14. 27-31a**

Wednesday **Acts 15. 1-6; John 15. 1-8**

Thursday **Acts 15. 7-21; John 15. 9-11**

Friday **Acts 15. 22-31; John 15. 12-17**

Saturday **Acts 16. 1-10; John 15. 18-21**

Sunday **Acts 15. 1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21. 10-14, 22-23; John 14. 23-29**



What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week Monday to Sunday, 12 ~ 18 May

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday	9-Noon	Hall	Reserved
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Hall	Catholic Girls League
Thursday	6:00 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Friday	1:00 PM	Hall	Reserved
	3:30 PM	Church	Reserved
Saturday	All Day	Hall	Reserved
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:00 AM	Hall	First Communion Session #3
	12:15 PM	Church	Baptism
	2:00 PM	Church	Organ Workshop

Everyone Welcome! Syro Malabar Mass this Sunday

4:30 PM - Sunday, May 18

Time for Confession following Mass

NEXT WEEKEND!

The Loose Roof Collection will be matched up to \$500 next weekend - please be generous with your donations to the LOOSE ROOF collection.



If you would like to support the Roof Campaign in this way for July or August, please contact the parish office.

You can agree to match the donations received or offer to match up to a certain amount and your donation can be acknowledged or remain anonymous.

Fourth Sunday of Easter - 11 May

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$2,814.95	\$685.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 11 May 2025

Roof Campaign Balance	\$92,189.95
Sunday, 11 May Collection	
Roof Loose	\$588.45
33 Receipted Donations	\$1,919.00
Pledge Donation by Designed Roofing Inc.	\$10,000.00
Jazz Concert Profit	\$3,390.00
Twiggs Gift Card Sales 10 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	\$50.00 Profit to Date: \$180.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	108,137.40

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 20 May: Weekday in Easter Season

12:05 PM

Lloyd Voisin - The Voisin Family

Gary Potter - Carol Potter and Family

Wednesday, 21 May: Weekday in Easter Season

12:05 PM

James and Lena Defonzo - Joe and Louise Defonzo and Family

Rita Glow - Gerri Reid

Intention of the Falconi Family - Pedro and Jessica Costa

Thursday, 22 May: Weekday in Easter Season

12:05 PM

Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary

Adrian Whyte - Mary Lou Smith

Friday, 23 May: Weekday in Easter Season

12:05 PM

Emile Lamothe - Ella Lamothe

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Saturday, 24 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM

Addie and Laura Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Al Falconi - The Delarosbel Family

Sunday, 25 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Maurice Bosselle - The Bennison Family

For those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

11:00 AM David Reid - Gerri Reid and Family

Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

This Thursday, May 22, is the Feast of St. Rita Patron Saint of the Impossible



Born in 1381 near Cascia, Italy, St. Rita was forced into an arranged marriage. Widowed 18 years later, she then joined a small community of nuns, who later became Augustinians. Known for her austerity, prayerfulness and charity, St. Rita counselled many people who came to her monastery. She died in 1457 and was canonized a Saint in 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with St. Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her shrine each year and her body lies in her tomb incorruptible.

Please join us for her Mass this Thursday at 12:05 pm

O God, Who bestowed on Saint Rita such grace that she loved her enemies, and bore in her heart and on her forehead the mark of Your love and Passion, grant us, we beseech You, through her merits and intercession, a love for our enemies. Through our contemplation of Your sufferings and Passion, may we merit the reward promised to the meek and the suffering. You live and reign forever.

A Message of Gratitude

Thank you so much to Daley Boutilier for stepping up to temporarily assist me as 11 AM Usher Team Lead. Our parish is blessed to have people who are willing to help out when needed. With heartfelt appreciation,

Helen Ermel



A huge thank you to our Roof and Tower contractor, Designed Roofing for their very generous donation towards our campaign!

Owners Grace and Michael Valenti made a donation of \$10,000 towards our project, saying *"It is with deep respect and heartfelt gratitude that we make this donation to the Pro Cathedral, as we genuinely feel its importance and recognize its iconic symbolism and meaning in our community. The Pro Cathedral is more than a place of worship; it is a cornerstone of compassion, service, and unity. This contribution is made in the spirit of partnership, faith, and community; a way to stand alongside you in your efforts to make a lasting difference now and for many more generations ahead. Our family and Company are proud to be part of this project and community."*

Thank you so much from our parish community for this very generous donation!



**Blessings to
Helen & Ben Vaillancourt
who celebrate
67 Years of Marriage
on Friday, 23 May 2025.**



May God bless you with an abundance of peace, joy, and love this coming year.

Pope's Pastoral Works Collection Next Weekend May 25

Each year at this time, Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use among those most in need.

Each of us "is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society... The old question always returns: *'How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods, and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?'*" (1 John 3. 17).



"As often as you did it for these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me."



The message of "love one another" is a call to action, urging followers of Christ to embody the principles of empathy, compassion, and selflessness. It challenges believers to look beyond their own needs and to consider the well-being of others, fostering a community bound by mutual respect, understanding, and care.

Implementing the command to love one another in daily life can seem daunting. However, it can be expressed through simple acts of kindness, understanding, and support. It involves forgiving others, offering help without expecting anything in return, and respecting the dignity and worth of every individual. Part of loving one another involves forgiving those who have wronged us, following the example of Christ who forgave even those who crucified Him. The Bible emphasizes forgiveness as a cornerstone of love, encouraging believers to reconcile with one another and live in harmony.

Demonstrating love can be as simple as listening to someone's concerns, offering a helping hand to those in need, or speaking words of encouragement. It can also involve more significant acts, such as standing up for justice, providing for the less fortunate, and advocating for the marginalized.

***"I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another."***

Tip Tap Pay is a contactless means of donation - *you may have seen this unit standing at the center doors and wondered what it is!*

It is a non-taxable donation option that allows users to support our Roof Campaign.



- Forgot your cash for our second loose collection? **Just tap!**
- Visiting? **Just tap!**

Tap as many times and whichever values you wish. The machine accepts debit or credit cards.

If you need help our ushers can assist you. Why not try it out?

All funds donated to the tap machine go directly to the Roof Campaign—help us achieve our \$1,000,000 fundraising goal!

**Dessert & Tea Social for Everyone!
Fashion Show for all Ages by Lola's
Musical Entertainment by Northfacing Folk—
Verdon Vaillancourt**

All under one roof—ours! On Saturday, 23 August
Mark your calendars. More information to follow.
Looking for Matching Tea Sets (Pot/Creamer/Sugar)
if you have any to donate (or can we borrow?)
as well as 3-tier serving platters.
Drop off to the parish office any time or call
Annette for more information at 495-3584.



Blessed white candles are available immediately before and after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy to pick up and light a vigil candle. At that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of \$5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs.

Trinity United Church presents Monty Python & The Holy Grail live performance May 23, May 24 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, May 25 at 1:30 PM. For tickets and information contact 474-3310 or trinitynorthbay@gmail.com. Tickets \$20 Adults and \$15/Students.

Hope Awaits Ministries Men's Shelter Homeless Night Challenge June 7 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. This ministry provides housing for men, but they teach them life skills and about their Heavenly Father that loves and wants them to come to Him. 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. Please also keep Hope Awaits and the Homeless Night Challenge in prayer. Find out more about Hope Awaits at: <https://youtu.be/F2PhVA-IguE>

Host an international high school student from **France, Australia, Italy, Japan, China, Germany, New Zealand, and Estonia** who arrive in September 2025 between 2-10 months. Families provide three meals a day in a safe and nurturing environment and are compensated with a monthly stipend. These international students are excited to learn more about our country's culture, language and experience Canadian living. If you would like to learn more, call 416-623-6220 ext.410, email homestay@youthedservices.ca or visit: <https://youthedservices.ca/host-a-student/>

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

North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre

Support available for women experiencing unexpected pregnancy - providing a safe place to make an informed decision. For support or to make a donation please call 705-475-9270 or email nbphrc@hotmail.com



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



Baby Bottle Campaign

Please support the North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre through their bottle campaign. Can you help women experiencing unexpected pregnancies?

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. The North Bay Pregnancy Help and Resource Centre is not funded by government and needs our assistance to do their good work!



Find out more about The Ordinary Jubilee Year in 2025 at our website at <https://procathedral.ca>
You will find links to our Bishop's Pastoral Letter "Entering into Hope", to "A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Program of Life" webinars, & More!

All things Jubilee on our website — check it out under the GREEN JUBILEE button on the home page - upper right.



GOOD SAMARITAN CORNER

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

Health and the Homeless: During the Point in Time Count conducted in the fall of 2024 throughout Nipissing District, 62% of respondents stated that in the last 12 months they had visited the emergency room. Did you know that people experiencing homelessness visited the E.R. 624 times, that 33% were hospitalized 215 times for a total of 1,899 days in the hospital? 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/compassionatecommitteefornorthbay> or contact Leah Pierce at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com