

25 MAY
2025

SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

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 Apostles send a letter to Antioch explaining which practices [with regard to the Mosaic law] are necessary for Gentiles who have come to believe in the Gospel. In the second reading, John describes his vision of the new Jerusalem, which shines with Christ's eternal light. Jesus, in the Gospel, foretells the coming of the Advocate. The Holy Spirit, Jesus tells his disciples, will *teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you*. Christians on pilgrimage to the Holy Land are often greeted with the words, "Welcome home." Indeed, the Church began in Jerusalem; Jesus died right outside of its walls; and it is also home to the first council recounted in today's first reading. Truly, our home is not in a particular place but in Christ, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives light to the new Jerusalem, which is the eternal city, the kingdom of God.



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

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| Monday—Thursday | 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM |
| Friday | OFFICE CLOSED |

Scripture Readings: 26 May — 01 June

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| Monday | Acts 16. 11-15; John 15. 26-16.4a |
| 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 | Zephaniah 3. 14-18; Romans 12. 9-16; Luke 1. 39-56 |
| Sunday | Acts 1. 1-11; Ephesians 1. 17-23; Luke 24. 46-53 |

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week

Monday to Sunday, 26 May ~ 01 June

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Monday | 7:00 PM | Sacristy | Reserved |
| Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Sacristy | CWL Executive Meeting |
| Thursday | 6:00 PM | Church | Choir Practice |
| Friday | 10:00 AM | Church | Student Organ Lesson |
| Saturday | 5:30 PM | Hall | Chinese Food & Karaoke Night |
| Sunday | 9:00 AM | Sacristy | Children's Liturgy of the Word |



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.

THIS WEEKEND!

The Loose Roof Collection will be matched up to \$500 this 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.



Credit Card Donations May

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 18 May

| <u>Sunday Offering</u> | <u>Building Fund</u> |
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| \$4,491.00 | \$1,694.00 |

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 18 May 2025

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| Roof Campaign Balance | \$108,137.40 |
| <u>Sunday, 18 May Collection</u> | |
| Roof Loose | \$578.60 |
| 35 Receipted Donations | \$1,359.00 |
| Orchard Gift Card Sales | \$180.00 |
| 36 Cards X \$5.00 Profit | Profit to Date: \$1,425.00 |
| CAMPAIGN BALANCE | \$110,768.89 |

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 27 May: Weekday in Easter Season **12:05 PM**

Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, 28 May: Weekday in Easter Season **12:05 PM**

Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
Al Falconi - Darlene Bruzzese, David, and Peter

Thursday, 29 May: Weekday in Easter Season **12:05 PM**

Wayne Dugas - Elaine Arcand
Carmela Campanaro - Maria Miscio

Friday, 30 May: Weekday in Easter Season **12:05 PM**

Al Falconi - Marthe Smith and Family
Pat Anderson - Richard Levesque
Deceased Family Members of Gerri Reid

Saturday, 31 May: Ascension of the Lord **4:00 PM**

Lloyd Voisin - The Voisin Family
For a Special Intention - A Parishioner

Sunday, 01 June: Ascension of the Lord

9:00 AM Wayne Dugas - Mary Lou Smith
Aurele Boudreau - Karin O'Reilly

11:00 AM Al Falconi - Tiago and Jorge Costa
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



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

PARISH DONATIONS

Just a reminder to please consider using our pre-authorized methods for your contributions in 2025 as it allows us to have a steady stream of income, even when you are away from the parish.

Other ways you can support:

- E-transfer: music.finance@procathedral.ca
- Parish Envelopes
- Pre-authorized donations from your bank account.
- Credit card donations
- Use our "Donate Today" button on our website at procathedral.ca
- Download the app Tithe.ly on your phone
- Text "GIVE" to 1-833-423-1163 and follow instructions
- Support our Monthly 50/50 RAFFLE
- Purchase Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards
- Attend our Fundraising Events

The Catholic Women's League

Save the date! Plan on attending our **June 4th General Gathering** where 31 of our sister council members will be awarded their appropriate Service Pins, ranging from 5 to 65 years! The Gathering begins at 6:30 pm.



At our May 7 General Gathering, our council formally welcomed 6 new members and 7 transferred members. We are so blessed!



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

Did you know? On the first Wednesday of every month, one of the intentions at the 12:00 noon Mass is for the living and deceased members of our CWL council. Plan to attend if you can and remember our sisters who have gone before us and those who are still with us.

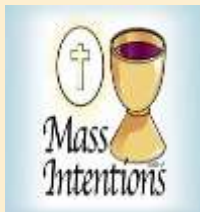


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Friday 11 AM - NOON



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

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.



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.

GET YOUR TICKETS BY MAY 31

PURCHASE TICKETS BY VISITING

www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral



50/50 RAFFLE

This raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay under License #RAF1438966

We can set you up for the Parish Office to purchase your monthly 50/50 tickets. Call Karen at the Office to see how she can do this for you!

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!



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.

Bishop Thomas Dowd will be speaking at Our Lady of Hope Parish, Saturday, May 31, Ascension Sunday. The theme is "The Power on High" Confessions are available. There will be outstanding music, the Rosary and Saturday liturgy Mass beginning at 8 a.m. A small reception with cake and coffee is to be held afterwards. The Ascension colour is White, so we invite you to come wearing something white, if you have it. All are welcome; please plan on attending.

123rd Annual Nipissing-Parry Sound CDSB Choir Festival "Faith through Song" emceed by Kevin Oschefski of CFCH Radio on Friday, May 30 from 10:15 AM to 12:00 Noon at Lee Park. In case of inclement weather festival will move to Holy Name of Jesus Church.

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! The seminar is 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.holynamestalphonsus.com/inthespirit

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. 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. Find out more about Hope Awaits at: <https://youtu.be/F2PhVA-lguE>

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. 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

Launching his papacy with a call for reconciliation and communion, Pope Leo XIV formally began his ministry as the successor of St. Peter by calling for "a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world."

"In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds



caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest," the new Pope said in his homily during his inauguration Mass.

"For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion and fraternity within the world," he told the estimated 150,000 people gathered in and around St. Peter's Square. "We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to Him! Welcome His word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to His offer of love and become His one family: 'In the one Christ, we are one.' With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world," he said, calling for a Church that "proclaims the word, allows itself to be made 'restless' by history and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity."

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!



Call the parish office if you can help out (705-472-3970)



GOOD SAMARITAN CORNER

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

Food Insecurity and the Homeless:

During the Point in Time Count conducted in the fall of 2024 throughout Nipissing District, 63% of respondents had attended a food bank and 69% had attended a community meal.

Did you know that just in a twelve-month period respondents visited the food bank 1,626 times and attended a community meals 18,196 times?

In 2020 there were 293 people experiencing homelessness in the Nipissing District, in 2021 that number rose to 300 and in 2024 it jumped to 531, a 77% increase! 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