

24 AUGUST
2025

21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

480 McIntyre Street West North Bay, ON P1B 2Z4

Welcome to Your Father's House!

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 Catholic Schools

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.



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.



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Isaiah prophesies a time when the Lord will gather nations of every language to see his glory. Some of the people from these nations he will take as priests and



Levites. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages them not to be discouraged by the discipline of the Lord. In the Gospel Jesus answers the question, Will only a few people be saved? by saying, Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. God's desire is that we love him and serve him and are united to him for eternity. We are called by baptism to the salvation that he offers through his Son. What matters is our response to that loving and life-giving invitation: how we live out our lives as faithful disciples makes the ultimate difference. It is our witness that will encourage others to hear and respond to God's call to them.

We are called to witness, always
with our lives and sometimes
with our words, to the great
things God has done for us.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday—Thursday

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

Scripture Readings: 25 - 31 August

Monday	1 Thessalonians 1. 1-5, 8b-10; Mt. 23. 13-22
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2. 1-8; Matthew 23. 23-26
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2. 9-13; Matthew 23. 27-32
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3. 7-13; Matthew 24. 42-51
Friday	Jeremiah 1. 17-19; Mark 6. 17-29
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4. 9-11; Matthew 25. 14-30
Sunday	Sirach 3. 17-20 28-29; Hebrews 12. 18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14. 1, 7-14



**Seasonal Fall Clothing
required for our Catholic
Charities Clothing Depot.
Drop off at Parish Office.**



Catholic Charities Food Collection NEXT WEEKEND

Donations of non-perishable food to our Catholic Charities Food Bank would be appreciated. Items that go with bread are in demand: peanut butter, tuna, salmon, mayonnaise, cheeze whiz, etc.

★ Your response to our appeals for food has been outstanding - thank you! ★

AUGUST 50/50 TICKETS ON SALE!



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

PURCHASE TICKETS BY AUGUST 31 — VISIT:

[www.rafflebox.ca/
raffle/procathedral](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral)

Sunday Collection - 17 August	
Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$3,352.25	\$1,858.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 17 August 2025	
Roof Campaign Balance	\$159,751.89
<u>Sunday, 17 August Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$494.00
29 Receipted Donations	\$2,686.00
July 50/50 Profit	\$397.59
Orchard Gift Card Sales 38 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	\$190.00 Profit to Date: \$2,620.00
Pledge Donation (1 Donation)	\$30,000.00
Thank you to our very generous anonymous donor!	
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$193,519.48



Thank you to our amazing donors—we are almost at \$200,000 of our 2025, \$275,00 goal! You make a difference when you donate regularly to our Roof Campaign, sponsor, pledge, purchase Orchard & Twiggs cards, and 50/50 tickets, as well as attend our special Roof Events!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 26 August: Weekday in Ordinary Time **12:05 PM**
In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Lucille and Arthur Schiavo
Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi

Wednesday, 27 Aug: Memorial of St. Monica **12:05 PM**
Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
Heather Holmes - Peter and Beath Goulais

Thursday, 28 August: Memorial of St. Augustine **12:05 PM**
Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque
Paul Smith - Mary Lou Smith

Friday, 29 August: The Passion of St. John the Baptist **12:05 PM**
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Terry Hogan - Margaret Anne Lafontaine
Sheila Levesque - Celine Mayer

Saturday, 30 August: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **4:00 PM**
Intention of the Rondeau Family - Vicki Doucette
Kathleen White - Bob and Lynne Dufort

Sunday, 31 August: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM For those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund
11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes




Twiggs and Orchard Cards also available
at all Masses the last Sunday of every month!
ON SALE AUG 30 & 31 WEEKEND

Christian witness is concrete: words without actions are empty.

Pope Francis

**THANK YOU TO OUR ANONYMOUS SPONSOR
NEXT WEEKEND IS A CHALLENGE WEEKEND**



AUGUST 30 & 31
for up to \$1,000

The challenge is to match the LOOSE collection only - not donations for which people receive credit.

We are looking for generous volunteers to accept the challenge for November & December
Donations can be anonymous or published. If this is something you or your company would like to do contact the parish office.

North Bay Pregnancy Help And Resource Centre
357 Ferguson Street North Bay, ON P1B 1X1

We greet you with heartfelt gratitude and joy in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! On behalf of North Bay Pregnancy Help and Resource Centre, *I want to sincerely thank you for your incredible generosity during our 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign. Together, you raised an amazing \$740.67!*

Every penny, every cheque, every bottle lovingly filled was a precious gift—and it meant so much to us and to the many women and families we serve. Thank you for filling those bottles with love. Your faithful giving is more than a donation—it is a declaration of your commitment to life, to compassion, and to the healing ministry of Christ. Because of you, we can now confidently continue walking alongside women facing unexpected pregnancies and those grieving pregnancy loss, offering hope, emotional support, and practical care in their time of need.

The Word of God reminds us in Galatians 6:9: “Do not grow weary in doing what is good. At just the right time, we will reap a harvest of blessing if we do not give up.” Your unwavering support is the embodiment of that promise. You are sowing seeds of mercy, kindness, and love—and God will surely bless you for it. May the Lord continue to guide and strengthen your church community.

Thank you again, dear friends in Christ. May grace and peace be multiplied to you always. With deep appreciation and love,

Yessey Ndyamuhaki (Executive Director)



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

The Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar and Tea will be held Saturday, November 15 from 10 am to 2 pm.

This year's theme is “A Canadiana Christmas!”

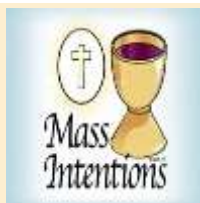
This the only fundraiser for our CWL Council.

Save your items for our heritage table! Heirlooms, jewellery, scarves, purses, home décor, games, puzzles, toys and

Christmas decorations are welcome.

Drop off at the parking garages on September 6 & 7

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.



Sunday Liturgy



With Children

**GATHERINGS
BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 14**

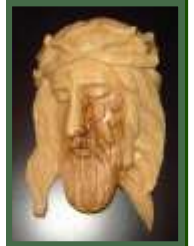
Sunday Liturgy With Children is held every Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass from September 14 to June 2026 for all children ages 4-12 years old. The focus of each group is to incorporate a variety of experiences that appeal to a young child's natural sense of wonder about God.

**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. *These beautiful pieces would make great Christmas gifts!*



Mark your calendars! Following our Summer break, the Catholic Women's League Monthly Gatherings will resume on Wednesday, September 3rd in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:30 PM.

The Gathering will include a spiritual program, a brief business session and a guest speaker. More details to follow in next weekend's bulletin!



Cemetery Sunday



In keeping with its commitment to the community, every year, the Knights of Columbus hosts Cemetery Sunday, providing the Catholic Community with a special opportunity to visit and pray for their family and friends they have lost over time.

This year's observance will be held on September 7 at 2:00 PM at All Saints Mausoleum / St. Mary's Cemetery and 3:00 PM at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Praying for the dead is an act of mercy —
we invite all to join us.



40%
of Tickets
SOLD!



Cinematic Concert Experience - Right Here at the Pro-Cathedral!

On **Tuesday, October 14**, world-renowned organist **Roger Sayer**, the performer behind the *Interstellar* film soundtrack — will perform his acclaimed **Interstellar 10th Anniversary Concert** right here on the Pro-Cathedral's majestic pipe organ. Roger will also host a pre-concert Q&A, sharing his journey working with Hans Zimmer and Christopher Nolan.

Tickets are available now: Click on the QR Code or visit: <https://interstellar.show>

Proceeds support the continued care and restoration of our historic pipe organ — one of the finest north of Toronto.

Hello Everyone,

We're now less than two months away from welcoming **Roger Sayer — the organist on Hans Zimmer's *Interstellar* soundtrack** — to North Bay for *Interstellar: An Evening with Roger Sayer* on **October 14 at 7:30 PM** at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption. This is Roger's **only Canadian stop** on his world tour — a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience Zimmer's iconic score live on one of Northern Ontario's most extraordinary instruments.

Let your friends and family know that for anyone travelling from out of town, **Homewood Suites**—495 Oak Street West is offering a corporate rate and it's a 3 minute jaunt from the Cathedral.

The concert is also a **fundraiser for the Pro-Cathedral pipe organ**, which is currently undergoing costly refurbishments. This instrument is rare and remarkable, and your attendance helps ensure its preservation.

We're grateful to all the sponsors who have already stepped forward to support this event. If you know an individual or business that may wish to join them, please feel free to connect them with me.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out — I'll be happy to assist.

Pedro Costa (Email: info@interstellar.show)
Executive Director, InStyle Music

**Tickets on sale at all
Masses this weekend,
August 23 & 24!**

'Holy-in-One' Golf Tournament: Hosted by Holy Name of Jesus Church on Sunday, September 14 at 2pm at Osprey Links Golf Course in Callander - all are welcome! Register your Team of 4 or register individually and we will place you on a team. \$85 per player, includes 9 holes, golf cart, dinner and prizes. Shotgun start at 2 pm. Call the Parish Office to register at 705-495-1501. Dinner only tickets for \$20!

Noon Hour Supervisor—Mother St. Bride School: We are looking for someone to join our team who can work 2-4 hours a day; 10:30-11:30a.m. **OR** 12:50-1:50 pm **OR** 10:30-2 pm and work in the library or other duties as assigned in between nutrition breaks. We are looking for a caring person who enjoys working with children to assist with tasks such as supervision, coaching through problem-solving, and ensuring children's safety. Please contact Lori Schlueting at 705-472-1524 to discuss your availability. A vulnerable sector check from North Bay Police Station is required.

Save the Date: As part of North Bay's 100th anniversary celebrations, the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board (NPSC) warmly invites all parishioners, families, students, and community members to **Catholic Education Through the Decades: Open House** **Date:** Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the NPSC Heritage Board Office Site & St. Joseph-Scollard Hall | 1000 High Street. Explore our rich Catholic education history through tours, stories, displays, and artifacts that highlight the contributions of generations of students, families, and parishes who have shaped our schools.

Become an Extra-ordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Have you ever felt called to serve in a deeper, more meaningful way? Here is a beautiful opportunity to do just that.

We are currently inviting volunteers to serve as **Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** — a sacred ministry that brings Christ to others in the most personal and profound way.



We are in need for the Saturday 4 pm Masses and Sunday 11 am Masses.

All that's required is a servant heart and a willing spirit. (*Volunteer paperwork is required to be completed and training is provided*)

Your "yes" becomes a powerful witness of love, presence, and service. Come be part of something truly holy. If your heart is stirring, that may be the Spirit's nudge — **don't ignore it!**

To learn more or to sign up, please contact Karen at the Parish Office at 705-472-3970 or office@procathedral.ca

Other Volunteer Opportunities!

**Funeral Lunch Team, Altar Server, Lector,
Home Minister of Holy Communion, Usher, etc.**