

14 September
2025

Exaltation of
the Holy Cross

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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ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, the sidewalk on Algonquin will be closed to traffic and a large crane will be working to access the steeple to install lightning protection.

ACCESS to our MASSES will be from the Elevator Entrance off Algonquin and the Parish Hall Doors off McIntyre.

Thank you for your patience!

In the first reading, the people complain against God and Moses, so the Lord punishes them by sending a plague of saraph serpents. Then God heals his people of the plague by instructing Moses to make a serpent and mount it on a pole. Anyone who looks at the serpent will be healed. In the second reading, Paul writes of Christ who emptied himself, becoming obedient even to death. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up like the serpent in the desert so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. The cross, a horrible instrument of death, can be celebrated because there is no evil, no pain, no darkness which cannot be transformed by Christ. He enters into whatever we may be confronting to bring his perfect love, goodness, truth, and life to us. Lift high the cross, for through it, God has worked our salvation.



Prayer: Most glorious and triumphant Lord, You gave Your life for the salvation of my soul, using the most horrific act of cruelty as the means of Your redeeming grace. I open myself to that grace today and pray that You bestow it in superabundance. I also pray that I will have the courage and wisdom to embrace my crosses every day of my life, uniting them to Your Cross, and trusting that You will use these sacrifices as a means of the further bestowal of Your love on the world. Saving Cross of Christ, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday—Thursday

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Friday

8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Scripture Readings: 15 – 21 September

Monday	Hebrews 5. 7-9; John 19. 25-27
Tuesday	1 Timothy 3. 1-13; Luke 7. 11-17
Wednesday	1 Timothy 3. 14-16; Luke 7. 31-35
Thursday	1 Timothy 4. 12-16; Luke 7. 36-50
Friday	1 Timothy 6. 2c-12; Luke 8. 1-3
Saturday	1 Timothy 6. 13-16; Luke 8. 4-15
Sunday	Amos 8. 4-7; 1 Timothy 2. 1-7; Luke 16. 10-13

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week

Monday to Sunday, 15—21 September

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Church & Hall	Catholic Girls League Mass and Gathering
Thursday	7:00 PM	Sacristy	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday	8:30 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist Only Gathering
	12:30 PM	Sacristy	Catholic Girls League Executive
	5:30 PM	Hall	South Indian Dinner
Sunday	12:00 PM	Church	Baptisms
	4:30 PM	Church	Malayalam Holy Qurbana

SUNDAY

21 September

4:30 PM

Pro-Cathedral

Everyone

Welcome!



Thank you to an anonymous sponsor, our September 27-28 Loose Roof Collection will be matched up to \$1,000. Please be generous when donating your loose change on this weekend!



Challenge accepted for October If you would like to take on the challenge for November or December please contact the parish office.

Sunday Collection - 07 September	
<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$4,326.00	\$1,163.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 07 September	
Roof Campaign Balance	\$199,913.88
<u>Sunday, 07 September Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$578.55
34 Receipted Donations	\$721.00
Orchard Gift Card Sales	\$70.00
10 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$3,025.00
Twiggs Gift Card Sales	\$5.00
1 Card X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$285.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$201,288.43

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 16 Sept: St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian 12:05 PM
 Jack and Iris Vendetti - Nadine and Paul Condon
 Lidia Rossi - The Family
 Theron Piper - Kathleen Gauthier and Family

Wednesday, 17 Sept: Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
 For a Special Intention - A Parishioner

Thursday, 18 September: Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
 Intention of Ray and Marlene Walter - Richard Levesque

Friday, 19 September: Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM
 Intention of Karen Beaulieu - Celine Mayer
 Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque
 Veraldi and Knight Family Members - Myrtle Veraldi

Saturday, 20 Sept: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM
 Michael Lafontaine - The Morrisette Family
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Ella Lamothe

Sunday, 21 Sept: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Rocco and Maria Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
 Intention of Loreen and Hank Boldt - Darlene Truchon
11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes



USHERS NEEDED!

Can you volunteer for any of our Weekend Masses?

Ushers play a vital role in ensuring that Masses run smoothly.

- Ushers greet guests and members, helping them feel comfortable and valued.
- Ushers help seat people, managing the flow of people and they collect offerings.
- Ushers act as spiritual ambassadors representing the parish.
- Ushers help enhance the worship experience for all.

Overall, ushers contribute significantly to our worship environment!

Can you help out? We would love to hear from you! Please contact the parish office.



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

Reminder! The Catholic Girls League meets this week on Wednesday, September 17 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Begins with Mass

Invite your friends! All girls ages **11–16 years** are welcome to join this vibrant, faith-filled group where we build sisterhood, serve our community, and have loads of fun! Open to girls from **ANY parish!**



- * **Meet amazing people**
- * **Explore your faith**
- * **Enjoy activities, snacks & service projects**

Parents, if you have any questions, please feel free to email any one of the group leaders:

Katie Laporte - katielaporte04@gmail.com

Lisa Henry - henrylisa2007@gmail.com

Catherine Boudreau - caboudreau63@gmail.com

#CatholicGirlsLeague #CGL2025 #FaithFunSisterhood

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE
PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Are You Being Called? Have Questions?

**Call our Local Diocesan
Vocation Director**

Fr. Daniele Muscolino 495-1501



After many years of extremely dedicated service, Shirlene Condie-McVeigh has decided to retire as our Funeral Luncheon Coordinator.

We thank Shirlene for her selfless service and hard work on behalf of our parish. Thank you Shirlene!



We are currently looking for someone to fill her big shoes to coordinate our funeral lunches.

The coordinator is the liaison between the parish and the families who oversees the coordination of the funeral luncheon and the purchasing of supplies.

We are looking for a reliable and organized volunteer with flexibility on short notice. Ideally, this position would be shared with more than one person.

Shirlene has graciously offered to mentor anyone who would be interested in taking on this role so you will not be left alone to learn your responsibilities!

If you would like to find out more about this role of Funeral Lunch Coordinator (with no commitment!), please call the parish office.

This is a wonderful opportunity to offer comfort and practical support to grieving families and we would love to hear from you as soon as possible!



**Choir Begins
Soon!**

**Contact Jane for
more information**

705-472-3970 Ext. 202



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
It's that time of year again! Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea
Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Parish Hall



We need your help! We are looking for co-conveners, especially to assist the Treasurer and Kitchen Convener.

Bazaar Convener/Publicity: Leah Pierce at 705-472-5687

Bazaar Co-Convener: Annette Dutrisac 705-495-3584

Silent Auction/Greeter/Decorations: Annette Dutrisac 705-495-3584

Tea Room: Lisa Henry 705-493-4164

Kitchen: Shirlene Condie 705-493-0718

Baking: Barb Hebert 705-495-3356

Knitting/Sewing/Crafts: Mary-Lynn Truchon 705-474-3082

Heritage & Hidden Treasures: Patricia Fassl 705-494-0614

Jewelry: Jennifer Palangio 705-498-5002

Penny Sale: Darlene Truchon 705-498-4108

Phone Committee: Lorraine Atchison 705-474-0613

A Canadiana Christmas!



Please contact a convener from the list above if you can donate to the bazaar & tea. We are looking for baking, brand-new items for the Penny Sale Table & Silent Auction, Knitting, and gently loved items for the Heritage & Hidden Treasures and Jewelry Table.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a feast celebrated on September 14 by the universal Catholic Church. This feast honours the cross on which Jesus was crucified, recognizing it as a symbol of salvation and **God's love for humanity**. We celebrate and reflect on the victory won **through Christ's death and resurrection**.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, commemorates three events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628. Today, this feast also celebrates the boundless impact of Christ's Cross upon all of creation.

The core of our celebration is not the physical wood of the Cross or the holy sites where Jesus died and was buried. Our primary focus is the infinite love shown through the selfless and perfect Sacrifice of the Son of God and the boundless mercy that has poured forth upon the world as a result. The Cross itself is a cruel instrument of torture and death. The fact that it is now the symbol of God's perfect love only further magnifies that love and showcases God's infinite power to use the worst for the best: to use death to bring life and to transform the greatest act of cruelty ever known into the greatest act of mercy ever bestowed upon the world.

The Cross of Christ transforms us when we allow our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ. We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24-25).

As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, call to mind the crosses you bear each day. Try to allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, your good, and the good of others. Crosses in life should not be avoided; they must be transformed. Although the suffering may remain, it must become redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.



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SEPTEMBER 50/50 TICKETS**

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CUSTODIAN NEEDED: St. Peter the Apostle Church is seeking a part-time custodian to clean and maintain the main church building, ancillary buildings, and grounds. The ideal candidate will be able to work independently, communicate respectfully, and effectively prioritize tasks. A detailed job description can be found on the parish website under the Bulletin tab: stpetertheapostle.ca. Please submit your résumé to the Parish Office by September 15, 2025.

CLAY begins with Hike Night on September 25! CLAY is a free program for children from JK to grade 5 on Thursdays from 6:30-8pm at St. Joseph's Powassan. Nights include games, crafts, catechesis, snacks and music! Contact Jessica Sheppard at 705-497-6219.

Visitation Young Women's Study: For young women looking to grow in their Catholic faith, build meaningful friendships, and deepen their relationship with Christ. Join us in studying Endow's "Setting the World Ablaze: St. Catherine of Siena" in **North Bay on Monday evenings from 7pm - 9pm**. Questions? Call Annabelle 705-303-5027 for information.

Catholic Young Adults (18-35) Social and Adoration night September 19 at Holy Name Parish at 7pm. Spend time with Jesus in Adoration then enjoy build-your-own pizza, fellowship and board games.

Prayer Service for Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse presided by the Most Reverend Thomas Dowd, Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. Monday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m. at The Grotto, 271 Van Horne Street, Sudbury. This gathering will be a moment for our faith community to unite in prayer and fellowship. *In case of rain, Prayer Service will take place at Christ the King Church 30 Beech Street, Sudbury.*

Harvest Luncheon and Bake Sale: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 725 Ferguson Street on October 4 from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. \$12/person for hearty soup, chili or goulash, homemade pretzel, dessert, tea/coffee/punch. Takeout available. No time for tea? Just come for the bake sale!

**North Bay Right to Life / Pro-Vie
Life Chain**

Sunday, October 5, 2025

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Along Lakeshore Drive

Meet at Holy Name Church at 1:30pm

Signs will be Provided

**Stand together prayerfully
and peacefully for life.**

For more information contact Jessica (705) 499-5906



The Good Samaritan Corner

Keeping Seniors Warm

The United Way wants to help vulnerable older adults access the basic needs they deserve to live a healthy and dignified life. Keeping Seniors Warm ensures that our community's residents AGED 55+ are equipped with the appropriate winter gear to keep them warm during the cold months.

Eligible participants are invited to a special day of shopping at a participating location where they are paired up with a volunteer and given a credit to purchase a warm coat, boots, socks, mittens, and anything else that might help keep them safe. Participants are also given a goodie bag filled with treats donated by local community businesses and volunteers.

Applications are now open. For more information call 705-560-3330 or email info@uwcneo.com.

Once the United Way receives your application, you will be contacted by a member of the Keeping Seniors Warm Committee. You will be provided with your shopping time and other details including what required identification to bring.

Please note: Participants who have participated in the program within the last two years are not eligible.

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

