

07 September  
2025

23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Westenenk

#### 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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In the first reading, the author asks who among mortal human beings could know God's wisdom without help from God. In the second reading, Paul urges Philemon to accept Onesimus on his behalf *no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother*. In the Gospel, Jesus says that anyone who wants to follow him must *carry his own cross*. He encourages his listeners to consider the cost of discipleship. Christ challenges us in today's Gospel to allow our Christian vocation to affect every aspect of our lives. He calls us to order our love properly, with love for God as the inspiration for and goal of everything we do. If we love our families, our lives, and our possessions for God's sake and not for the sake of the things themselves, we will indeed be his disciples.



### Become an Extra-ordinary Minister of Holy Communion

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 our Home Ministry for shut-ins and 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.

To learn more or to sign up, please contact the Parish Office at 705-472-3970 or [office@procathedral.ca](mailto:office@procathedral.ca)

### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday—Thursday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

### Scripture Readings: 08 — 14 September

Monday	Romans 8. 28-30; Matthew 1. 1-6, 18-23
Tuesday	<b>Colossians 2. 6-15; Luke 6. 12-19</b>
Wednesday	Colossians 3. 1-11; Luke 6. 20-26
Thursday	Colossians 3. 12-17; Luke 6. 27-38
Friday	1 Timothy 1. 1-2, 12-14; Luke 6. 39-42
Saturday	1 Timothy 1. 15-17; Luke 6. 43-49
Sunday	<b>Numbers 21. 4-9; Philippians 2. 6-11; John 3. 13-17</b>

## What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week Monday to Sunday, 08 ~ 14 September

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	6:30 PM	Hall	CWL Bazaar Planning Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Hall	Right to Life Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM	Hall	Compassionate Committee
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word

### Loving Lord,

You invited your apostles to go with you to a deserted place to rest for a while. As the priests of the Diocese attend their retreat this week, we ask you to help them experience You as Your apostles did.

We pray that the fruit of this retreat will continue to grow and be reflected in their ministries.

Help them to listen fully and to prayerfully discern what You are speaking to them. May they emerge renewed and reenergized with Your love and a greater desire to be on mission for You and with You here in the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. Amen.



**Winner of the AUGUST 2025 Draw  
of \$640.00**  
**KRISTA KUZYK (Ticket #C-1658)**  
**Congratulations!**

Raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay, Ontario under License #RAF1438966. Each draw is generated by computer and the winner is chosen randomly. Rafflebox is a government regulated raffle provider.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT!**

### Sunday Collection - 31 August

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
<b>\$3,975.75</b>	<b>\$1,545.00</b>

### ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 31 August 2025

Roof Campaign Balance	\$194,814.08
Sunday, 31 August Collection	
Roof Loose	\$873.80
26 Receipted Donations	\$806.00
Orchard Gift Card Sales 59 Cards X \$5.00 Profit	<b>\$295.00</b> <b>Profit to Date: \$2,955.00</b>
Dessert Tea Profit	<b>\$2,125.00</b>
Anonymous Parishioner Matching (31 Aug. Collection up to \$1,000)	\$1,000.00
<b>CAMPAIGN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$199,913.88</b>

## Mass Schedule

**Tuesday, 09 Sept: Weekday in Ordinary Time** 12:05 PM

Intention of David and Mary Rayar and Family - Ella Lamothe  
Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary

**Wednesday, 10 Sept: Weekday in Ordinary Time** 12:05 PM

Connie, Rocci, and Stephen Zimbalatte - The Family  
Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi  
John Deviveiros - The Family

**Thursday, 11 September: Weekday in Ordinary Time** 12:05 PM

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu  
Emile Lamothe - Ella Lamothe  
Mae Cotnam - Richard Levesque

**Friday, 12 September: Weekday in Ordinary Time** 12:05 PM

Dan and Geoff Laplante - The Family  
Hugh McKay - Bryan and Lori Jean  
Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque

**Saturday, 13 Sept: The Exaltation of the Cross** 4:00 PM

Paul Allard - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board

**Sunday, 14 Sept: The Exaltation of the Cross**

**9:00 AM** Judy Kelly-Manary - Jessica Costa

**11:00 AM** Family Members of Marcel Landry  
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

### Good Shepherd Atrium - North Bay -

Introduction & Registration  
Saturday Sept. 27 & Oct. 4

Pro-Cathedral Parish  
9:30—10:15 AM  
FREE! AGES 3-6



- ◆ Visit us online: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEN6ye6EcL4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEN6ye6EcL4)
- ◆ Entrance McIntyre St.
- ◆ Call Erin @ 705.840.8509 or scan to learn more
- ◆ Email: [office@procathedral.ca](mailto:office@procathedral.ca)



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS  
PARISHIONER WHO MATCHED THE  
LOOSE ROOF COLLECTION LAST  
WEEKEND & TO EVERYONE WHO MADE  
DONATIONS TO THIS COLLECTION!

## Catholic Girls League is BACK for Year 2!

Calling all girls ages 11-16 years — you're invited to join the Catholic Girls League (CGL), a vibrant, faith-filled group where we build sisterhood, serve our community, and have loads of fun! ❤️ Open to girls from ANY parish!

Join us for our first gathering of the year:

 Wednesday, September 17

 6:00-7:30 PM

 Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall

 Meet amazing people

 Explore your faith

 Enjoy activities, snacks & service projects



Come see what we're all about—and bring a friend!

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

Katie Laporte - [katielaporte04@gmail.com](mailto:katielaporte04@gmail.com)

Lisa Henry - [henrylisa2007@gmail.com](mailto:henrylisa2007@gmail.com)

Catherine Boudreau - [caboudreau63@gmail.com](mailto:caboudreau63@gmail.com)

#CatholicGirlsLeague #CGL2025 #FaithFunSisterhood



**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**

## 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!**

## 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.

**A HUGE THANK YOU to the many people who helped with the Dessert Tea Roof Fundraising Event last month!**

**Many hours and days were spent working to make this such a beautiful and welcoming afternoon.**

**A very special thank you to Annette Dutrisac and Shirlene Condie who coordinated this event and to the many kitchen and dining room volunteers who made it so successful. There were so many people involved and we want to make sure you know we are grateful! Thank you to musical guest, Verdon Vaillancourt for his lovely entertainment and thank you to Lola's for their wonderful fashion show. It was a treat to see so many dressed in their finery and fascinators too!**

**Thank you for attending.**

**We are still getting calls at the parish office thanking us for such a lovely, organized afternoon!**

**Many thanks to the Catholic Women's League who sponsored the cost of this event so we could raise \$2,125 for the Roof Campaign!**



**Choir Begins Soon!**  
**Contact Jane for more information**  
**705-472-3970 Ext. 202**

## PARISH DONATIONS

**Just a reminder to please consider using our pre-authorized methods for your contributions in 2025-2026 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](mailto: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](http://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

**Tickets  
on Sale  
Weekend  
of 20-21 Sept  
at all  
Masses**



**INTERSTELLAR**  
An Evening with Roger Sayer

**Official North Bay Centennial Event**

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 7:30pm  
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption  
480 McIntyre St. W. North Bay, ON

**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.

**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.

**Shalom Place** is offering a 4-week online program that will provide an opportunity to donate money to help feed the hungry. Each week will focus on a Scripture passage that calls people to feed others. Program runs Wednesdays, September 10, 17, 24, & October 1 from 7-8:00 PM facilitated by Patricia Frederick & Stephanie Romiti. Register at [shalomssm@shaw.ca](mailto:shalomssm@shaw.ca), (705)254-4690 or at [www.shalomplace.ca](http://www.shalomplace.ca) by September 8. Participants are asked to make a monetary donation to a reputable charity that is helping the poor.

**'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!

**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.*

**10 Days of Prayer:** A Christian world initiative that focuses on prayer September 22 to Oct 2 to grow closer to God. To sign up visit: <https://10daysnorthbay.pray4movement.org/> Screening of "10 Days-Can Extraordinary Prayer Still Change the World?" (<https://www.10daysfilm.com/>) Sunday, September 21 at 6:00 pm at Callander Bay Church, 888 Callander Bay Dr. Worship at the 10 Days of Prayer on Saturday, September 27 from 10:00 am to noon at Hope Awaits Ministries, 390 First Avenue East, North Bay. Contact [toddattwood@gmail.com](mailto:toddattwood@gmail.com)



**GET YOUR  
SEPTEMBER 50/50 TICKETS**

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

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*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.*



**Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Each Friday 11 AM - NOON**

#### **The Good Samaritan Corner**

Have you noticed the marginalized are sitting near restaurants and grocery stores? Have you been approached in a parking lot for a handout? Consider handing out a Blessing Bag. You can provide a brother or sister essential items that will show how much you care.



**Blessed Bag Items Can Include:** Socks, bottled water, granola bars, wipes, crackers, juice box, package of gum/mints, mitts, gloves, toques.

**Making eye contact and saying "Hello" goes a long way too!**

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](mailto:CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com)