

18 JANUARY
2026

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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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



The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time shows us how God calls people for a purpose. We hear about a servant in Isaiah, a faithful person who listens and obeys. We also hear how John the Baptist points to Jesus and calls him the Lamb of God. Each person has a part in God's plan.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist sees the Spirit come down on Jesus. He tells everyone that Jesus is the Son of God. This moment shows us who Jesus is and why he came. God chose him, and now he is ready to bring light and life to others.

Paul also reminds the people in Corinth that they are holy and called. This message is for us too. We belong to God. He calls us to live in peace and to follow Jesus.

We are invited to listen to God's voice and follow where he leads. Like the servant, like Paul, and like John, we are sent to share hope with others.

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 Knights of Columbus, Council 1007, serves The Pro-Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, and St. Alphonsus's Church. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church.

As Knights, we perform acts of charity through our physical works and financial contributions to the Church and community.

If you would like to find out more about the Knights of Columbus and make a difference in your parish and community by becoming a Knight, please email David Dunkley at: ddunkley@gmail.com



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.



WE APPRECIATE YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT WAYS TO GIVE:

- **E-transfer:** music.Finance@procathedral.ca
- **Pre-Authorized Donations from Bank Account**
- **Pre-Authorized Donations using Credit Card**
- **Parish Envelopes:** Pickup at Entrance
- **Use "DONATE" button on our Website**
- **Visit CanadaHelps and Search Pro-Cathedral**

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

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

WEEKLY READINGS: 19—25 January

Monday	1 Samuel 15. 16-23; Mark 2. 18-22
Tuesday	1 Samuel 16. 1-13; Mark 2. 23-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 17. 32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3. 1-6
Thursday	1 Samuel 18. 6-9; 1. 1-7; Mark 3. 7-12
Friday	1 Samuel 24. 2-20; Mark 3. 13-19
Saturday	2 Samuel 1. 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3. 20-21
Sunday	Isaiah 9. 1-4; 1 Corinthians 1. 10-13, 17-18; Matthew 4. 12-23

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week Monday to Sunday, 19 - 25 January

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday	6:30 PM	Hall	CWL Executive Budget Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Hall	Catholic Girls League Gathering
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice—Call for Information
Saturday	9:20 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	11:00 AM	Rectory	Fundraising Team Meeting
	5-6 PM	Church	Relic Tour Veneration
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:00 AM	Hall	1 st Reconciliation & 1st Communion Welcome



NEXT WEEKEND!

Thank you to our anonymous donor,
the January Loose Roof Collection
will be matched next weekend,
weekend of January 24-25 up to \$1,000.00
Please be generous! Thank you!

Orchard Cards

on sale at all Masses

Next Weekend

ORCHARDS

Available at Parish Office

\$25 Gift Cards

Epiphany of the Lord - 11 January

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$3,054.20	\$707.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 11 January

Roof Campaign Balance	\$3,665.85
Sunday, 11 January Collection	
Roof Loose	\$468.15
55 Receipted Donations	\$2,645.00
December Match the Roof	\$1,000.00
Thank you to McGuinty Funeral Home!	
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$7,779.00

Thank you!

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 20 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Ida Bagno - Mary-Lynn Truchon
Jim Jolley - Ruth and Family
Wendy Sherwood - Elsbeth Dillig

Wednesday, 21 January - Memorial of St. Agnes 12:05 PM

Intention of the Montgomery Family - Jessica Costa
Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
Sheila Grafmuller - Ella Lamothe

Thursday, 22 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Intention of Robert Manary - The Montgomery Family
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque

Friday, 23 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Denis Thibeault - Louise and Joe Defonzo
Emilia Hlusek - Don and Lorraine Shago
Veraldi and Knight Family Members - Myrtle Veraldi

Saturday, 24 January: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM

Intention of Jackie and Yvon Cadrin - Michelle Mathieu
Terry Hill - Lois and Larry Keenan
Fleurette Scott - Deana, Dean, Marika, and Mia

Sunday, 25 January: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving - Kishore and Aishwariya Jockim
Stan Zima - Jessie and Bob Zolob
Dana Grannary - Joe and Louise Defonzo

11:00 AM Paul Smith - Jessica Costa
Richard Harren - Marthe Smith
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

THIS SUNDAY

18 January

4:30 PM

Pro-Cathedral

Everyone
Welcome!

MALAYALAM
HOLY
QURBANA
(Mass)

Your Journey with
God Continues!

THE PRO-CATHEDRAL IS NOW
REGISTERING CHILDREN FOR
FIRST RECONCILIATION
& FIRST COMMUNION

First Gathering
Sunday, January 25

Parish Hall
10:00 AM

Registration Forms
Online on our
Website



The prayer line is 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

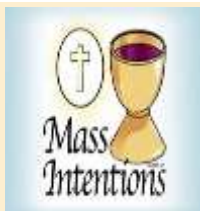


Catholic Charities Food Collection NEXT WEEKEND

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, cheese whiz, etc.

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

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.



DID YOU KNOW? DONATING SECURITIES TO CHARITY SAVES YOU TAX

- Charitable donations of publicly listed securities are exempt from capital gains tax on gains triggered by the gift.
- The donor also will receive a charitable donation receipt for the value of the share
- No tax on the capital gain and claim for a charitable donation receipt equal to the value of the shares.

If you have investments that you would like to donate to the Pro-Cathedral Roof Campaign, contact the parish office to find out more about this unique gifting.



Call the parish office if you can help at any of our weekend Masses. Thank you!

Catholic Women's League



The **Installation Ceremony** of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) for the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption will take place on **Sunday, January 25, 2026, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.**

We ask the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen these women as they dedicate their gifts in service to God, the Church, and one another. All members, family, friends, and parishioners are invited to join us for this grace-filled celebration. A time of fellowship with light refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

2026 Memberships

It's that time of year again when members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada renew their memberships. Membership dues are \$40 and envelopes can be found at the back of the church. We accept cash, cheque, and e-transfer (48ocwlpro@gmail.com). *Please provide your full name if paying by cash.*



Evangelization 101

The mission to spread the Gospel belongs to every Catholic by Baptism. None of us are exempt from the mandate of the Lord to "go, make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19).

But how do we do it? For our answer, we look to Jesus Christ Himself and the way in which He led and nurtured His own disciples. This happened primarily by way of relationship. Jesus entered into and built over time a relationship of trust, intimacy and friendship with his disciples. And through this relationship He communicated His own life and salvation to them. When we think of evangelization, many people picture a man standing on a street corner with a bullhorn proclaiming a message to passers-by. But this isn't the heart of evangelization. Evangelization is fundamentally a work that proceeds in and through relationship. God Himself demonstrates this as He constantly seeks personal intimacy with each one of us, walking with us, communicating Himself to us, speaking to us, directing our lives. So, too, the disciples of Jesus Christ who are called to make other disciples do this primarily by entering into relationship with others, building trust, friendship, intimacy, and waiting for those opportunities when a person is ready to hear about Jesus and His great love for them

Lord Jesus, I want to help the people in my life come to know You. I recognize that I can only help others come to know You through my own relationship with You. Jesus, I invite you anew: come into my life. Grant me the grace of friendship and intimacy with You. Give me courage to surrender myself to You, especially those parts of my heart that don't yet belong to You. Show me, Jesus, the people in my life that You want me to befriend and build relationship with. Teach me, Jesus, how to be good at relationship: how to love, how to listen, and how to humbly share my Faith. Thank you for the privilege of participating in Your great mission to save the world. Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I make this prayer. Amen.

Get your January tickets by the 31st!

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Catholic Charities Needs Your Help!

God is good! Thank you to our wonderful new volunteer who has offered to assist Catholic Charities with the pickup of items from the grocery store.

We could use more help so if one of our only two volunteers has to be away, we have another one or two people who can assist with this ministry.

If you are someone who can assist in the pickup of food items to help re-stock our shelves, we would love to hear from you!

We would need someone to meet with one of our volunteers at No Frills on Lakeshore at 8 AM to help load and bring the food items back to the Pro-Cathedral. This is done on Wednesday morning or Thursdays if the weather is not suitable on the Wednesday. Please call the parish office if you can offer assistance.



Catholic Charities Food Bank
Open Tuesday Mornings
at the Pro-Cathedral

Did you know that you can donate your PC Optimum points and our coordinator, Elaine Summers can use them to purchase much needed items? If you earn these points and would like to donate them, please let us know by calling the parish office.



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

Welcome to all Single Women!!

(Divorced, Single, Widowed)

It's a new year — consider joining us!

We have over 40 members who get together to share social times and great conversation! We go to movies, dinner, antiquing, shopping, berry picking, card nights, sleigh rides, coffee every Thursday & more! You get to decide what events you would like to participate in—no pressure.

We only have two meetings per year to set the agenda based on everyone's input.

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.



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

Infant Baptism

Are you expecting or have a child who has not been baptized? We are here for you to help welcome your child into the faith.

Parents are required to take a baptism program prior to a baptism being scheduled. This takes the form of a one-night meeting held here at the parish. We usually schedule these gatherings from September to May each year and once taken, parents can choose a scheduled baptism date. Preparation can be taken prior to the birth of your child so you will be ready to schedule a baptism.

Contact the parish office by phone or email for more information.



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



Shalom Place: Too much news? Overwhelmed by current events? Wondering how to be faithful in these turbulent times? Let's take a break from the news and explore some scripture stories to glean hope, wisdom and new energy to be God's faithful, courageous people in our families and communities. Shalom Place offers a program on Zoom facilitated by Janet Norman on Wednesday February 4, 11, 25 from 7:00-8:30pm. Register by February 2 at: shalomssm@shaw.ca, 705-254-4690, Website: www.shalomplace.ca Cost: Your gift allows the ministry of Shalom Place to continue. Thank you for your generosity! Note: There will be no meeting Feb 18, Ash Wednesday.

The Good Samaritan Corner

The Salvation Army in North Bay has started a new food security initiative entitled 'Meal in a Bag'.

A "meal in a bag" is a collection of shelf-stable ingredients (canned goods, pasta, seasonings) combined in a single bag, along with a recipe card, providing everything needed for a complete, budget-friendly meal that is easy to store, cook, and donate, often using pantry staples like beans, tomatoes, and chicken to create dishes like chili or pasta.

The intent is to provide nourishing, easy-to-make meals which will remove stress and uncertainty of figuring out what to cook.

Please drop off your "Meal in a Bag" at the Salvation Army located on the overpass at 743 Main Street East.

For more information visit them at on Facebook or at NORTHBAY.INFO@SALVATIONARMY.CA

Contact the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/> or Leah Pierce at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com

