

26 April 2026
Fourth Sunday
of Easter

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

Welcome to Your Father's House!

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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



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.



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: Tuesday to Friday at 12:05 PM, Saturday at 4:00 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

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.



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**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A is often called Good Shepherd Sunday. On this day, we hear readings that remind us how Jesus leads, protects, and cares for His people. The image of the shepherd is one of the most comforting pictures in the Bible. It shows the closeness and love between God and His people.



The first reading tells how the early followers of Jesus grew in faith and number. They listened to Peter, turned away from sin, and were baptized. The psalm speaks of God as our shepherd who guides us to peace and safety. These words bring hope and assurance to all who trust in Him.

In the Gospel, Jesus says He is the gate for the sheep. He is the way to life, joy, and safety. On this Sunday, we are reminded to listen for His voice and follow where He leads. His care brings life in its fullness.

There are e-mail scams using the identity of Fr. Larry and the parish requesting gift cards, money, personal information, etc. Please do not reply or engage with these types of emails, texts, or phone calls — always call the parish office if you receive these messages.

No such solicitation would ever come from us. Our e-mail address is only office@procathedral.ca or music.finance@procathedral.ca

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

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

READINGS: 27 April—03 May

Monday	Acts 11. 1-18; John 10. 11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11. 19-26; John 10. 22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12. 24—13.5a; John 12. 44-50
Thursday	Acts 13. 13-25; John 13. 16-20
Friday	Acts 13. 26-33; John 14. 1-6
Saturday	Acts 13. 44-52; John 14. 7-14
Sunday	Acts 6. 1-7; 1 Peter 2. 4-9; John 14. 1-12

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, April 27 to May 3

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday	6:30 PM	Sacristy	CWL Executive Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:20 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word

2026 Baby Bottle Campaign in Support of North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND FOR MONTH OF MAY

Your support helps women who feel isolated and afraid get the support they need, offering them care, connection to community resources, clothing, baby essentials, parenting education and prenatal classes, pregnancy loss support and spiritual and prayerful support.



Pick up a bottle, fill it with your donations, and bring it back to the parish office or drop into the collection. Donations of over \$20 will receive an income tax receipt—there is a donation form inside each bottle to complete and return with your donations.



Another way to support is by attending the May 1st Gala Event!

Roast Beef, Chicken & Pasta, Dessert, Coffee/Tea included for \$50/ticket. Musical performance, ministry presentation, silent auction too! Held at Greenwood Baptist Church — **THIS FRIDAY!**

Get your tickets by e-transfer to nbphrc@hotmail.com - call 705-475-9270 for more information. Get your tickets soon!

Collection - 19 April 2026

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$4,371.85	\$2,145.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 19 April

Roof Campaign Balance	\$52,307.27
<u>Sunday, 19 April Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$584.50
38 Receipted Donations	\$2,772.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$55,663.77

Mass Schedule

- Tuesday, 28 April - Weekday in Easter Season 12:05 PM**
 Sam and Lily Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
 Lois Keenan - Catholic Women's League
 Angela and Raimondo Cappadocia - Marisa and Frank Pincivero
- Wednesday, 29 April - St. Catherine of Siena 12:05 PM**
 Eleanore Lunney - Margaret Lafontaine
 Yvon Cadrin - Marthe Smith
- Thursday, 30 April - St. Marie de L'Incarnation 12:05 PM**
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
- Friday, 01 May - Weekday in Easter Season 12:05 PM**
 Emilia Hlusek - Kevin and Joanna Yarosh and Family
 Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque
 Mark Storie - Kathy Storie and Family
- Saturday, 02 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter 4:00 PM**
 For a Special Intention - John and Carol Rowe
 Lois Keenan - Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brennan
- Sunday, 03 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter**
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving - The Aishwariya Family
 Eleanore Lunney - Mary Kelly
11:00 AM John Quinn - Judith and Armand Bellemare
 Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

Catholic Charities Clothing Room & Food Bank

has been running in our community since the 1970's and is supported only through the generosity of donations and volunteer workers.

Food Bank Hours: Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Clothing Room Hours: Every Wednesday in April from 1:30 - 3:00 PM. Every second Wednesday beginning in May.

Gently used and clean seasonal clothing is welcome - please no winter clothes, boots, or coats at this time.

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the parish office or brought with you to church on the last Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE BANNS



There is a promise of marriage between the following who will be married on May 9, 2026:

Grant Leo James Lafontaine, son of Paul Lafontaine and Carol (Bridle) and Claire Elizabeth Walsh, daughter of Wayne Walsh and Sandra (Truscott). ♥



**THIS IS A MATCH THE ROOF LOOSE COLLECTION WEEKEND
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Two (2) Bursary Awards in the amount of \$400 will be available to two students entering post-secondary education in September 2026. Applications are available at the Parish Office, at the local high schools, and on the parish website under GROUPS/CWL

- Applicants must be daughters or sons of members for the Pro-Cathedral Catholic Women's League who are in good standing. Where the mother is deceased, consideration will be given to grand-daughters/sons of a member in good standing.
- Pick up applications at school, the parish office, or on our website under CWL.
- **Application Deadline is 4:00pm on June 5, 2026**
- **Drop off to CWL Bursary Committee, care of the Parish Office 480 McIntyre Street West**



For more information please contact:

Lorna Rick, Service Chairperson

Phone: 705-930-0876 Email: lornarick@gmail.com



The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patroness of The Catholic Women's League of Canada is celebrated on Sunday, April 26.

Please pray the Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel:

Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel; filled with the Holy Spirit, you were a faithful disciple of Jesus, your Son. Intercede with your Son for us that we may be faithful to our baptism, fervent in prayer, and generous in the service we give to our sisters and brothers. May the spirit of the living God, who graced you with the gift of counsel lead us in the way of truth and love. With the help of your prayers, may we come to rejoice forever with you and the great company of saints in the kingdom of heaven. Amen

Bake Table Convener Needed

We are looking for a willing heart to serve as our Bake Table Convener for the annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea. This role is more than organizing baked goods—it is a beautiful opportunity to share your gifts in service to others, fostering fellowship and supporting the work of our League.

Through the simple act of preparing and coordinating these offerings, we continue our mission of faith, service, and social justice, bringing joy and nourishment to our parish community.

If you feel called to serve in this way, we would be grateful for your generosity of time and spirit.

To learn more, please contact Leah Pierce, CWL Parish Council President, president.procathedralcwl@gmail.com or at 705-472-5687.

Come be part of something joyful, meaningful, and blessed!



Please Join Together in Celebrating
the Anniversary of the Ordination to Priesthood
of both

Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.

&

Rev. Larry Rymes

on Friday, May 1st, 2026

at the 12:00 Noon Mass



Both Fr. Joseph and Fr. Larry were ordained together on the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker at the Pro-Cathedral in 1992. This is their 34th year as priests.

Fr. Joseph was ordained a priest for the Congregation of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, an order which began in Paris France in 1836.

Fr. Larry was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

**We thank you for your faithful ministry.
May you be filled with joy and peace
as you continue to serve the people of Christ.**



**This Sunday, April 26
the Church
celebrates the 63rd
World Day of Prayer
for Vocations.**

On this Sunday, the Church throughout the world prays for Vocations. We are asked to pray for the priests and religious who have ministered in our lives, and to consider encouraging our children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious sister or brother.

Please keep in your daily prayers a special intention for an increase in Priestly and Religious Vocations for our own Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

CURRENT SITUATION IN OUR DIOCESE:

- In 2025, 4 young men from our Diocese attended Come & See Weekends; in 2026 so far, 3 young men from our Diocese attended Come & See Weekends.
- In 2025, 3 young women from our Diocese attended Come & See Weekends with various Religious Orders.
- As of this date, we are happy to have **2 Seminarians** for our very own Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie!

The most common prayer practices before entering the seminary were Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Rosary; the most common ministry was Altar Serving; and the person who supported their vocational discernment the most was their parish priest, followed by their mother, father and a parishioner.

The average age when the newly ordained first considered the priesthood was 21 years old. The average age in the United States was 16 years old. Given this reality, we should appeal to our young men to encourage them to consider a vocation to the priesthood.

If you yourself are considering a vocation, contact Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Daniele Muscolino at 705-495-1501.

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50/50 RAFFLE!



**PURCHASE BEFORE MIDNIGHT
FRIDAY, APRIL 1st**

50% to the winner
50% supports the
Roof Campaign

TICKET PRICES:
100 FOR \$50
20 FOR \$20
4 FOR \$10
1 FOR \$5

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW AT
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CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE-CARITAS CANADA

You are invited to attend the **Ontario Regional Assembly**
Economy, Ecology & Ethics
Get on Track for Justice!

At the Sisters of St. Joseph's Motherhouse on the Lake,
in North Bay, **May 22-24, 2026**. Registration is \$25.00.

For information contact:

Sr. Pat Carter at pcartercsj@gmail.com or 705-575-5002

Writing As a Spiritual Practice - An Online Shalom Place Program:

Whether you are new to journaling or a long-time writer, consider joining this 4-week program on writing as a spiritual practice. Each session will include opening and closing songs as prayer, some input, a short, reflective writing exercise – with optional sharing of the writing experience, and suggestions to encourage you in your personal practice between sessions. For anyone who participated in Stephanie's Journaling program a few years ago, these will be all new exercises! Wednesdays in May, 7:00 - 8:30 PM Facilitated by: Stephanie Romiti. Register by: May 4 - Call: 705-254-4690, or Email: shalomssm@shaw.ca, or <https://www.shalomplace.ca/contact-us>

A Short Pro-Life Conference "Standing Up for the Preborn" - Why and How to Stand up for the Victims of Abortion: Holy Name Church Friday, May 15 from 7-9 pm. Optional Workshop Saturday, May 16 10:30 am to 3 pm. Featured Speaker, Christina King, Ontario Community Outreach Coordinator for the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform. Not cost, for more information contact Ben at 905-964-9371.

National March for Life in Ottawa will take place Thursday, May 14. Bus departs 7:00 AM from Northgate, arrives at Parliament Hill at noon. Praise, music prayers, Pro-Life speakers, and testimonies and march downtown with thousands of Pro-Lifers. Returns to Northgate at 9 PM. Tickets \$40/Adults, \$10/Students, must be purchased in advance at northbayrighttolife@gmail.com. Contact Bryan Jean at 705-978-0958 or Diane Demeis at 705-840-2053 for more information.

Free quilts for people living with cancer. **Victoria's Quilts Canada (VQC)** provides handmade quilts to people living with cancer in Canada bringing physical and spiritual comfort to those dealing with cancer so they know they are not alone. If you know someone or you yourself is living with cancer please request a free quilt at our website at Victoria's Quilts Canada. The North Bay Branch personally delivers.

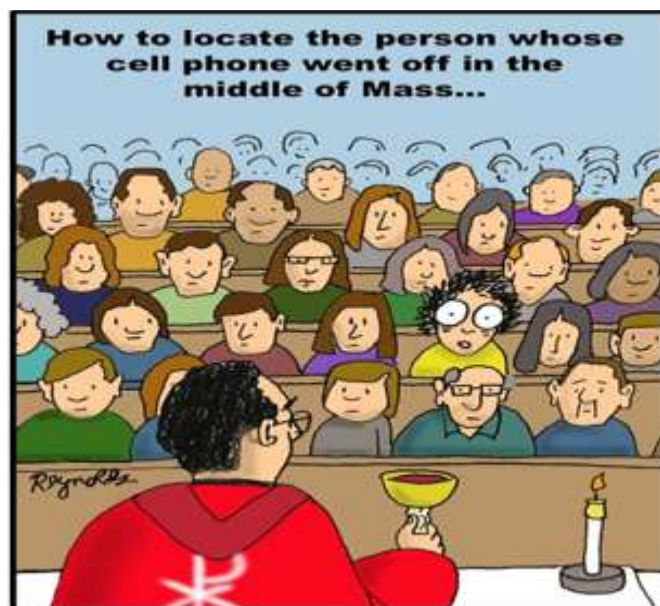
YES Canada looking for hosts for international high school students—a fantastic way to experience another country and culture in your own home! Email Karrie at karrie@youthedservices.ca or call 249-591-1629



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 Good Samaritan Corner

Backpacks of Love: Once again, we are holding our Backpacks of Love Campaign. The drop off day is Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Pro-Cathedral garages across the street from the church on 480 McIntyre Street West. For more information contact Leah Pierce at 705-472-5687.

New item donations include: Sturdy backpack or duffle bag, silver emergency blanket, tarp, small hairbrush/comb, toilet paper, towelettes/wipes, lip balm, toothpaste, toothbrush, feminine hygiene products, sun hats/ball caps, rain poncho, 6 pack of socks (light and heavy), deodorant, travel size: shampoo & conditioner in one, body wash and flashlights. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted by cash or e-transfer at email address: CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com



Pro-Cathedral Parishioners are asked to specifically donate SOCKS, FLASHLIGHTS & SILVER EMERGENCY BLANKETS as well as any of the above items to the specially marked basket located in the church.

For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay/>