



Welcome to Your Father's House!

Death could not hold him. May the resurrection of our saviour be a constant reminder of His love and promise of eternal life.

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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05 April 2026

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: 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.



Easter stands at the pinnacle of the Christian liturgical year, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, a cornerstone of faith promising redemption and eternal life to humanity.



At the heart of this jubilant time is Easter Sunday, a day brimming with the joy of the Risen Lord, which also begins the Easter Octave—eight days of unbroken celebration, each treated as though they are one and the same day. This period invites us into deep reflection and joy over the life-giving mysteries of Christ's triumph over death.

The Octave of Easter is an extended season of joy, underscoring the central truth of Christian faith: Christ's victory over death and sin. Throughout this time, the faithful engage in daily Masses that resonate with Easter's hopeful and renewing message, culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday. This special day highlights God's endless mercy and love.

Easter and the ensuing Octave are not just remembrances of a past event but are invitations into a more profound, personal encounter with the Risen Christ today. This season ushers in a time of new beginnings and divine grace, offering a pathway to spiritual renewal and deeper connection with the essence of our faith.

**We're so glad you could join us today!
Whether you're just visiting
or looking for a church home,
you are welcome here!**

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

EASTER MONDAY	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday to Thursday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

READINGS: 06 - 12 APRIL 2026

Monday	Acts 2. 14, 22-33; Matthew 28. 8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2. 36-41; John 20. 11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3. 1-10; Luke 24. 13-35
Thursday	Acts 3. 11-26; Luke 24. 35-48
Friday	Acts 4. 1-12; John 21. 1-14
Saturday	Acts 4. 13-21; Mark 16. 9-15
Sunday	Acts 2. 42-47; 1 Peter 1. 3-9; John 20. 19-31

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**

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, April 6 to April 12

Date	Time	Location	Event
Thursday	1:00 PM	Sacristy	Right to Life Meeting
Saturday	9:20 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	11:00 AM	Rectory	Fundraising Team Meeting
	1:00 PM	Church	Easter Liturgy in Ukraine

Easter Divine Liturgy (Mass) in Ukrainian/English
Saturday, April 11 at 1 pm at the Pro-Cathedral
With Traditional Blessing of the Easter Baskets

Everyone is Welcome!

Celebrant ~ Fr. Peter Bodnar, Pastor
 St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Sudbury, Ontario
 For more information email or phone
stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca or 705-665-2869



The blessing of the Easter Basket containing the food for the first meal of Easter has been a beloved Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin.

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 — always call the parish office if you receive these types of emails. No such solicitation would ever come from us. Our e-mail address is onlyoffice@procathedral.ca or music.finance@procathedral.ca

Collection - Palm Sunday - 29 March

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$4,397.80	\$647.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 29 March

Roof Campaign Balance	\$42,073.79
Sunday, 29 March Collection	
Roof Loose	\$837.35
31 Receipted Donations	\$1,162.00
Orchard Gift Card Sales	\$90.00
18 X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$675.00
March Match the Roof Collection	\$1,000.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$45,163.14

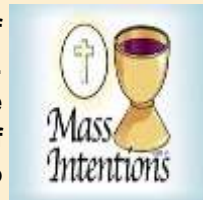


Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the Loose Roof Collection last weekend—including our anonymous donor who matched the loose roof up to \$1,000!!

Mass Schedule

- Tuesday, 07 April - Weekday in Easter Season 12:05 PM**
 Intention of the Carey Family - The Montgomery Family
 Gino Tedesco - Sue Tedesco and Family
 Jean Carmichael - Joe and Louise Defonzo
- Wednesday, 08 April - Weekday in Easter Season 12:05 PM**
 Intention of the Costa Family - Robert Manary
 Dan and Geoff Laplante - The Family
 Elizabeth Marconi - Cecile Robert
- Thursday, 09 April - Weekday in Easter Season 12:05 PM**
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Jessica Costa
 Paul Smith - Suzanne Lukasik
- Friday, 10 April - Weekday in Easter Season 12:05 PM**
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
- Saturday, 11 April - Second Sunday of Easter 4:00 PM**
 In Thanksgiving - John and Carol Rowe
 Sam and Lily Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
 John Hirvilammi - Donna Hirvilammi and Family
- Sunday, 12 April - Second Sunday of Easter**
9:00 AM Catherine O'Grady - Mary Lou Smith
11:00 AM Berndt Riepi - Alexander and Marianne Gomm
 Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

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.




Let us rejoice and be glad this Easter, as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Let us give thanks to God for the gift of new life, and let us renew our commitment to follow Jesus, the risen Lord, wherever he may lead us. May the hope and joy of Easter fill our hearts and our lives, now and always.

Challenge Accepted

NEXT MATCH THE ROOF LOOSE COLLECTION APRIL 25-26

Thank you to parishioner John Piszczek, he and his law firm will match this collection up to \$1,000.00 - Thank you John!

 **John S. Piszczek Barrister & Solicitor**
 450 Main Street West
 North Bay, ON P1B 2V2
 705-223-1067, Ext. 101




CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Have you registered for the Diocesan Convention yet? **Deadline: Monday, April 6.**

From Friday, May 1 to Sunday, May 3, in Sudbury. For information please visit <https://ssmcwl.ca/events/#106th-annual> or contact Leah Pierce, at 705-472-5687 or at president.procathedralcwl@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Bazaar Convener Wanted! Do you have a joyful spirit, a gift for bringing people together, and a heart ready to serve? Our Council is looking for a Bazaar Convener to help lead one of our most beloved traditions—the annual November Bazaar! Along with fellow conveners, you will help create a welcoming experience for all. For all the details of what this would look like, visit the Pro-Cathedral Website under CWL, our Facebook site, and by contacting President Leah Pierce at 705-472-5687 or president.procathedralcwl@gmail.com. *You will be supported every step of the way—this is a team effort rooted in faith and fellowship.*



 **Bursary Awards:** Two (2) Bursary Awards in the amount of \$400 will be available to two students entering post-secondary education in September 2026. **Application deadline is June 5, 2026.**

Applicants must be sons or daughters of the Pro-Cathedral CWL who are in good standing, or, if the mother is deceased, consideration will be given to grand-daughters/sons of a member in good standing. For full details and Bursary Criteria, visit the Pro-Cathedral Website under CWL or Facebook site, or contact Service Chairperson, Lorna Rick at 705-930-0876 or lornarick@gmail.com. Applications and bursary criteria are also available at the parish office and at the local high schools.



Divine Mercy Sunday—April 12

Come join us in celebrating the Feast of the Divine Mercy at St. Peter the Apostle Church on Sunday April 12 at 3:00 PM. A potluck will follow with cake and beverages. Please bring your goodies to the church hall prior to the celebration.

Reminder: The Novena begins Good Friday and runs until this gathering - chaplet pamphlets can be picked up at the Pro-Cathedral entrance.

“From death came life, from sorrow came joy; this is the hope of Easter.”

Check it out! Bishop Thomas Dowd presents “Ten Minute Teaching” on Youtube at <http://www.youtube.com/@TenMinuteTeaching> Our Bishop shares short 10 minute (or less) videos on many different topics - Catholic Marriage for Non-Catholics, Who Created God?, Can God do Anything?, & More! No prior knowledge of Catholicism required. Join him on the journey!



CAN YOU HELP?

Do you attend Mass on a regular basis and don't mind staying periodically for an extra 15 minutes afterwards? We are looking for a team of people who would be willing to sell Orchard Cards once per month and at times, tickets to social events.

If we get several volunteers, you may only be scheduled to sell once every two-three months. That would be awesome!

We really need your help. Our current volunteers have been faithfully committed to doing this for years. If you can help us out, details will be provided to you.

Lord God,

You loved this world so much, that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too.



Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day.

Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.

All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.



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

Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218 Write your Member of Parliament Today!

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Chances are you know someone struggling with mental illness — a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



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50% supports the Roof Campaign

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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.




\$25 Gift Cards

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Available at Parish Office

Also purchase last weekend of the Month at all Masses

Standing Up for the Preborn - A Short Pro-Life Conference: Join us as we reflect on "Why and How to Stand Up for the Victims of Abortion" during a short conference hosted by End the Killing North Bay and the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform. Featuring speaker Christina King, participants will learn how to have meaningful, compassionate conversations on this important issue. Friday, May 15 (7pm-9:30pm) main talk, and an optional practical workshop Saturday, May 16 (10:30am-3pm) at Holy Name of Jesus Church. No cost. For info, call Ben at 905-964-9371.


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.

Getting Married in 2026? Plan on attending the next Marriage Preparation Weekend:

April 17-18 at St. Alphonsus Church in Callander. 6:30 PM Friday evening and 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday.

To register or for more information, call or text Samantha Briggs at 705-471-3284 or email at samyehsilver@gmail.com to reserve your place. Material cost of \$100 is payable at registration.

Register soon to guarantee your spot! Marriage Preparation is mandatory in our Diocese.

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.

The Good Samaritan Corner

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs.



FREE EASTER SUNDAY DINNER offered at Open Arms Café, located at St. John the Divine Anglican Church, 307 Main Street East, on Sunday, April 5 from 4-6 p.m. **All are welcome!** Enjoy a warm meal in a welcoming environment.

This is the third year that the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay has partnered with Open Arms Café to provide an Easter Dinner to the unhoused, the lonely and the forgotten.

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

NOTE

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/>