

03 MAY 2026
Fifth 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 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 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 5th Sunday of Easter Year A brings words of comfort and hope from Jesus. He tells His friends not to be afraid. He reminds them that He is the way, the truth, and the life. These words point us to the promise of being with Him forever.

The first reading shows the early Church learning how to care for its people. Leaders are chosen to serve so that the apostles can keep teaching and praying. This shows the value of working together and using our gifts for the good of others.

The second reading calls us living stones, built on Christ the cornerstone. We belong to God and are called to share His light.

The Gospel ties it all together, showing us the path to the Father through Jesus. On this Sunday, we are reminded that following Him leads us home.



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.



OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

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


READINGS: 04 - 10 May

Monday	Acts 14. 5-18; John 14. 21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14. 19-28; John 14. 27-31a
Wednesday	2 Timothy 4. 1-5; John 10. 11-16
Thursday	Acts 15. 7-21; John 15. 9-11
Friday	Acts 15. 22-31; John 15. 12-17
Saturday	Acts 16. 1-10; John 16. 18-21
Sunday	Acts 8. 5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3. 15-18; John 14. 15-21



What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 04 - 10 May


<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday	7:00 PM	Hall	Right to Life General Meeting
Tuesday	6:15 PM	Hall	First Communion Preparation
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Hall & Church	CWL General Gathering with Crowning of Mary Ceremony
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Friday	1:00 PM	Church	Funeral for Lois Keenan
Saturday	9:20 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	1:30 PM	Church	Wedding
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy of the Word




If you would like to match the Roof Loose Collection in May, June or July call the office. You can match the full collection taken or up to a certain amount—whatever you decide is great!

Collection - 26 April 2026	
<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$4,778.60	\$2,880.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 26 April	
Roof Campaign Balance	\$55,663.77
<u>Sunday, 26 April Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$577.70
30 Received Donations	\$761.45
Orchard Gift Card Sales	\$175.00
35 X \$5.00 Profit	Profit to Date: \$1,075.00
March Match the Roof Collection Thank you John Piszczek!	\$1,000.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$58,177.92



Thank you to parishioner John Piszczek, he and his law firm matched last weekend's collection and donated \$1,000.00 - Thank you John!



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 450 Main Street West
 North Bay, ON P1B 2V2
 705-223-1067, Ext. 101

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 05 May - Weekday in Easter Season **12:05 PM**
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary
 Yvon Cadrin - Wilf Marleau

Wednesday, 06 May - St. François de Laval **12:05 PM**
 Intention of Living and Deceased Catholic Women's League Members
 Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu


Thursday, 07 May - Weekday in Easter Season **12:05 PM**
 9:30 AM Mother St. Bride/St. Alexander School Mass
 Theresa Duffy - Catholic Women's League
 Veraldi and Knight Family Members - Myrtle Veraldi

Friday, 08 May - Weekday in Easter Season **12:05 PM**
 Sheila Levesque - Richard Levesque
 Judy Kelly-Manary - Jessica Costa
 Denis Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu and Family

Saturday, 09 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter **4:00 PM**
 Eleanore Lunney - Paul and Nadine Condon
 Lois Keenan - Ray Bethune and Family

Sunday, 10 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter
 9:00 AM Giuseppe Tedesco - Maria Gosselin
 Peter Maunsell - Arlene Maunsell and Family
 11:00 AM Anne Baechler - Margaret Lafontaine
 Intention of Helen and Pauline - Mary Ellen Balfour
 Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

MARRIAGE BANNIS



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). ♥

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



For Children in Grade 2 & 3
Preparation begins this Tuesday, May 5.

If your child has celebrated First Reconciliation and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion, please call the parish office by Monday Morning. *If your child recently celebrated Confession with us they are already registered to begin their preparation and you would have received a reminder email about this upcoming May 5th meeting.*



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL May General Gathering



Held on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm we will begin at the back of the church, gathering around the statue of Mary, for the Crowning of Mary ceremony. This celebration will be followed by a presentation on Fraud Prevention in the parish hall by Inspector Zack Dagg, North Bay Police Service, and Jeff Horncastle, Fraud Prevention specialist. Tickets to the June Dinner will be available at the meeting.



The dinner will be a yummy Chinese food buffet provided by Manshou Restaurant. The tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from Leah Pierce, President. Please contact Leah at 705-472-5687 or at president.procathedralcwl@gmail.com should you have any questions.

Reminder: On the first Wednesday of the month, one of the intentions of the 12:05 pm Mass is for the living and deceased members of our CWL council.



Red Dress Day: A Call to Remember on May 5! In Canada, May 5 is not just another date. It is Red Dress Day, a day that calls us to remember Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people who are missing or have been taken too soon. The red dress is a powerful symbol. It speaks without words. It represents lives that should still be here, voices that must not be forgotten, and a truth we cannot

ignore. As Catholic Women's League members, our faith calls us to stand for dignity, justice, and compassion; not just in words, but in visible, meaningful ways.

Loving God,

We remember today the Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people who are missing and those whose lives were taken too soon. Hold them close in Your mercy. Comfort the families who carry grief each day. Strengthen communities seeking truth and healing.

Stir our hearts to care more deeply, to listen more closely, and to act with justice and compassion.

May we never forget, and may we walk together in love and hope. Amen.

Bursaries: 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 705-930-0876 or lornarick@gmail.com**



Blessings to
Audrey & Gerard Kunkel
who celebrated
60 Years of Marriage
on Thursday, April 30, 2026.



May God bless you with an
abundance of peace, joy, and love
this coming year.

2026 Baby Bottle Campaign in Support of North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre

Baby Bottles are now available in the church. Pick up a bottle, fill it with your donations, and bring it back to the parish office or drop into the collection.

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, and spiritual and prayerful support.

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.



MEMORIAL DONATION For the Roof Campaign

The following names have been received in memory of deceased loved ones:

LOIS KEENAN & THERESA DUFFY

See someone new at the Cathedral? Did you know we are all Ministers of Hospitality?

Why not approach this person and say:

- ♦ Hi, my name is . . . I've been a parishioner for __ years, I'm not sure if we have ever met.
- ♦ What is your name?
- ♦ Are you new here?
- ♦ Before you leave, let me introduce you to: Fr. Larry, Fr. Joseph and some other parishioners (*introduce them to your friends and/or ministers in the parish*).
- ♦ I hope that I meet you again, I usually sit in this pew. If you are here again next week, please join me.
- ♦ Have a nice week!

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50/50 RAFFLE!



MAY DRAW NOW OPEN FOR PURCHASE OF TICKETS!

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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**Have you checked out The Amen App?
A variety of resources to help you connect with God.
Download from the App Store or Google Play
to enhance your spiritual practices.**

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. 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: shalomsm@shaw.ca, or <https://www.shalomplace.ca/contact-us>

Mother's Day Tea & Dessert Social Hosted by Holy Name CWL Saturday, May 9 from 1-3pm. Tickets are \$10/Adults; Children under 12 are free! Attire is Sunday Best dresses, hats and gloves! Join us for a beautiful afternoon of fellowship, entertainment, games and music! Tickets available at Holy Name Parish Office.

Find the right Catholic Youth Night for you! Faith, friends, fun, and games - every Thursday Night for all students no matter what school or church you attend! Held at Holy Name of Jesus - Visit www.holynamestalphonus.com

EDGE: For Students in Grades 6, 7 & 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm

OVERtheEDGE: For Students in Grades 9-12 from 8:00- 9:30 pm

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. No 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.



**Catholic Education Week
May 3-8, 2026**

The Catholic community is invited to give thanks and celebrate the precious gift of publicly funded Catholic education. This year's theme, *Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness*, was inspired by:

- The Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year's encouragement to serve the common good and pledge to recommit ourselves to prayer, service and evangelization.
- A commitment to build on the momentum of our Jubilee Year celebrations by encouraging those within Catholic education to embrace the journey toward peace and holiness;
- Our gratitude for the canonization of St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and renew our focus on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops 2022 Pastoral Letter to the Young People of Canada.

This week is both a celebration and a call to action, inviting all of us to live out our faith actively while fostering hope and holiness in our schools and parishes.

Support Catholic Education: If you are a Catholic voter, you must be registered as an English Separate (Catholic) school supporter to: Vote for an English Separate School Trustee in the **October 26, 2026 Municipal Election**. Help sustain publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario. **How to Check or Update Your Support:** Check your **property tax bill** or speak with your **Landlord**. Visit the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) School Support Designation page to verify or update your support online. Call MPAC at **1-866-296-6722**, or complete an Application for Direction of School Support to make changes or add a name to your property record. By confirming your support, you help ensure your voice strengthens Catholic education in our communities now and in the future.

The Good Samaritan Corner

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognizes people in our community who contribute with compassion to support the unhoused, marginalized and forgotten.

Congratulations to Tracy Clement, Tracy's Heart and Hands, recipient of the Baytoday Community Builders Awards - *Unsung Hero!*



Tracy will be awarded this much-deserved award on May 21, 2026, at 12 p.m. at The Grand Event Centre, Main Street East. For more information about the awards ceremony please visit BayToday Community Builders Awards | Simpli

The *Unsung Hero* Award recognizes individuals who make a significant impact in their communities without the spotlight. Way to go Tracy!

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