

20 SEPT 2026

25th 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
Email: frlarry@procathedral.ca



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: 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.



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

The readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us that God's mercy and generosity go far beyond what we expect. He invites everyone to turn to Him, no matter how late they come. His ways are not like ours. Where people see limits, God offers grace without measure.



Isaiah calls us to seek the Lord while He is near. God is patient and ready to forgive. The psalm praises Him as kind and slow to anger. Paul teaches us to live in a way that honors Christ, whether in life or death. Each passage shows faith as a response to God's goodness.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the workers in the vineyard. The landowner pays them all the same, no matter when they began. Jesus shows that God's love does not follow human rules; there is a profound difference between human and divine understanding. We are encouraged to have an attitude of awe and surrender, reframing our questions from defiance to wonder in the face of God's infinite justice. God's mercy is for all who say yes to His call.

Development & Peace Stamp Collection

Don't forget that your stamps affixed to the right corner of your envelopes can help fund Development and Peace projects as they sell them to stamp collectors. If you have stamps without damage to the perforations, put them in envelopes and drop them into the collection or into the office mail slot.



Our D & P Coordinator, Lorraine Atchison, will make sure they are sent to the Stamp Project. Thank you!

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

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

READINGS: 21—27 SEPTEMBER

Monday	Ephesians 4. 1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9. 9-13
Tuesday	Proverbs 21. 1-6, 10-13; Luke 8. 19-21
Wednesday	Proverbs 30. 5-9; Luke 9. 1-6
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 1. 2-11; Luke 9. 7-9
Friday	Ecclesiastes 3. 1-11; Luke 9. 18-22
Saturday	Revelation 7. 9-17; 2 Corinthians 4. 7-15; Luke 9. 23-26
Sunday	Ezekiel 18. 25-28; Philippians 2. 1-11; Matthew 21. 28-32

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week Monday to Sunday, 21 — 27 September

Date	Time	Location	Event
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Hall	Catholic Girls League Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:30 AM	Hall/ Atrium	Good Shepherd Atrium Orientation and Registration
	10:00 AM	Rectory	Liturgy Meeting
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy
	2:30 PM	Church	Baptisms

THIS SUNDAY
20 September
4:30 PM
Pro-Cathedral
Confessions
Available
After Mass



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

Sunday Liturgy
With Children



GATHERINGS
BEGIN THIS SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 20

Sunday Liturgy With Children is held every Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass from September 20 to June 2027 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.

For more information, contact Darlene at 705-474-3577

Collection - 13 September 2026

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$4,735.65	\$1,382.88

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 13 SEPTEMBER

Roof Campaign Balance	\$124,974.74
Sunday, 13 September Collection	
Roof Loose	\$453.40
30 Receipted Donations	\$349.50
August 50/50 Profit	\$1,352.39
Estate Bequest	\$10,000.00
CAMPAIGN BALANCE	\$137,130.03

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses
12:05 PM

Tuesday, 22 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Intention of Richard Levesque - Patricia Anderson
Antony and Josephine Bernard - The Albin Family

Wednesday, 23 September - Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Mary-Lynne Santary - Ron Aultman
Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary

Thursday, 24 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Jack Rob - Charlene and Brian Bennison

Friday, 25 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Intention of Josh and Lisa - Vicki Doucette

Saturday, 26 September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM

Norma Curwin - The Family
Tony Saini - Domenic and Nicolina Mascioli

Sunday, 27 September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Intention of those Remembered in the Memorial Fund
Norma Curwin - The Curwin Family

11:00 AM Tony Saini - Vince and Helen Zappala
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

Mass Requests Welcome

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.



Gift Cards on Sale at all Masses

Next **SEPT**
Weekend **26 & 27**
Orchards
FRESH FOOD MARKET

Your \$25 Gift Card Purchase = \$5 to the Roof Campaign

Are you up to the challenge?



If you would like to match the Roof Loose Collection in October or November please call the office.

You can match the full collection taken or up to a certain amount—whatever you decide is great!

The challenge is to match the loose collection only - not donations for which people receive credit.

† MEMORIAL FUND †

The following names have been received at the request of donors in memory of our deceased friends and relatives:

EDWARD "TED" CHAMBERLAIN
ANTHONY "TONY" SAINI



Collection for Needs of the Canadian Church Next Weekend ~ September 27



The collection taken for Needs of the Church in Canada provides financial support for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops which is crucial in helping Bishops in Canada exercise their pastoral ministries (i.e. evangelization, faith education, ecumenism, social justice, liturgy, theology, the marriage tribunal, etc.) Monies raised are sent to the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, which will use the total amount collected to pay its annual contribution to the CCCB (calculation takes into account the number of Catholics in each diocese of Canada). In addition to contributions, the members of the Church are also asked to pray for the work of the Bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

MARRIAGE BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between the following:



Ian Jacob Kunkel, son of Larry Kunkel and Nicole (Gauthier) and **Céline Josée Marie St-Onge**, daughter of Yvan St-Onge and Paulette (Raymond).

♥ **Marriage date: October 3, 2026 at Pro-Cathedral**

Samuel Happy God'stine Onisuru, son of Matthew Onisuru and Esther Onisuru and **Mary Patience Oboh**, daughter of Felix Oboh and Ogi-Joy Iyaji.

♥ **Marriage at St. Alphonsus Church in Akute Ogun State, Nigeria**

MESSAGE REGARDING SPAM EMAILS/CALLS/TEXTS

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.

Legitimate Cathedral Email Addresses

frlarry@procathedral.ca, office@procathedral.ca,
music.finance@procathedral.ca

Food Bank Sunday



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. As well, canned vegetables, fruits, beans, pasta, rice, cereal, soups, pasta sauce, etc. are always welcome.

Whatever you can spare - we can share. Thank you!

The Catholic Women's League

Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea

Saturday, November 21 ~ 10 am to 2 pm

Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall



We need you! Do you have a beautiful gift of connecting through conversation? The Phone Committee needs four volunteers to call our members to request donations for the Christmas Bazaar & Tea. Please contact Lorraine Atchison, Phone Committee Convener at 705-474-0613.

Something to think about.

Pre-planning a funeral ensures your wishes are honoured and reduces stress for loved ones. It allows you to relieve your family of difficult decisions during a time of grief, and ensures that your preferences for your funeral liturgy are acknowledged.



By documenting your liturgy plans with the parish office, it provides clarity and peace of mind, allowing your family to focus on remembrance and healing.

A pre-planning booklet can be made available to you by reaching out to the office and letting us know you would like one. It can be emailed to you or a paper copy can be provided. The booklet allows you to provide contact person details, choose readings and prayers of the faithful, lets you know how and where in the liturgy your family or friends can be involved and more. Call the office if you have questions.

Please be Generous when donating to the Loose Roof Collection next weekend, 26 & 27 September

Thank you to a generous parishioner, the loose roof collection will be matched up to \$1,000.



If you are interested in matching a monthly collection (up to any amount) please call the parish office.

Registration Deadline THIS WEDNESDAY!



"Receive the Holy Spirit"
John 20:22

Sacrament OF CONFIRMATION

Registration now available for
Students in Grades 7, 8, 9 & 10

Preparation Program for the
Catholic Parishes of North Bay

REGISTER TODAY

Scan the QR Code
or visit:
holynametalphensius.com/confirmation

Deadline to Register:
September 23

**For more information and link to registration,
visit our website under SACRAMENTS**

Living our Faith in Chaotic Times—Annual Diocesan Fall Retreat and Workshop: Held at the Anishinabe Spiritual Center, Espanola from Friday October 30 to Sunday November 1st, 2026

Register at <https://forms.gle/99juCCH3Ncg3n2Ge8>

Registration open until October 16, 2026

Cost - \$175

E-transfer to ssm@devp.org or mail cheque
to 365 Moonrock Ave. Sudbury, P3E 5X2

For more info contact pcartercsj@gmail.com



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

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.

Host an International Student—arriving November and December 2026. For more information regarding YES Canada's Homestay Program, contact homestay@youthedservices.ca or call 416-623-6220, ext. 410. Visit: <https://youthedservices.ca/host-a-student/> to learn about hosting.

Shalom Place presents "Come to Me and Rest"

Silent, Person-Directed Retreat September 26 to October 2

\$500 includes private bedroom in a shared lakeside cottage, dinners and daily individual meetings with a spiritual director on the shores of Trout Lake (property of the Sisters of St. Joseph). Retreatants provide their own breakfasts, lunches and snacks. An accessible cottage is available and is the location for dinner & evening prayer.

For more information visit: www.shalomplace.ca,
email shalomssm@shaw.ca, or call 705-254-4690.

Regional Eucharistic Adoration Do You Have One Hour for Jesus?



Come and spend quiet time in the presence of our Lord. Eucharistic Adoration is being offered on Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

In order for this to take place, we need adorers to schedule one-hour time slots during the day. If you are interested in being a part of the scheduled adorers or on the spare list, contact Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.

You can attend anytime—even if you are not scheduled.



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

As people of faith and compassion, we cannot remain indifferent to homelessness in our community.

Nipissing District has one of the highest rates of known homelessness in Ontario. In 2024–25, Nipissing recorded 804 people experiencing homelessness per 100,000 population—the fifth-highest rate among Ontario's 47 municipal service-manager areas. And these numbers represent only people known to local service systems; hidden homelessness is not fully captured. This is more than a statistic. These are our neighbours, families, children, seniors and individuals who deserve dignity, compassion and a safe place to call home.

As we approach the municipal election, we have an opportunity—and a responsibility—to become informed.

- ✕ Attend the Meet-and-Greet with the Candidates on Tuesday, October 13 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Grande Event Centre, 192 Main Street East.
- 🗳 Watch the Mayoral Debate on TV Cogeco, with more details to follow.
- 📄 Listen carefully to what each candidate says about homelessness, affordable housing, supportive housing and community services.
- 💬 Ask questions.
- 🗳 Learn where each candidate stands before you cast your vote.

Our faith calls us to see Christ in those who are vulnerable and marginalized. Social justice means more than caring about an issue—it means being informed, speaking up and participating in our community.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40

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



**Beautiful
Holy Land Wood Art
For Sale
NEXT WEEKEND
26-27 September
Before & After all Masses**

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 on this weekend will make a beautiful addition to your home or as a gift for a special occasion, while also contributing to strengthening the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



Life Chain

**Sunday, October 4
2 – 3pm**

*Let's rally our friends, family,
and congregations to come out
and stand prayerfully and peacefully
with life.*

Everyone Welcome!

*Together we will quietly stand on the edge of the side walk for one hour
holding a message of life and love.
Please stand for those who can't stand for themselves.*

Together is better.

Together we can stand & make a difference by showing that we care.

**We will meet in the basement of Holy Name of Jesus Parish
at 895 Memorial Dr., North Bay on Sunday Oct 4 at 1:45 pm**

For further information, Contact Daryl at 705 499 5906



**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 help
pray for others, call Sister Shirley McNamara at
474-3800, Ext. 295 or Lorraine Atchison at 474-0613**



Welcome to Good Shepherd Atrium

Register Now for September 2026

Saturday morning children gather - Come and See!

Ages 3 – 6 Years / It's Free!

Orientation & Registration for New Children Begins

Saturday September 26 & October 3, 2026

9:30 to 10:15 AM - Entrance on McIntyre Street

OUR MISSION- To nurture the spiritual lives of children.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd approach, facilitates contemplation which is more than just thinking about God. Contemplation is a communication with God and the driving force behind the desire for holiness.

OUR CHARISM—Listening to God with Children.

Children 3 years to 6 years of age are especially sensitive to new experiences as they grow and learn about their world. This is a time of wonder for children, and a time to nurture their spirituality by providing an environment rich in symbols and signs. Level 1 children discover that God is Love, Jesus is Risen, and We are His Sheep.



TO LEARN MORE SCAN HERE

OR VISIT: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEN6ye6Ecl4>

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ERIN AT 705-840-8509





DIOCESE OF SAULT STE. MARIE **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027** **SOUTH KOREA**

August 1 - 13, 2027
 For Catholic Young Adults
 Ages 18-39

WYD 2027 Pilgrimage with Post-Trip to Japan
 Led by Fr. Daniele Muscolino

For Prices, Itinerary, Details and Application
 Form, please visit: bit.ly/wyd27



Deadline to Register is September 25, 2026

GIRLS AGES 12-18
 ARE INVITED
 TO JOIN THE
*Catholic Girls
 League*

CGL Open House
Information Night

*Faith
 Fun
 Friendship
 Formation*

Come & See What It's All About!

Information Session Scheduled for:
 Wednesday, September 23, 2026
 Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall

PARENTS WELCOME

All girls welcome!
 You don't have to attend Pro-Cathedral to join



For more information contact: Lisa Henry 705-493-4164

Sponsored by the Pro-Cathedral Catholic Women's League Council

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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RAFFLE!



SEPTEMBER TICKETS
ON SALE NOW!



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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Don't have email or a
 computer? No worries!

If you have a credit card, Karen
 at the Parish Office can process

your 50/50 tickets for you! Many of our
 parishioners already have her doing this so
 they can be in on the monthly draws!

Give Karen a call to set this up for you.
 You decide if you want to be in the draw
 monthly or periodically.

50/50