

18 OCTOBER 2026

❖
29th SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

Email: office@procathedral.ca
Phone: 705-472-3970

480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, ON - P1B 2Z4
Web: www.procathedral.ca

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: rlarry@procathedral.ca



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

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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches that God's power reaches everywhere. He can work through anyone, even people who do not know Him. In the first reading, God uses Cyrus,

a foreign king, to help Israel. This shows that God's plans move through all nations and rulers. Nothing is beyond His reach. The psalm reminds us that all the earth should praise the LORD. His justice and strength rule over every land. The Lord is the true ruler of all creation. We are called to honor Him, not just with words, but with how we live each day.

In the Gospel, Jesus faces a test about loyalty. His answer is simple but wise: give Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give God what belongs to God. We live in this world, but our hearts belong to God alone.

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on faith, responsibility, and sincerity; and true faith is seen in our actions. Is our faith just words, or does it shape our daily life? Do we serve others and trust in God even when life is hard? Do we give to God what belongs to Him? Do we make time for prayer and service?



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.



OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday—Thursday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

READINGS: 19 - 25 OCTOBER

Monday	Ephesians 2. 1-10; Luke 12. 13-21
Tuesday	Ephesians 2. 2-22; Luke 12. 35-38
Wednesday	Ephesians 3. 1-12; Luke 12. 39-48
Thursday	Ephesians 3. 13-21; Luke 12. 49-53
Friday	Ephesians 4. 1-6' Luke 12. 54-59
Saturday	Ephesians 4. 7-16; Luke 13. 1-9
Sunday	Exodus 22. 21-27; 1 Thessalonians 1. 5c-10; Matthew 22. 34-40

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week

Monday to Sunday, 19 - 25 October

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday	6:30 PM	Hall	CWL Bazaar Planning Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:30 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	5:30 PM	Hall	Oktoberfest Dinner & Party!
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy

Altar Server Pizza Dinner & Training

Lower Sacristy & Cathedral

Tuesday, October 27 - 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Credit Card Donations September

Sunday	Building	Roof
\$3,324.00	\$1,296.00	\$673.89

Website Donations August

Sunday	Building	Roof
\$750.00	\$55.00	\$771.00

Website Donations September

Sunday	Building	Roof
\$765.00	\$100.00	\$235.00

Pre-Authorized Bank Donations August

Sunday	Building	Roof
\$6,774.00	\$3,070.00	\$717.00

Pre-Authorized Bank Donations September

Sunday	Building	Roof
\$6,256.00	\$2,920.00	\$607.00

Collection - 11 October 2026

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
\$3,981.55	\$672.00

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

This Year's Goal - \$275,000

Campaign Balance Forwarded	\$140,834.08
<u>Sunday, 11 October Collection</u>	
Roof Loose	\$493.25
25 Receipted Donations	\$526.00
Ukraine Dinner Profit	\$3,259.06
Campaign Balance to Date	\$149,379.63

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses
12:05 PM

Tuesday, 20 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Dan and Geoff Laplante - The Family
Ajiboye Blessing Beatrice - Happy Onisuru

Wednesday, 21 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Intention of the Thomas Family - Mary Lou Smith
In Appreciation for Answered Prayers - Lorna Rick
Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi

Thursday, 22 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Intention of Adrian and Rose - Sheila Nagel
Theresa Mancini-Bitonti - Ron and Daneen Dominico

Friday, 23 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time

For Souls in Purgatory - Ella Lamothe
Judy Kelly-Manary - Robert Manary

Saturday, 24 October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catherine Bethune - Dan and Judy Alexander

4:00 PM

Sunday, 25 October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Intention of Our Seminarians - A Parishioner

11:00 AM In Memory of those Remembered in the Memorial Fund
Intention of the Parishioners - Father Larry Rymes

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION HELP WANTED

I'm looking for one or two adults to help with the Confirmation Celebration on Saturday, November 7 at 1:30 pm. Rehearsal will be on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 pm. Responsibilities include ushering the teenagers up to the Bishop, handing out worship leaflets, and setting up the hall for a dessert and drinks reception.

Time commitment is minimal. Please let me know if you can help.
flarry@procathedral.ca

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.



**If you can match the Roof Loose
Collection next weekend for the
October Challenge,
we would love to hear from you!**

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

Mass for the Bereaved & The Book of Life

Every year we traditionally celebrate All Souls Day - a way of remembering and celebrating the lives of all those who have died.

This year, our celebration will be held at the 11:00 am mass on Sunday, November 1.

Everyone is welcome to attend this mass and we extend a special invitation to those who have lost a loved one in the last year.

Each year at this time we also update "The Book of Life," our parish book that records the names of our deceased loved ones. The names of all those who have died from our parish during the past year (01 November 2025—30 October 2026) are recorded on the front page. For anyone who would like to update their page or add a page for their deceased loved ones, please contact the parish office for direction.

All through November, the books will be open on display in the sanctuary. If you have lost a loved one in the last year call the office or drop a note through the collection with the name of the deceased and your name and telephone number.

All names must be received by Wednesday, October 28.



Gift Cards on Sale at all Masses

Next Weekend OCT 24 & 25

FRESH FOOD MARKET

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

Food Bank Sunday ~ Next Weekend

NEXT WEEKEND we take our collection of non-perishable food items for our Catholic Charities Food Bank.

We are in need of the following: Healthy Cereal, Soda Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jam, Healthy Kids Snacks (Granola Bars, Cheese & Crackers, Apple Sauce, Pudding) and surprises are welcome! **Please be generous. Whatever you can spare ... we can share!!**

Catholic Charities Food Bank

Can you help? **We need volunteers** to help shop for non-perishable groceries at NO FRILLS on Lakeshore Drive at 8:00 AM on Wednesday mornings. The food is loaded and then brought to the Pro-Cathedral Food Bank. **The time required is no more than 90 minutes and sometimes, just an hour!**

Food is distributed the following Tuesday. Please call the parish office if you can help.



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Weekend

Held at each Mass - October 17 & 18



Investing in the Future

On Sunday, October 11, during the 11:00 am Thanksgiving Mass, Lorna Rick, Service Chairperson of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Catholic Women's League, presented a \$400 CWL Bursary to this year's recipient, Dhiya David.



Dhiya, daughter of David Rayer and CWL member Mary David, graduated from St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School and is attending Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College in Barry's Bay to pursue a Bachelor of Christian Humanities.

Dhiya generously shares her God-given gifts with the Pro-Cathedral parish community. She has served as President of the Catholic Girls League and continues to serve faithfully as an Altar Server, Usher, Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

"Our CWL believes strongly in supporting and encouraging our young people as they grow in faith and prepare to serve God and their communities," said Pro-Cathedral CWL President Leah Pierce. "We pray that God will bless Dhiya, guide her studies and remain with her throughout this new chapter of her life."

Each year, the Pro-Cathedral CWL offers two \$400 bursaries to eligible students entering their first year of post-secondary education. Through this bursary, CWL members are pleased to invest not only in the education of our young people, but also in the future of our Catholic faith and community. The last time the CWL Bursary was awarded at the Pro-Cathedral October 2022.

North Bay CWL Regional Meeting: Dinner tickets are still available for \$5 for the upcoming North Bay CWL Regional Meeting on Wednesday, October 21, at Holy Name of Jesus. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, followed by the meeting at 6:15 pm. **Please see Leah Pierce at all three Masses 17-18 October to purchase tickets.**



The Catholic Women's League could use Christmas Cards as they send out cards each year to +100 people! Thank you to all who have already donated sympathy, all occasion, sympathy, birthday, etc. cards already! Please drop Christmas cards to the parish office during office hours. Thank you!

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

50/50 RAFFLE!



OCTOBER 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

WWW.RAFFLEBOX.CA/RAFFLE/PROCATHEDRAL

License #RAF1524883

† MEMORIAL FUND †

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

FRANCIS "FRANK" SHERRY



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 for more information.



STEWARDSHIP

Have you considered using one of our pre-authorized donation methods? You can donate from your bank account or using your credit card. This donation method is important to bring stability to our cash flow and allows you to continue your support even when you can't attend Mass.



If you are not currently donating we would be grateful if you could contribute whatever is within your means to help support the good works of our parish.

Regional Catholic Women's league event hosted at Holy Name of Jesus, Wednesday, October 21. Meal \$5 begins at 5:30 PM, or if you just want to attend the Program, arrive for 6:15 PM.

Holy Name of Jesus Fall Harvest Market: Saturday, October 24 from 11 AM to 2 PM—free admission. Bake Sale, \$2, \$5, \$10 Table, Soup & a Biscuit, Door Prize & More. Hosted by Holy Name CWL.

Come and See Discernment Weekend with the Benedictines at Abbey Sainte Marie in Quebec and experience a glimpse of the contemplative life, sung liturgy, and the fifteen hundred year old tradition of monastic life. For more information contact marykatelong10@gmail.com Registration link: <https://forms.gle/x68GazntkBvfkAgM9>

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.

November 6-9 Host an International Student—arriving November and December 2026. Contact homestay@youthedservices.ca or call 416-623-6220, ext. 410 or visit <https://youthedservices.ca/host-a-student/> to learn more about hosting.

THIS IS World Mission Sunday

This weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year on this occasion we — and Catholics of the whole world — are reminded that we are all to be Christ's witnesses to the ends of the earth. The funds collected assist mission dioceses and helps affect the lives and faith of people across the world through the translation of bibles and missals, printing prayer books and hymnals and broadcasting the Gospel to remote mission communities. Please pray for all those working in the worldwide mission of the Church and remember to give generous help next week to their efforts. You can use any envelope and be sure to put your name and address on them for credit to your parish account.

Amen

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

North Bay Right to Life-Pro Vie: Annual Dinner

Dinner will be hosted at the Callander Legion Branch 445, 345 Lansdowne Street in Callander. Guest Speakers: Daryl and Jessica Sheppard, whose commitment to the dignity of life and their strength through life's greatest trials are an inspiration to us all.

Dinner is a choice of roast beef or chicken. Indicate preference when calling for tickets. Adults/\$40, Students/\$20. Call Bryan Jean at 705-978-0958 for tickets. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

The Good Samaritan Corner

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay will hold a Winter Boot Campaign. We will be collecting essential items and looking for sponsors for winter boots to ensure people experiencing homelessness survive the cold winter months.



Help us fill a trunk with NEW thermal socks, hats, mitts, and scarves!

We will accept drop offs on Saturday, November 7th, 2026, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption garages across from 480 McIntyre St. West.

Sponsor a pair of winter boots! In addition to the NEW mitts, hats, scarves, and socks drive, you can help people experiencing homelessness by sponsoring winter boots for \$50 - \$100. We will do the shopping for you and ensure that frontline organizations are provided with the right sized boots or shoes to support people experiencing homelessness in North Bay.

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

**TICKETS ON SALE
AT ALL MASSES
THIS WEEKEND!**

PRO-CATHEDRAL

Oktoberfest

Sip, sip, hooray! Get out your Lederhosen!

- Homemade pretzels and pub dip
- Pork schnitzel with mustard cream sauce
- Bratwurst with sauerkraut
- German/Bavarian potato salad

- Sweet-and-sour red cabbage
- Rye bread
- German chocolate cake
- Apple strudel with vanilla ice cream



Saturday

OCTOBER 24 / 5:30 PM

Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall

\$40 / PERSON

Cash / Credit Bar

Purchase at Parish Office

(480 McIntyre Street W.)

& Weekend Masses beginning October 10



ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED TOO!





Purdys Christmas Chocolate is Back!

Click on the QR Code Below

or go to purdys.com/fundraising

Select SUPPORT A CAMPAIGN

& type in Pro-Cathedral ID #: 000032237

Order Deadline: Thursday, November 26

Pickup Dates: December 21, 22, 23 at Parish Office



Join our Crew of Ushers
Call Daley at (705) 492-0085
if you can help out!



Online Ticket Sales Now Available

<https://christmasinconcert2026.eventbrite.ca>

DECEMBER 8 • 7 PM

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

ADULTS \$25 • UNDER 18 \$10



CFB North Bay



Celebrating 75 Years



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