

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Parish Priest:

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Deacon:

Mr. Joseph LeBlance

Parish Secretary:

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME—YEAR C

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

Celebration of Masses, Devotions and Reconciliation

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: **5:00 p.m.**

Sunday: **9:00 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.**

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday at **7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at **9:30 a.m.**

The Rosary:

Recited 1/2 hour before each weekday Mass

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday from **4:15 p.m.** to **4:45 p.m.** or **by appointment.**

Parish Mission Statement

"We, the people of St. Gregory's Community, rooted in Gospel values and gifted by the Spirit, are committed to proclaim and build the kingdom of God".

Parish Vision Statement

"To journey together with Jesus"

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St. Gregory's Parish News

Mass Intentions—February 6 & 7, 2016



Father Alex will be away visiting his family during the month of January. Therefore, there will be no weekday masses during this time.

Monday to Friday—No scheduled liturgy.

Saturday, February 6—5:00 p.m.

Mafalda Buccitti—Nora& Diane Gaudenzi
 Rosa Gallo-the children
 Kathleen Spicer-Dennis Laplante
 Tommaso&Carmela Caputo-son, Aldo& Rosina Caputo

Sunday, February 7—9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Parishioners

11:00 a.m.

Marco Fabbicino— Maria Fabbicino
 Eugene Orlando—Maria Calvano
 Vittorio Mannarino— wfe, Emma & family
 Hugh Clinton Lutes-Gaspere&Mary Guerrieri

2016 Contribution Envelopes

The contribution envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. Please pick up your envelopes as early as possible. Thank you.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours for the month of January will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Finance Report

Sunday, January 24, 2016	\$3207.95
TOTAL INCOME	\$3207.95

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Activities for the Week

February 1 to 7, 2016

Tuesday-1:00-3:00 7:30 p.m.	CWL Craft Group (Parish Hall) Choir Practice (Church)
Wednesday-7:00 p.m.	CWL General Meeting
Friday-8:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)
Sunday—11:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy (Parish Hall)



I invite all parishioners to consider 'St. Gregory's Church' when choosing a charitable institution for memorial donations to honour a loved one who has passed. This form of financial support and heartfelt gesture would truly bless and enrich the life of St. Gregory's Church. The Parish family is grateful to you for your thoughtfulness.

Your brother in Christ,

Father Alex.

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“SEASON OF LENT”

LENT is a solemn observance in the liturgical year of many Christian denominations, lasting for a period of approximately six weeks leading up to Easter. Sunday. In the general Latin-rite and most Western denominations Lent is taken to run from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) morning or to Easter Eve. In the Catholic Church, Lent lasts until Holy Thursday, while other denominations run until Easter Eve. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, repentance, almsgiving, and self-denial. Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the events of the Bible when Jesus is crucified on Good Friday, which then culminates in the celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. During Lent, many of the faithful commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence. The Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ's carrying the Cross and of his execution, are often observed.

“CHANGE OF MASS TIMES”

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is a time of renewal and rebirth. The Church invites us to spend some extra time to be with God and one another. I encourage you all to join us in the celebration of the Eucharist on weekdays from Tuesday to Friday at 7:00 in the evening. I truly hope that you will consider this offer “to journey together with Jesus”.

Father Alex.



“STATIONS OF THE CROSS”

Fridays During Lent Following Mass at 7:00 p.m.

The origin of the devotion of ‘The Stations of the Cross’ or ‘The Way of the Cross’ is associated with Christian pilgrimages to Jerusalem in the early Christian centuries. Those who were able to walk along the path with Jesus on the way to His crucifixion were deeply moved by this experience. Yet, since the vast majority of Christians were not able to go to Jerusalem, ‘The Way of the Cross’ enabled them to engage in a mini pilgrimage of sorts, whereby they could focus on the key events of Jesus’ passion and death.

The Way of the Cross is a devotion in which we accompany, in spirit, our blessed Lord in His wonderful journey to Calvary, and devoutly meditate on His suffering and death. Soon after the celebration of the Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent, Father Alex with the assistance of three volunteers will lead the prayer.

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Reconciliation 2016

Session 1: Part A

Thursday, February 11, 2016

Parent & candidate meeting

Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by meeting

Session 1: Part B

Sunday, February 14th, 2016

during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Session 2: Part A

Thursday, February 18th, 2016

7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Session 2: Part B

Sunday, February 21st, 2015

during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Session 3: Part A

Thursday, February 25th, 2016

at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Session 3: Part B

Sunday, February 28th, 2016 during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Session 4: Part A

Thursday, March 3rd, 2016

at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Session 4: Part B

Sunday, March 6th, 2016

during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Celebration of the Sacrament Reconciliation

Thursday, March 10th, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

On Ash Wednesday Development and Peace will launch its annual Share Lent campaign with its theme for the year, Create a Climate of Change. Money raised through Share Lent provides vital support to the poor in more than 30 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. You can make Share Lent a part of your own Lenten journey by putting up a Solidarity Calendar in your home (available in the parish). Or you can download our Lenten Calendar app for free from the App store or Google Play! Learn more about the campaign at devp.org/sharelent. The Share Lent collection will take place on GOOD FRIDAY, March 25, 2016.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Our CWL general meeting will be held on Wednesday February 3, 2016 in the Parish Hall. In thanksgiving for 50 years, there will be a special celebration in the Church at 7:00 p.m. before the meeting. See you there!

Pre-Authorized Donation Program

Thank you to the many parishioners who have started this program. This is an easy method of parish donation which will result in a win/win situation for you and our Parish.

The forms are available at the entrance of the church. Complete the P.A.D.P. form and deposit it in the collection basket. Please include a cheque marked "VOID". The program can be started at any time as long as we receive the form by the 10th of the previous month.

If you have any questions please call the Parish office.

Thank you again for considering this convenient method of Parish donation.