

# ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
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**Parish Priest:**  
Father Eric Pannike  
**Parish Deacon:**  
Deacon Rob Thibodeau  
**Parish Secretary:**  
Anna Temporao

## First Sunday of Lent Year B Sunday, February 18th, 2018

### 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 and Liturgies for Lent:**  
Monday Wednesday & Friday at 7:00 p.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"*

JESUS IS SO RIGHT!  
WE CAN'T JUST LIVE  
ON BREAD ALONE...



I'M GLAD TO HEAR  
THAT YOU AGREE!



OH YEAH - I NEED  
AT LEAST AN  
OCCASIONAL  
PORTERHOUSE STEAK  
AND TRY MARTINI!



HAPPY LENT!

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# St. Gregory's Parish News



## Mass Intentions—February 19th—February 25th 2018



**Monday, February 19—7:00 p.m.**

Annetta Iacoe—Gisella

**Tuesday, February 20—No Scheduled Liturgy**

**Wednesday, February 21—7:00 p.m.**

Tommaso Fernandes—sister Elena  
Pagliaro and Wife Giustina Fernandes

**Thursday, February 22—2:00 p.m.**

Finnish Rest Home

*Parishioners welcome*

**Friday, February 23—7:00 p.m.**

Intentions of Parishioners

**Saturday, February 24—5:00 p.m.**

Joe Palarchio—Luise Palarchio and Family

Luigi Rovito—Wife Ada and Family

Mirella Schug— Husband Terry & Children Michael  
& Laura

**Sunday, February 25—9:00 a.m.**

Art & Caroline Bergamin—Daughter Eileen

Pasquale & Paolina Pino—Olinda & Vittorio Bruno

Aldo Valente—Scott & Emily Thibeault

**Sunday, February 25—11:00 a.m.**

Intentions of Parishioners



### Week of February 19—February 25

Monday	Leviticus 19.1-2,11-18/Matthew 25.31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55.10-11/Matthew 6.7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3.1-10/Luke 11.29-32
Thursday	1 Peter 5.1-4/Matthew 16.13-19
Friday	Ezekiel 18.21-28/Matthew 5.20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26.16-19/Matthew 5.43-48

### Second Sunday of Lent

1st READING	Genesis 22.1-2,9-13,15-18
2nd READING	Romans 8.31b-35,37++
GOSPEL	Mark 9.2-10

### 2018 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts will be available at  
Church entrance for until Feb 27.  
Please pick up as soon as possible.  
Thank you.



### Trivia Question of the Week

*Last weeks question—What is the third Commandment practiced by the Catholic Church?*

*Answer: In the Catholic Church, Sunday is the Sabbath day, therefore Catholics are supposed to worship God and do no work on this day. Exodus 20:8 says, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates".*

*Check next weeks bulletin for answers*

**What is the first thing you say in the confessional after blessing yourself?**

*Previous and Present bulletins can be found on our website at  
[www.stgregoryssm.com](http://www.stgregoryssm.com)*

### Finance Report

<b>Monday, February 11, 2018</b>	<b>\$2,745.15</b>
Ministry Formation	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$125.00
New Year	\$10.00
Native Sector	\$10.00
Initial Offering	\$50.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$437.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,382.15</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

# St. Gregory's Parish News

## YOUTH MINISTRY IN SAULT STE. MARIE

See what's happening for young people in Sault Ste. Marie! The following programs are open to all young people in the city:



**Students in Grade 6, 7, and 8:** All students in this age range regardless of school or parish are invited to take part in **EDGE - a Catholic Youth Night, every Thursday Night at 7:00pm** at St. Jerome's Church (26 Carmel Road). Every evening is full of games, Catholic teachings, socials and food!

**High school Students:** Registration is now open for "Made for More" the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference happening February 24, 2018 at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie. Register online at [www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018](http://www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018) or through the parish or your high school chaplain.

**Young Adults age 18-25:** All Young Adults aged 18-25 are invited to take part in **Elevate - our Catholic Young Adults Group - that meets every Friday night at 6:30pm beginning January 26** at St. Jerome's Church (26 Carmel Road). January 26 begins with a free home-cooked meal at 6:30pm, followed by a presentation/discussion on how to talk about or share your faith with your peers when it seems so difficult.

For more information on any of these groups, please visit [www.stjeromeparishssm.com](http://www.stjeromeparishssm.com)



## Is there More to Life than This?

Back by popular demand!!!! St. Gregory's parish will be hosting another Alpha series.

### What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. At the weekly gatherings which include, **food, video and a talk**, we look at different questions that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. It's just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. Registration & Intro Video session begins

**Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

For more info contact: Lynn Boivin 705-499-4694— [boivinlynn5@yahoo.com](mailto:boivinlynn5@yahoo.com)

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018

## MADE FOR MORE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

REGISTER ONLINE:

[WWW.STJEROMEPARISHSSM.COM/DCYC2018](http://WWW.STJEROMEPARISHSSM.COM/DCYC2018)

OR CONTACT YOUR CHURCH

OR HIGH SCHOOL CHAPLAIN



## TAIZÉ PRAYER EVENING

St. Jerome Church (26 Carmel Road) at 7:00 pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Taizé is an Ecumenical Christian Community in France whose music and meditative reflection on God's Word has nourished people throughout the world.

**All are welcome!**

## Catholic Women's League News



### Membership Fees

The 2018 membership fees (\$22.00) are now due. Please include your payment (cheque payable to St. Gregory's CWL) or cash in an envelope with your name, address, and telephone number.

Please put your payment in the collection basket on Sunday. **New members are welcome.!**

### Dates to Remember:

**February 24th**— Spiritual Reflection from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church

**March 2nd**— World Day of Prayer at 2p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Cathcart Street.



# St. Gregory's Parish News

We offer our condolences to the family of  
**Emma Salituri**  
May you find comfort and peace in the  
Eucharistic Celebration and in our faith  
community during this difficult time.  
May her soul rest in peace.

## Lent Day of Confessions

Wednesday, March 7

8:30am - 8:00pm

Priests available all day

Precious Blood Cathedral

(778 Queen Street East)

Presented by the Catholic Parishes of  
Sault Ste. Marie

**"Return to me with all your heart."**

(Joel 2:12)



## Pilgrimage to Poland - Journey into the Mercy of God April 28 - May 14, 2018



This is our seventh pilgrimage to Poland.  
We have a few spots still available which  
need final

**confirmation by February 22nd.** I am

pleased to invite you to join us on our  
pilgrimage to Poland this April 28 until May 14,  
2018. What a wonderful

opportunity this will be to journey together in faith.

**Pilgrimage to Poland 28 April - 14 May 2018**

includes special moments not readily available to other  
groups such as conferences with the Sisters at the  
Convents, visit to the Archbishop's Residence in  
Krakow, seeing where Mary left her footprints in  
Lichen, visiting Plock where Jesus appeared to

St. Faustina.

**All inclusive cost \$3,300**

**single and \$3150 for couples.**

Information: [sbielec@sympatico.ca](mailto:sbielec@sympatico.ca) or

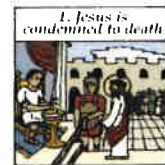
613-792-4272



There will also be many opportunities to  
taste many Polish delicacies foods as all meals are  
included in the price. Our pilgrimage will be a great  
blend of spiritual experiences and cultural richness.

Flyer is on Bulletin Board at the entrance of the  
Church. Blessings, Stan and Maria

## The Stations of the Cross



We will journey toward conversion during Lent and  
Easter week using a book of Henri  
Nouwen's writings.



Daily reflections that begin with a  
thought from Nouwen, supported by  
Scripture, a prayer and  
suggested activity for spiritual growth will set the  
stage for our sessions.  
Our gatherings will allow time for quiet reflection,  
journaling and sharing.

Thursday, 7 - 9 PM at Shalom Place February 15,  
22, March 1, 8, 22, April 5

Suggested Offering: \$35 + cost of the book

Facilitator: Burnie Thorp

PLEASE REGISTER: 705-254-4690

[shalomssm@shaw.ca](mailto:shalomssm@shaw.ca)

**Join the Italian Prayer Group for  
the Stations of the Cross in Italian.  
March 20th 2018 at 2:00 pm  
All are welcome to come and Pray.**

## Adult MEDITATION First Sunday in LENT B

On Wednesday the ashes on our forehead were to remind us that we have failed, personally and as a community, to live up to our Baptismal commitment. We acknowledge our failure and strive, through the days of Lent, to return to living as an Easter people - a people who walk in the light of Christ.

The first reading recounts the covenant made between God and Noah after the flood. Noah was saved from the flood which destroyed the evil world in which he lived, just as the waters of Baptism save us from the evils in our society. Following His Baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus is **driven** into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit. He spent forty days there, tempted by Satan, and then began his ministry to the world.

Our Lenten journey in the wilderness gives us the opportunity to acknowledge that following Christ is not easy. We must be called to repentance and conversion. In our desert experience we must confront and overcome temptation. The temptations, like the ones Jesus was confronted with, help us to discern God's will. The power to resist these temptations comes from our Baptism.

*What situations or temptations must I avoid or resist this Lent in order to renew my Baptismal covenant with God?*

*What situations or tasks must I make my own this Lent in order to renew my Baptismal covenant with God?*

With the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus begins his public ministry saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news." The word *repent* in the original language of the Gospel story means "to turn around", to make a U-turn in life.

*What do I need to repent of this Lent? In what area of my life do I need to make a U-turn?*

*Where will I seek the silence and emptiness of the desert? How can I empty myself in order to discover the presence of God in my life?*

## Youth MEDITATION First Sunday in LENT B

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"

"Turn from your sins, and believe in the Gospel"

These were words used on Wednesday as foreheads around the world were marked with ashes. Ashes to represent sorrow for failing, for sinning, but also with a desire to change and to grow. We are challenged to follow Jesus. Lent is the time we take to enter the wilderness as Jesus did after His Baptism. The wilderness is quiet, it is simple, there are few distractions. In the wilderness we can listen for the voice of God.

*What is God trying to say to me right now? What is God asking me to do?*

In Baptism you became a child of God, and God is love.

*How do I show others that I am a child of God?*

When Jesus was in the wilderness, He was tempted by the devil. He overcame the temptations because He knew that the Spirit of God was with Him.

*How do I deal with temptation? What are some of the temptations that draw me away from God and God's will for me?*

With the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus begins his public ministry saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."

*What is the good news I am being challenged by? What is the good news I am being called to proclaim?*

Lent is all about change - changing from our old sinful selves into new Easter people. We need to first admit that we fail, that we sin, and then we need to make a change that will help us to live our Baptismal commitments.

*What do I need to change this Lent in order to better use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive at Baptism and Confirmation?*

# Up and Coming Events

Mark your Calendar!

Revised February 15

Changes **highlighted**

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- Sun Feb 18 . . . . . **Ukrainian Brunch** for parishioners and visitors  
10am - 12:30pm St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. George's Avenue
- Sun Feb 18 . . . . . **Mass**  
11:00am St. Gregory Church
- Mon Feb 19 . . . . . Mass**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Tue Feb 20 . . . . . **Choir Practice**  
7:30pm St. Gregory Church
- Wed Feb 21 . . . . . **St. Basil's School classroom visits** Fr. Eric  
12:30 - 3:15pm Grades 7 & 8
- Wed Feb 21 . . . . . Mass**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Wed Feb 21 . . . . . **CWL Executive Meeting**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Parish Hall
- Wed Feb 21 . . . . . **Parents Coaching Meeting 2** for sacraments  
7:00-8:30pm St. Gregory office Boardroom
- Thu Feb 22 . . . . . **Mass**  
2:00pm **Finnish Rest Home Parishioners invited**
- Thu Feb 22 . . . . . **Edge** Catholic Youth Night Grades 6,7,8  
7:00pm St. Jerome Parish Hall all parishes invited!
- Fri Feb 23 . . . . . **Elevate** Catholic Young Adults Evening 18-25 yrs  
6:30pm St. Jerome Parish Hall (includes dinner) all parishes invited!
- Fri Feb 23 . . . . . Mass**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Fri Feb 23 . . . . . **Alcoholics Anonymous**  
8:00pm St. Gregory Parish Hall
- Sat Feb 24 . . . . . **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 2018**  
9:00am - 9:00pm St. Mary's College, SSM **for all youth of the diocese**
- Sat Feb 24 . . . . . **Confessions**  
4:15 - 4:45pm St. Gregory Church

**Poverty Sunday** Bring groceries for the Food Bank

Sat Feb 24 ..... **Mass**  
5:00pm St. Gregory Church

Sun Feb 25 ..... **Mass**  
9:00am St. Gregory Church

Sun Feb 25 ..... **Mass**  
11:00am St. Gregory Church

**Father Eric away in Florida February 26 - March 16**

Fr. Danielle & Fr. Pat (St. Jerome's) covering weekends & funerals  
Deacon Rob Thibodeau covering weekday liturgies

Mon Feb 26 ..... **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church

Mon Feb 26 ..... **Regional Marriage Preparation** Team Meeting  
7:30pm St. Gregory office Boardroom

Tue Feb 27 ..... **Alpha 1**  
6:00 - 8:30pm St. Gregory's Parish Hall

Tue Feb 27 ..... **Choir Practice**  
7:30pm St. Gregory Church

Wed Feb 28 ..... **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church

Wed Feb 28 ..... **Parents Coaching Meeting 3** for sacraments  
7:00-8:30pm St. Gregory office Boardroom

Thu Mar 1 ..... **Edge** Catholic Youth Night Grades 6,7,8  
7:00pm St. Jerome Parish Hall all parishes invited!

Fri Mar 2 ..... **Elevate** Catholic Young Adults Evening 18-25 yrs  
6:30pm St. Jerome Parish Hall (includes dinner) all parishes invited!

Fri Mar 2 ..... **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church

Fri Mar 2 ..... **Alcoholics Anonymous**  
8:00pm St. Gregory Parish Hall

**Sat Mar 3** ..... **Confessions** \* \* CANCELLED \* \*  
4:15 - 4:45pm St. Gregory Church

Sat Mar 3 ..... **Mass**  
5:00pm St. Gregory Church



## Messa Domenicale in Italiano - Sguardo Generale

Facciamo una proposta di celebrare una delle nostre Messe domenicali in parte in Italiano. In principio questa Messa sarebbe celebrata una volta al mese. Se il numero di partecipanti lo indica, potrebbe essere celebrata ogni settimana. Ma per fare tale Messa possibile, abbiamo bisogno di persone che guidano le parti Italiane, come anche di parrochiani che vengono a questa Messa.

Le parti in Italiano che vengono guidate da parrochiani Italiani, possono includere:

- Inni
- Preghiere della Messa che si cantano
- Prima Lettura (Antico Testamento)
- Salmo (recitato o cantato)
- Seconda Lettura (Nuovo Testamento)
- Preghiera dei Fedeli
- Padre Nostro (in lingua di scelta personale)

Le parti in Inglese includeranno:

- Vangelo (proclamato dal Prete o dal Diacono)
- Omelia / Predica (fatta dal Prete o dal Diacono)
- Tutte le preghiere della Messa normalmente recitate (dal Prete e dalla gente insieme)
- Annunci

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Saresti tu in favore della parrocchia mettere in prova una tale Messa? Si o No? \_\_\_\_\_

Ti piacerebbe attendere una tale Messa? Si o No? \_\_\_\_\_

Assisteresti tu a fare una tale Messa possibile?

Come Lettore? Si o No? \_\_\_\_\_

Con la musica? Si o No? \_\_\_\_\_

Quale Messa frequentate di più al presente?

Sabato 5:00 \_\_\_\_\_ Domenica 9:00 \_\_\_\_\_ Domenica 11:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Per favore scrivete in stampatello il vostro nome e numero di telefono:

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Nome

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Telefono

# Weekend Italian Mass - Survey

There is a proposal to have one of our weekend Masses with some parts celebrated in Italian. We would begin with one Italian Mass each month, most likely Sunday 9:00am. If the numbers of participants warrant, it might become a weekly celebration. But to make such a Mass possible, we need volunteers to lead the Italian parts, as well as parishioners who will attend.

Italian parts, to be led by Italian-speaking members of the congregation, could include:

- Hymns
- Sung prayers of the Mass
- First Reading from Scripture (Old Testament)
- Psalm (recited or sung)
- Second Reading from Scripture (New Testament)
- Prayers of the Faithful
- Lord's Prayer (in language of each person's choice)

English parts would include:

- Gospel Reading (proclaimed by the Priest or Deacon)
- Homily / sermon (done by the Priest or Deacon)
- All prayers of the Mass normally recited (by Priest and people together)
- Announcements

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Would you be in favour of the parish trying such a Mass? Yes or No? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you attend such a Mass? Yes or No? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to volunteer to help make such a Mass possible?

Reader? Yes or No? \_\_\_\_\_

Music? Yes or No? \_\_\_\_\_

Which Mass do you most often attend at present?

Saturday 5:00 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 9:00 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 11:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name and telephone number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone