

# ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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Father Eric Pannike

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Deacon Rob Thibodeau

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Anna Temporao

## Third Sunday of Lent

### Year B

## Sunday, March 4th, 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"*



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# St. Gregory's Parish News

## Mass Intentions—March 5th—March 11th 2018



**Monday, March 5—7:00 p.m.**  
Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**Tuesday, March 6**  
No Scheduled Liturgy

**Wednesday, March 7—7:00 p.m.**  
Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**Thursday, March 8**  
No Scheduled Liturgy

**Friday, March 9—7:00 p.m.**  
Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**Saturday, March 10—5:00 p.m.**  
Elvira & Deve Sdao-Husband Franco Sdao & Family  
Ida Graffi & Maria Picco —Nirvano & Anna Graffi  
Eugene Rebellato—St. Gregory's Senior Choir

**Sunday, March 11—9:00 a.m.**  
Luigi Bressan –wife Carmela Bressan & Family  
Giannina Torcaso—Husband Antonio & Family  
Ersilia Cuglietta—Sister Lina Montemurro

**Sunday, March 11—11:00 a.m.**  
Intentions of Parishioners



### Week of March 5—March 11

Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15a/Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Daniel 3.25,34-43/Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1,5.9/Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28/Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.1-9/Mark 12.28b-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15-6.6++/Luke 18.9-14

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st READING	2 Chronicles 36.14-17a,19.23++
2nd READING	Ephesians 2.4-10
GOSPEL	John 3.14-21

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

*We offer our condolences to the family of  
Fiore Furgiuelle  
May you find comfort and peace in the  
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community during this difficult time.  
May his soul rest in peace.*

### Finance Report

<b>Monday, February 11, 2018</b>	<b>\$2,229.20</b>
Building Fund	\$135.00
Initial Offering	\$35.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$369.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,768.20</b>

### Trivia Question of the Week

*Check next weeks bulletin for answers*

**How many people saw Jesus after  
He rose from the dead?**

***Thank you for your generosity!***

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

## St. Gregory's Parish News

### YOUTH MINISTRY IN SAULT STE. MARIE

See what's happening for young people in Sault Ste.

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** at St. Jerome's Church (26 Carmel Road). 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)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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.

### Is there More to Life than This?



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.

We have been so fortunate to have a full house for this session of the Alpha program. With your interest there will be more to come in the future. Be sure to sign up early.

## Catholic Women's League News



### The CWL General meeting

Wednesday, **March 7th at 7:30pm** in the Church. We will begin with Stations of the Cross and meeting will follow in Parish Hall. *Please plan to attend!*

### 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:

**March 24-** Regional Luncheon at noon at Grand Gardens North.

### April 15- Women's Spring Luncheon

Women's Spring Luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 15th, 2018 at 12:30p.m. at the Marconi Hall. All ladies are welcome. Tickets ( \$25.00 each ) will be available at the March general meeting. Contact for tickets : Emma Bonin at 705-759-5193, Emily Thibeault at 705-942-1544 or Carmelina Spry at 705-942-3916

## St. Gregory's Parish News

### 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)



### TAIZÉ PRAYER EVENING

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

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!**



### Calling Little Artists!

The amazing Children's Liturgy team will assist me with a little project to add some new art work to the Parish office. I will provide the canvas and the children will provide the rest! If your child is interested in painting an art piece have them join in during

**Liturgy of the Word with Children March 4th and 11th at the 11:00 Mass.**

I look forward to enjoying the paintings the little artists of our Parish create.

Make sure your name is on the piece so I can thank you personally!

*Anna Temporao, parish secretary*



The Knights of Columbus

**St. Paddy's Pub Nite 2018**

with the live music of

**BLARNEY**

including special guests  
Fred Kent and Bill Webb

**Saturday, March 17th**

8:00 pm till Midnight

at the

**Royal Canadian LEGION**

96 Great Northern Road



Proceeds will go to ARCH and local Knights of Columbus charities

**\$10** per person  
Cash Bar  
No Reserve Seating

for tickets & info, contact:

Bill Murphy @ 705-759-6086 or Mike Brunton @ 705-206-4599

email: council932@gmail.com

### Prayer for Priests

Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

**Please pray for a Priest each day**

Let us show our love and appreciation for our priests by praying each day for a particular priest.

#### Prayer Suggestions:

Mass	Rosary
Fasting	Holy Hour
Eucharistic Exposition	Other Devotions

Eternal Father,  
We lift up to you these  
And all the priests  
Of the world.  
Sanctify them.  
Heal them; guide them.

Mold them into the likeness and holiness of  
your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest.

May their lives be pleasing to You.

In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen**

## Adult Version - EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE - Lent B

On Wednesday March 7, the priests of the city will offer a **Day of Confession** at Precious Blood Cathedral, from 8:30am until 8:00pm. Several priests will be available at all times to minister the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you.

To prepare for reconciliation, carefully think about the following questions:

*How faithful have I been to my Baptismal covenant, the covenant I will renew at Easter?*

### Sins of Commission

- \* Have I stolen anything? Have I been less than honest in financial dealings with any person, store, government or institution?
- \* Have I twisted the truth in some matter to my advantage, or for a friend or relative? Have I lied outright?
- \* Have I been disrespectful of myself or another - through abuse of drugs, alcohol, overeating, or sex? Have I been physically or verbally abusive of another? Impatient?
- \* Have I slandered or damaged the reputation of another person or the Church through gossip or malicious criticism? Have I respected all others I come in contact with? Have I respected confidentiality when requested?
- \* Have I led others into sin or doubt through bad example?
- \* Am I satisfied with the way God meets my daily needs, or do I grumble and complain? When there is abundance, do I squander it?

### Sins of Omission

- \* Have I failed to spend time with someone who needed me? (the sick, the lonely, the grieving, etc.)
- \* Have I failed to adequately support the work of the Church and various charities? (both financially and in terms of my time). Am I concerned with those who lack a daily portion of food?
- \* Have I neglected to put effort into my spiritual growth? Do I read and pray over the Scriptures? Do I tell others of the goodness God has done for me?
- \* Have I allowed a misunderstanding or hurt to grow into resentment and bitterness? Is there a reconciliation with someone in my life that is being left undone?
- \* Have I failed to work on some personal or family problem I am aware of, and thus failed to contribute what I could to the Kingdom?
- \* Do I withhold the words of thanks, praise, or understanding that can feed the spiritual and emotional hungers of those around me?

## Youth Version - EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE - Lent B

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To prepare for reconciliation, carefully think about the following questions:

### What bad things have I done?

- \* Have I stolen, taken without asking, damaged my own or another person's property? Have I been jealous of things that another person owns?
- \* Have I lied or twisted the truth, to stay out of trouble or to hurt another person? Have I cheated on school tests or when playing games?
- \* Have I been mean to another person, maybe to fit in with my friends? Have I hit or hurt others? Do I tease another until they are upset or angry?
- \* Have I thrown a fit and been angry when I was asked to do something at home or at school, or when I did not get something I wanted?

### What good things have I failed to do?

- \* Have I not bothered to help someone who is hurt or lonely?
- \* Have I not bothered to help my parents or others around the house; have I tried to get out of doing my share of the work? Have I failed to volunteer to help my parents or brothers and sisters with something, like cleaning up or doing the dishes?
- \* Have I made a fuss when it was time to go to Church, getting the family upset when they are trying to help me get closer to God?
- \* Have I been lazy or sloppy in school work, chores around the house, time spent in learning about my religion?
- \* Have I forgotten to pray to God and thank him for all that is good in our world?
- \* Have I used the gifts and abilities God has given me to do good things for my family, my class, and the Church?

## Youth MEDITATION Third Sunday in LENT B

The Ten Commandments are God's laws given to Moses while the Hebrew people wandered in the desert for 40 years. God provided these simple rules for the people to find true freedom and happiness. Rules may restrict certain aspects of our life, but they also provide for safety and freedom. For example, the rule for driving a car is that you must drive on the right-hand side of the road. We can see the rule as restricting how we can drive, OR we can see it as providing greater freedom and safety for everyone; we know that if we all follow the rule, we won't crash into somebody coming the wrong way on our side of the road. How safe would we feel if people just drove on any side they liked?

*What would my life be like if there were no rules?*

*What are some of the rules at home or at school. How do they restrict me? How do they provide greater freedom and/or security for me?*

In the Gospel today, Jesus enters the temple in Jerusalem and sees people selling things to be offered in the temple, and running a sort of bank. He becomes angry and overturns the tables, scattering the money in all directions! For Jesus the temple was very holy, and it angered him to see the people using it as a place to sell and trade things. He tells the people that if they destroy the temple, he could raise it up again in three days. The temple in Jerusalem is where the people went to worship God and offer sacrifices. It was a very large building and had taken many, many years to build. The people laughed at Jesus because they didn't know he meant the temple of his own body. Even his disciples did not understand this until after Easter Sunday when Jesus was raised from the dead.

*What does Jesus mean by saying his body is a temple?*

*How is my body a temple? How can I "cleanse my temple" to better prepare to receive Jesus at Easter?*

At Mass, we receive the Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ, and we become what we receive. We are the Body and Blood of Jesus on earth today.

*What can I do so that people experience Jesus when they are with me?*

## Adult MEDITATION Third Sunday in LENT B

The first reading is God's commands to Moses at Sinai - better known as the Ten Commandments. The first commandments outline our relationship with God - acknowledgement of and obedience to the one supreme being. The last six are brief but direct issues involving honesty and reverence for life in our relationship to other humans.

*Are the Ten Commandments simply orders which restrict me and keep me on the "straight and narrow" OR Do I see the Ten Commandments as opportunities to offer love to God and to others?*

*What is my experience of God's presence in my life? Is it one of trying to avoid that which will anger or displease God? OR Is it one of journeying with a loving God and other people in order to bring about the Kingdom?*

*What do I need to change in my attitude towards God's commands to better express my love for God and thereby help make the Kingdom a reality?*

In the second reading, St. Paul presents the paradox of the cross. To people who do not believe in the risen Christ, the cross is a symbol of humiliation, suffering and death. To believers it is a symbol of hope, salvation, and triumph over evil and death. To baptized Christians it is also a reminder of the Baptismal covenant with God.

*What does it really mean to me when I make the sign of the cross?*

The Gospel recounts the story of Jesus cleansing the temple. This is the "turning point" in Jesus' life - it is the event which leads to his arrest and crucifixion. St. John describes this event as a sign, associating it with the temple of Jesus' body. A sign which the apostles understand **only after Jesus' resurrection** and in light of their experience of the risen Lord.

*What signs of the Risen Christ do I see in my life? What can I do to become more aware of these and other signs I may miss?*

Jesus declares that he will replace the stone temple with another - his own body - where God will be worshipped perfectly. The stone, bricks and mortar is not the object of worship, yet humans tend to assign great importance and worth to the stones, bricks, and mortar.

*Where do I experience the presence of God - in the church (building)? or in the Church, the Body of Christ (people)?*

*How can I open myself more to experiencing God's presence in the people of God rather than the building which houses the people of God?*