

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Year B

Sunday, March 25th, 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 26th—April 1st 2018



Friday, March 23—7:00 p.m.
Elena & Archie Pozzebon-Nancy
Barbon & Family

Monday, March 26—7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday, March 27
No Scheduled Liturgy

Wednesday, March 28—7:00 p.m.
Valentino Volpe—Nancy Volpe & Marisa Anelli
Walter Anelli—Nancy Volpe & Marisa Anelli

Thursday, March 29—7:00 p.m.
Libero Barone—The Deluca Family
Francesco Roppo Valente—Sister Concetta & Pasquale Lento

Friday, March 30—3:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 31—8:30pm
Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1—9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Parishioners

Easter Sunday, April 1—11:00 a.m.
Maria LePera Talarico—Gina Muto
Domenico & Angela Coccimiglio—Son Mario & Family



Easter Sunday

Week of March 26—April 1

Monday	Isaiah 42.1-7/John 12.1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 49.1-6/John 13.21-33,36-38
Wednesday	Isaiah 50.4-9a/Matthew 26.14-26
Thursday	Isaiah 61.1-3a,6a,8b-9/Luke 4.16-21
Friday	Isaiah 52.13-53.12/John 18.1-19.42
Saturday	Genesis 1.1-2.2/Mark 16.1-8

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

1st READING	Acts 10.34a,37-43
2nd READING	Colossians 3.1-4
GOSPEL	John 20.1-9

*We offer our condolences to the family of
Lucie-Anne Rollins
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.*

*We offer our condolences to the family of
Maria Gallo
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Finance Report

Sunday, March 18, 2018	\$2,767.05
Building Fund	\$65.00
Share Lent/ Development & Peace	\$3,421.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$369.00
Total Income	\$6,622.05

Thank you for your generosity!

Trivia Question of the Week

*Last weeks question—What are the most famous four words
Jesus said at the Last Supper?
ANSWER: "THIS IS MY BODY" These were the famous words of
Jesus at the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the Eucharist.
BIBLE: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the
blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said,
"Take and eat; this is my body." (Mt. 26:26)*

Check next weeks bulletin for answers

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Italian Mass Survey Results

We received a total of 29 responses to our survey; 3 were opposed to the suggestion of an Italian language Mass, and 26 in favour.

1 response came from the 5:00pm Mass;
22 responses came from the 9:00am Mass.
6 responses came from the 11:00am Mass;

9 responses used the Italian survey;
20 responses used the English survey.

One person volunteered to help with music;
no people volunteered to help with reading.

Though there was reasonable interest in the proposal, the lack of volunteers to handle the Italian language ministries makes such a Mass impossible. As such, in response to information gained by this survey, we will not proceed with the Italian language Mass.

Thanks to all for your input on this idea.

THE NORTHLAND BARBERSHOP CHORUS



PRESENTS THEIR 54th ANNUAL SHOW

*"Tony and the Time Machine -
A Barbershop Odyssey"*

Saturday, April 7th, 2018, 7:30p.m.
Sault Community Theatre Centre

JOINING THE NORTHLAND CHORUS:

"ROUND MIDNIGHT" – *Top-10 International
Quartet from New York City!*

All Tickets are non-reserved @ **\$28.00** CDN (\$23 US),
available from:

Hess Jewelers (Churchill Plaza),
Sault Theatre/STARS (Soo, Mich.)

Any Chorus member ,

Theatre Centre Box Office (Station mall)

Note: Box Office adds a \$4 surcharge/ticket. Total price if
purchased at Mall Box Office outlet is **\$32**

***For ticket info, call Doug Iles at 705-942-3075 or visit
www.northlandchorus.com/annual-show

*As always, a major portion of the proceeds supports
local speech therapy programs at the Speech and
Language Pathology Unit of the **Sault Area
Hospital** - More than \$89,000 donated so far...
"We Sing...That They Shall Speak."*

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & CHAPLET begins on GOOD FRIDAY March 30th

leading to the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will have a Closing Service for the Divine
Mercy Novena & Chaplet on Sunday, April 8/18 at 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.



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!

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



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"Poverty Sunday"

In response to Pope Francis's call 'to be a poor church and a church for the poor', we dedicate the last Sunday of every month for the poor. All parishioners are invited to bring non perishable food to be collected and distributed to our local food bank or the Soup Kitchen.



TAIZÉ PRAYER EVENING

St. Jerome Church (26 Carmel Road)

at 7:00 pm on the following dates:

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 !



Country Gospel Music

Featuring
John McClenaghan
and the
Perfect Blend

At Zion Lutheran Church
189 Upton Road

Friday, April 13th, 2018 @ 7 pm

Tickets - \$10.00/ea.

Doors open 6:30 pm

Tickets available at
Zion Lutheran Church (Upton Road) on Tues, Wed, Thurs from 9 until 12 noon
The Scripture Store on Queen Street

For more information or tickets, contact Annette at 705-254-9899

ST. JEROME'S YOUTH HARDWOOD CLASSIC



Sat. April 7, 2018

9:00 A.M.

St. Mary's College

868 Second Line E

Youth in grades 5-12 are welcome

- Teams of 3-4 players

- 16 teams per division

- Drop off registration & payment to

St. Jerome's Parish

- 26 Carmel Road

Proudly sponsored by St. Jerome's Parish

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2018

We are excited that Sault Ste. Marie is an official host site for the 2018 New Evangelization Summit April 27 & 28. This conference has been designed to inspire Catholics deepen their own faith and help them in their task to evangelize to others. The event is held in Ottawa, but is live-streamed to host sites across Canada & the United States. Join thousands of

Catholics across North America to hear from world-class speakers during this event. Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. The cost is \$40.00. Register now by visiting www.newevangelization.ca (includes snacks and lunch) Our host location this year is St. Mary's College (868 Second Line East).



Knights of Columbus Council 932 will hold a pasta supper on Monday, March 26th from 5 to 6:30 at the Moose Lodge on Trunk Road. The cost is \$10. Children 6 through 10 /\$4, while those 5 and under eat free. Profits will be donated as bursaries to the local high schools.



Catholic Women's League News

General Meeting

Our CWL general meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4th at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you there!

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:

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. Contact for tickets : Emma Bonin at 705-759-5193, Emily Thibeault at 705-942-1544 or Carmelina Spry at 705-942-3916 **Deadline for tickets is April 11th.**

Youth MEDITATION Passion Sunday B

Today, as we begin Holy Week, the first Gospel reading is about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Later in the Mass, the Gospel continues and we hear of the Last Supper followed by the Passion. The Passion is the story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, suffering and crucifixion. This is the focus of Holy Week which ends with the celebration of Jesus' resurrection at the Easter Vigil.

At one of the gates into the walled city of Jerusalem, crowds of people show up to cheer and wave and shout "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" as Jesus approaches. They form a joyful parade, laying their coats on the path. Jesus rides into the city on a donkey - this was the way kings entered a city (but probably on a horse, not a little donkey!) when they came bringing peace. We too, sing "Hosanna! Hosanna to our King!"

If we are the King's people, then we owe all our obedience to him. The King rules our lives. *Does Jesus rule my life?*

A lot happens the last few days of Jesus' life. He has a final meal with the apostles, and then one of them betrays him to the authorities. Jesus is arrested and taken away. His best friend denies knowing him and runs away. The crowd that shouted "Hosanna" a few days earlier now shouts "Crucify him!" Finally he is made fun of, beaten, and then nailed to a cross to die.

Even those who spent a lot of time with Jesus didn't understand what was happening. They were frightened, they ran away, some wanted to see him die, others just stood by and watched silently.

Have I been like any of these people?

Have I betrayed someone when I was scared for myself?

Have I run away because I couldn't face what was happening?

Was I two-faced? Said something one day and the opposite the next?

This week is the most special time of the Church year. It is what being a Christian is all about - celebrating the great love that Jesus had for us by dying and then rising to new life. We share in this new life, the life of Jesus, and so become "Easter People".

Adult MEDITATION Passion Sunday B

Passion Sunday is a liturgy of contrasts. We begin joyously as a triumphant Jesus rides into Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel the people in the crowd throw their cloaks on the ground before Jesus. A cloak was a very valuable garment and so worthy of a king bringing peace. We join them and sing "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Further into the liturgy, the tone changes as we hear the Passion narrative.

We hold in our hands a palm branch, but what does it mean? Those who went to meet Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem were the same people who a short time later stood in Pilate's presence and shouted "Crucify him! Crucify him!" The palm we hold is a symbol of the empty honours humans are capable of bestowing. It is both a holy object and a sign of human duplicity. The contrast of Passion Sunday can be seen in this palm branch: our eagerness to make a show of honour, and our willingness to drop the front and flee at the first sign of trouble.

As I lift my palm branch to receive the blessing, is my reverence more genuine than those who first honoured Jesus?

The Passion accounts bring us to an even deeper reflection on the person and mission of Jesus. As we begin Holy Week and prepare for the Triduum, we have several days to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' passion and death before the solemn liturgies are celebrated. Those closest to Jesus, his disciples, entered into the last days with little understanding. By them, Jesus was betrayed and deserted. *Is there a betrayer, a deserter, a coward in me?*

Once Jesus is led away and condemned, the crowd rejects him, siding with the chief priests and other leaders who treat Jesus with contempt, resentment, and hostility. Many "go along with the crowd", often that is the easy way.

How do I treat those whom my community rejects? Do I "go along with the crowd"?

"He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe". The chief priests and scribes needed proof before they would believe that Jesus was the Son of God. Following their example many people mocked and derided Jesus as he hung on the cross and died.

What proof am I waiting for? Is my belief strong or does it change with the changes in popular belief? Do I really believe that abortion is wrong? Do I believe that marriage for life is great when it happens, but that God cannot actually require this level of commitment from everyone? Do I believe that missing Sunday Mass is OK and not a sin, when I am enjoying a weekend at camp? How do I "taunt" Jesus on the cross?

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St Gregory's Church is on Facebook!
Find our page, Like and Follow us!
You can stay informed of events at
St. Gregory's and share photos and stories.



It is a special joy to see young families taking part in the Mass and engaged in the life of the parish. We have a very talented, caring and energetic team organizing the Children's Liturgy program every Sunday. We encourage parents to bring your children to participate in the Liturgy of the Word with children during our Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Let us try our best to keep the gift of faith alive and active.

'Journey' Lottery Message

Everyone is excited that the 'Journey's' multi-purpose building, historical gallery and courtyard featuring 'Our Lady at the Rapids' is under construction. To match the excitement, the 'Journey' lottery has been changed as advised by many. This year's lottery will have a grand prize draw of \$25,000 and five additional draws of \$1,000 each.

**The tickets will be drawn on Holy Saturday,
March 31, 2018 at 12 pm at
Precious Blood Cathedral.**

Remember there are only 6,000 tickets printed. Join the excitement and support the 'Journey' Lottery. Thank you for your continuing support.

Your support is essential.

CATHOLIC CLERGY AWARD FOR A GRADUATING STUDENT



The Catholic priests of Sault Ste. Marie will present the Catholic Clergy Award to a graduating student of St. Mary's College who makes it a priority to practice their Catholic faith, and who generously gives of their time to their church community through various volunteer efforts. This award will include a monetary prize. Eligible students are asked to complete an Application Form for the award, available through your parish priest, the guidance office at St. Mary's College, or print it from www.stjeromeparishssm.com/clergyaward.

All applications must be received by May 4, 2018 to be eligible. The award will be presented at the Graduation Ceremony on June 27.

In Memoriam Easter Flower Donations

Please fill out the attached form and place it in the collection basket Palm Sunday March 25th or drop it off at the parish office. We will ensure that you and your loved one are acknowledged in the church bulletin and any monetary donations are recorded for income tax purposes. When making a monetary donation, please place the form and donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers."

In Memoriam Easter Flower Donations

Flowers In Memory of: _____

By: _____

Phone # _____ Address _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____ Envelope # _____