

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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Deacon Rob Thibodeau

Parish Secretary:

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Second Sunday of Easter

Year B

Sunday, April 8th, 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 :

Tuesday, 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"

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:

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.



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St. Gregory's Parish News

Mass Intentions—April 9th—April 15th 2018



Monday, April 9
No Scheduled Liturgy

Tuesday, April 10—9:30 a.m.
Intentions of Parishioners

Wednesday, April 11—9:30 a.m.
Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday, April 12—9:30 a.m.
Mafalda & Settimio Cuglietta—Son John Cuglietta & Family

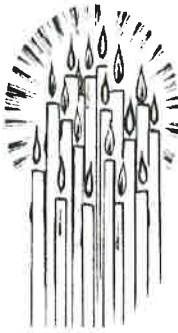
Friday, April 13—9:30 a.m.
Intentions of Parishioners

Saturday, April 14—5:00 p.m.
Felice & Rosa Buonomo—Daughter-in-law Maria & Family

Yolanda Caruso-Husband Mike & Family
Pasquale Cimino—Teresa Cimino & Family

Sunday April 15—9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday, April, 15—11:00 a.m.
Arvasio Zambusi—Wife Bertilla Zambusi
Giuliana Calvano—Husband Vince Calvano & Family
Florence Knox—Suzanne Ebert



Week of April 9—April 15

Monday	Isaiah 7.10-14;8.10d/Luke 1.26-38
Tuesday	Acts 4.32-37/John 3.7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5.17-26/John 3.16-21
Thursday	Acts 5.27-33/John 3.31-36
Friday	Acts 5.34-42/John 6.1-15
Saturday	Acts 6.1-7/John 6.16-21

Third Sunday of Easter

1st READING	Acts 3.13-15,17-19
2nd READING	1 John 2.1-5
GOSPEL	Luke 24.35-48

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.

CHILDREN'S
Liturgy of the Word

Finance Report

Sunday, April 1st, 2018	\$7,697.40
Initial Offering	\$80.00
Needs of Church-Holy Land	\$1,304.65
Building Fund	\$5.00
Share Lent/ Development & Peace	\$845.00
Easter Flowers	\$305.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$369.00
Total Income	\$10,606.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Trivia

Last weeks Question: At the second Station Jesus receives something. What is it that He receives?
Answer: the cross The soldiers performed this task of handing Jesus the cross. The "cross" was to become a metaphor representing "the burdens of life".

Who saw the burning bush?

Check next weeks bulletin for answers



THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Inspiring Catholics

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

APRIL 27 & 28, 2018

WHAT IS THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT?

The **New Evangelization Summit** is a conference that will be hosted in Ottawa and **broadcast** to thousands of church communities across North America. The conference includes world-class speakers such as Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ; Sr. Ann Shields; Curtis Martin; George Weigel and more! These speakers will tackle the issue of deepening our own faith, while giving us the tools necessary to help our family members, friends and others to draw closer to Christ in their life.

WHEN & WHERE IS IT?

This conference is being made available via a live broadcast in Sault Ste. Marie. The event takes place Friday evening April 27 (7:00pm – 9:00pm) and then continues on Saturday, April 28 (8:45am – 4:30pm). It will be hosted at St. Mary's College (868 Second Line East).

WHO WILL BE THERE?

Bishop Marcel Damphousse has encouraged all Catholics in Sault Ste. Marie to participate in this Summit. This is an opportunity to be inspired to deepen our faith life, to be reenergized to live out our faith with passion, and to learn some tools to be able to talk to others about Jesus Christ.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Tickets are \$40.00 per person. Register at the parish office, and the parish will cover half the cost; your cost will be only \$20.00, and will be receipted with your other donations.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Along with being able to listen to world-class speakers, and be able to discuss the topics with those gathered together, all refreshments are included Friday night, as well as lunch and refreshments throughout the day on Saturday.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Jesus calls all of us to "make disciples of all nations" (Mt. 28:19). If we are to help bring others to Christ, we first have to be made strong in our own faith. Once we feel renewed in our own spirit, we have to use the right tools to be able to share our faith effectively with those who are on the fence, or have completely abandoned their faith. This event will help you be an effective sharer of the Good News of Jesus Christ and help others return home to Christ.

Memoriam Easter Flowers
Flowers donated in memory of:

Deceased Family Members
By Rose and Leo Caicco

Bruni & Bennato Families
By Carlo & Beatrice Bruni & Family

Luigi, Helen, Terry & Larry Amadio
By Leslie Amadio

Lorenzo Romani
By Wife and Family

Derek Vye
By Mom, Dad & Family

Deceased Papi & Henderson
Family Members
By John & Roberta Papi

Tommasina & Raffele Marano
By Marano Family

Deceased Family Members
By Elvira Caputo

Natalina & Vito Muzzi
By Enza, Aldo, Anna, Maria, Frank & Families

Rinaldo & Helen Carocci &
Primo & Nila Monaco
By Reno & Isabel Monaco

Deceased Parents Sicoly and Barone
By Lena & Tony Barone

Mirella Schug
By Best Friend Ann Marie Santoro

Reno Lato
By Eileen Lato

Deceased Sicoli Family Members
By Rose & Mike Sicoli

Domenico Cirillo
By Teresa Cirillo

Gabriele Gaudio
By Wife Luisa Gaudio

Franca Guzzo
By Father Michele Santoro & Sister Ann Marie

Gilda Santoro
By husband Michele & daughter Ann Marie

Vecchio & Bruni Families
By Rosa Vecchio

Alberto Caputo
By Wife Emma & Family

Provenzano, Carricato & Sicoli Family
By Tullio & Louise Provenzano

Per tutti i Defunti di Carmela
& Gabriele Mazzuca
By Carmela & Gabriele Mazzuca



Domenica di Pasqua 2B

In questa, la Seconda Domenica di Pasqua, si continua la nostra celebrazione Pasquale che continuerà fino alla Pentecoste.

Nel Vangelo incontriamo Tommaso, che come noi è in dubbio che Gesù può essere risorto; non può essere vero; non si può sperare che Gesù è ancora vivo. Siamo pronti noi a rischiare il sorriso ed il ridacchiare del nostro mondo, perché crediamo a questo fatto così incredibile?

E poi sentiamo le parole: «Come il Padre à mandato me, così io mando voi.» Noi ci sentiamo comodi con i nostri gigli Pasquali nelle nostre case e nelle nostra chiesa, dove soltanto i credenti possono vederli; siamo pronti a rischiare metterli sulle nostre finestre e sul gradino difronte le nostre porte, così coloro che non credono possono vedere la nostra gioia nella resurrezione? Ed in fine, andiamo oltre il mostrare dei nostri gigli, e ci mostriamo le nostre vite trasformate come Vangelo vivente, vite che adesso vivono nell'eternità di Dio?

Di nuovo dobbiamo affrontare questo duro invito di portare la nostra fede oltre ad un affare privato, e divenire veramente ed in modo pubblico il Corpo di Cristo con tutte le sfide che questo ci presenta. Questo è applicabile a coloro che sono consacrati; è applicabile a tutti coloro che desiderano vivere fedelmente il Sacramento del Matrimonio; è applicabile ai fanciulli ed agli adolescenti; è applicabile a noi tutti. Ognuno di noi, in qualunque vocazione e professione, è invitato a dimostrare la vita di Dio in parola ed in esempio, così altri possono venire a credere che Gesù è veramente risorto.

St. Gregory's Parish News



Dear Parishioners

I am the First Vice President/Community Life Chairperson for the Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. We have been asked by Provincial President Anne Madden to focus on homelessness and what we can do. As a diocese, we have decided to host a Diocesan wide food drive on Saturday, April 14, 2018. Our theme is

"Hunger Knows no Season". We are going to be hosting this one day event April 14th between 9am –3pm in Sault Ste. Marie at Metro in the Churchill Plaza.

Our parish would like to participate and be a drop off location at each Mass April 14th & 15th.

Regards, Giselle Floyd



**Feeding the
Community**

Second Sunday of Easter B

On this, the Second Sunday of Easter, we continue our Easter celebration, which will carry on until Pentecost.

In our Gospel reading we encounter Thomas, who shares our doubt at the incredible news of Jesus' resurrection; it is perhaps too good to be true, too much to be hoped for. Dare we go out on a limb, risking the smiles and snickers of our world, as we hold on to such a wild belief?

And we hear the words: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." We feel comfortable with our Easter lilies safely in our homes and in our church, where only believers will see them; will we risk placing them in our windows and on our front steps, so that unbelievers may see our joy at the resurrection? And ultimately, will we go beyond letting them see our lilies, and show them our lives turned into living Gospels, lives now lived in the eternity of God?

Once again we must deal with the tough invitation to take our faith beyond a private affair, and truly become publicly the Body of Christ with all the challenges that this presents. This applies to those in Holy Orders; it applies to all who would live faithfully the Sacrament of Marriage; it applies to children and teens; it applies to us all. Each one of us, in whatever vocation and walk of life, is invited to show forth the life of God in both word and example, so that others may come to believe that Jesus truly is risen.

A Big Thank-you

We'd like to express our thanks to Herv and Sandi Rector, who once again this year put in a lot of time, effort and creativity in arranging flowers and decor for our celebrations of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. And their contribution continues throughout the Easter season that goes through until Pentecost.

We also want to acknowledge the contribution of Herv Rector and the fine folks at Rector Machine Works Ltd., who made for us a second base to hold our Paschal Candle, so we would have one base on the sanctuary and one base in the foyer to hold our candle for the Easter Vigil. It's the many little details that make our liturgies special!



The Sisters of St. Joseph invite young men and women, single or married, ages 16 to 35, to fill in a survey which will assist us in planning programs for faith development. This will require approximately 10 minutes of your time. We thank you in advance for your help.

Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYZ57HD>

An Easter Parable

**The human mind cannot even conceive
what the Lord has prepared for those who love Him.**

The following story, adapted from the Grade 7 Catechism *Believe in Me* from some twenty years ago, was told by Father Eric at the Easter Masses. In response to a number of requests, it is reprinted below. Perhaps it would make a good story to share with those who find resurrection a bit too good to be true.

There is an old story about a conversation between two twin sisters. No one is quite sure what the names of the twins were; let's just call them Maria and *Andrea*.

One morning, Maria rolled over and looked at Andrea. **"It's getting really crowded in here,"** she said. **"I'm getting uncomfortable and scared. We've been here for over eight months, and I've heard that no one survives much beyond nine months."** She kicked hard with both feet. **"It seems crazy. Nine months, that's all you get. Then after that, BIRTH!"**

Andrea did as much of a somersault as she could. *"Maybe it won't be so bad."* She was one of those people who always liked to look on the bright side of things. *"Maybe there's life after birth. Maybe what comes after birth is even better than this."*

"You and your 'maybes'! Don't be ridiculous! This is all there is. Ask yourself, have you ever met anyone who's been born? Has anyone ever come into this womb and said, 'Hey kids, birth is great; don't worry, I've been there'? Of course not. Because once you're born, you're gone. That's it. I don't know why we're even conceived, if we're just going to be born."

"Well, I still think there might be something beyond birth. All this growing and changing that we've been doing must have some purpose." Andrea was quiet for a moment, and then she asked, *"Maria, do you think there's a Mother?"*

"Oh, give me a break! Don't tell me you believe in a Mother too! You're so gullible! I'm not going to believe in some being I've never seen. Face it, one day there was a chemical reaction in the empty spaces of this womb, and we were formed. There's no Mother; there's no plan; there's no purpose. It all just happened."

"But Maria, sometimes I'm sure I hear the Mother singing to us. I'm sure there's something beyond you and me that's loving and protecting us."

"Andrea, you just don't want to face the pain of birth. You're in denial. You're making up all these little fantasies in order to escape from reality. Birth seems to be a terrible thing, and there's nothing we can do to avoid it. Nothing you can say will make me think it's anything other than terrifying. I'm telling you, when my time comes, I'm going to fight as hard as I can to stay right here."

"Not me. I'm going to go quietly, with hope and trust in my heart."

"If you're so sure that birth is going to be a good thing, why didn't you try to be born earlier?"

Well, just because I think that birth will be good doesn't mean that I don't think that this life right here is good. Besides, maybe there's a reason that we are here as long as we are. I'll just wait and trust.

Shh! Maria! Did you hear that? I think it was Mother."

"I didn't hear anything. But I sure felt something. My head feels like it's being squееezed. I think I'm about to be born! Andrea! I'm really scared! What if I never see you again?! Don't let me go!"

"But you have to go, Maria That's the way life is. Try to be brave. Mother is helping you; I can feel it even if you can't.

I'll see you in a little while."



Up and Coming Events

Mark your Calendar!

Revised April 4

Changes **highlighted**

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- Tue Apr 10 **Mass**
9:30am St. Gregory office Boardroom & Chapel
- Tue Apr 10 **Alpha 7**
6:00 - 8:30pm St. Gregory's Parish Hall
- Tue Apr 10** **Choir Practice *** CANCELLED *****
7:30pm St. Gregory Church
- Wed Apr 11 **Mass**
9:30am St. Gregory office Boardroom & Chapel
- Wed Apr 11 **St. Basil's School classroom visits** Fr. Eric
12:30 - 3:15pm Grades 7 & 8
- Wed Apr 11 **Taizé Prayer Evening**
7:00pm St. Jerome Church
- Thu Apr 12 **Mass**
9:30am St. Gregory office Boardroom & Chapel
- Thu Apr 12 **Inter-Faith Clergy Gathering**
12:00 - 1:30pm St. Luke's Anglican Cathedral
- Thu Apr 12 **Edge** Catholic Youth Night Grades 6,7,8
7:00pm St. Jerome Parish Hall all parishes invited!
- Fri Apr 13 **Mass**
9:30am St. Gregory office Boardroom & Chapel
- Fri Apr 13 **Elevate** Catholic Young Adults Evening 18-25 yrs
6:30pm St. Jerome Parish Hall (includes dinner) all parishes invited!
- Fri Apr 13 **Alcoholics Anonymous**
8:00pm St. Gregory Parish Hall
- Sat Apr 14 **Confessions**
4:15 - 4:45pm St. Gregory Church
- Sat Apr 14 **Mass**
5:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Sun Apr 15 **Mass**
9:00am St. Gregory Church
- Sun Apr 15 **Mass**
11:00am St. Gregory Church

Tue Apr 17 **Mass**
9:30am St. Gregory office Boardroom & Chapel

Tue Apr 17 **Alpha 8**
6:00 - 8:30pm St. Gregory's Parish Hall

Tue Apr 17 **Choir Practice**
7:30pm St. Gregory Church

Wed Apr 18 **Mass**
9:30am St. Gregory office Boardroom & Chapel

Wed Apr 18 **St. Basil's School classroom visits** Fr. Eric
12:30 - 3:15pm Grades 7 & 8

Wed Apr 18 **Parents & Kids Meeting** for sacraments (optional)
6:00 - 7:00pm St. Gregory office Boardroom

Wed Apr 18 **Parents Coaching Meeting 5** for sacraments
7:15 - 8:30pm St. Gregory office Boardroom

Wed Apr 18 **CWL Executive Meeting**
7:15pm St. Gregory Parish Hall

Thu Apr 19 **Mass**
9:30am St. Gregory office Boardroom & Chapel

Thu Apr 19 **Parish Pastoral Council**
7:00 - 8:30pm St. Gregory office Boardroom

Thu Apr 19 **Edge** Catholic Youth Night Grades 6,7,8
7:00pm St. Jerome Parish Hall all parishes invited!

Fri Apr 20 **Mass**
9:30am St. Gregory office Boardroom & Chapel

Fri Apr 20 **Elevate** Catholic Young Adults Evening 18-25 yrs
6:30pm St. Jerome Parish Hall (includes dinner) all parishes invited!

Fri Apr 20 **Alcoholics Anonymous**
8:00pm St. Gregory Parish Hall

Sat Apr 21 **Confessions**
4:15 - 4:45pm St. Gregory Church

Sat Apr 21 **Mass**
5:00pm St. Gregory Church

Sun Apr 22 **Mass**
9:00am St. Gregory Church

Sun Apr 22 **Mass**
11:00am St. Gregory Church