

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

71 Estelle Street,
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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Saturday: 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon - 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
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Parish Priest:

Father Alex Saurianthadathil C.Ss.R

Deacon:

Mr. Joseph LeBlance

Secretary:

Ms. Cathy D'Addario

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year B

Sunday, 15 March 2015

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:

During the Season of Lent

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at **7:00 P.M.**

The Rosary:

Recited 1/2 hour before each weekday Mass

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent.

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 16th - 22nd, 2015

† Denotes a Mass for one who is deceased
☩ Denotes a Mass intention for the living

Monday, March 16th

No scheduled liturgy

Tuesday, March 17th - 7:00 p.m.

† Achille & Rosaria Buffone - daughter, Ida Spina
† Mario Spina - wife, Ida & family

Wednesday, March 18th - 7:00 p.m.

† Elsie Gilmore - daughters, Sharon & Janice

Thursday, March 19th - 7:00 p.m.

† Giuseppe Coccimiglio - wife, Cesira & family
† Salvatore & Frank Briglio - wife & mother, Rosina
† Joseph Del Basso - wife, Gilda & family

Friday, March 20th - 7:00 p.m.

† Dorothy Piazza - Yeta Siriano

Saturday, March 21st - 5:00 p.m.

† Margherita & Luciano Porco
- husband & father, Domenico
† Victor Gardi - the family
† Armando Zimbaro - wife, Gina & family
† Graziano Gulli - wife, Grazia & children

Sunday, March 22nd - 9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Parishioners

11:00 a.m.

† Albina Prevedello - sister, Bertilla Zambusi
† Amelia & Eugenio Caputo - son, Antonio
† Luigi Plastino - brother, Vince Plastino (Texas)

Readings for the week of March 16th

Monday	Isaiah 65.17-21; John 4.43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; John 5.1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49.8-15; John 5.16-30
Thursday	2 Samuel 7.4-5a,12-14a,16; Luke 2.41-51a
Friday	Wisdom 2.1a,12-22; John 7.1-2,10,25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11.18-20; John 7.40-53

☩ **Fifth Sunday of Lent** (purple)

1 st Reading	Jeremiah 31.31-34
2 nd Reading	Hebrews 5.7-9
Gospel	John 12.20-33

Parish Activities for the Week

March 16th - 22nd, 2015

MONDAY 16	9:30 a.m.	ARISE Group Meeting (Parish Hall)
TUESDAY 17	1:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	C.W.L. Craft Group (Parish Hall) Choir Practice (Church)
THURSDAY 19	7:30 p.m.	C.W.L. Executive Meeting (Parish Hall)
FRIDAY 20	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Mass & Stations of the Cross (Church) A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)
SUNDAY 22	11:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy (Parish Hall)

Feast of St. Joseph



We will be celebrating the feast of St. Joseph on Thursday, March 19th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. During this celebration, bread will be blessed and distributed at Mass.

All are welcome!!!

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First Eucharist 2015



These are the dates on which the meetings for the preparation for the sacrament of First Eucharist will be held.

Candidates must attend all meetings!

Thursday, 26th March 2015

7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Mandatory meeting for

Parents & Candidates!!

(\$10.00 will be collected at this meeting to help defray the cost of the workbook)

Thursday, 9th April 2015

Thursday, 23rd April 2015

Thursday, 07th May 2015

(All meetings are from 7:00 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.)

**Celebration of the
Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

Saturday, 9th May 2015 - 1:00 p.m.

Masses Cancelled

**Wednesday, March 25th
& Thursday, March 26th**

Fr. Alex will be attending the Mass of Chrism in North Bay.

"Coins for Kids"

During the season of Lent, it is our practice to share with those less fortunate. The Liturgy Committee at our parish has decided that this year we will donate the collection for "Coins for Kids" towards the "*Mikinakoos Children Fund.*" This registered charity is a non-profit fund that helps "*to relieve poverty by providing basic amenities, including food, clothing and shelter to needy children on Indian reserves in Northern Ontario.*"



Finance Report

Sunday Offerings:

March 8th, 2015	\$3,417.20
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Other Donations

"Jubilee Project"	\$210.00
"Jubilee Project" (to date)	\$86,812.77
"Coins for Kids"	\$196.24
Total Income	\$3,722.99

Thank you for your generosity!

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Sacristan Leader Needed!!

We presently have 5 teams of sacristans who are very dedicated and experienced in their abilities to keep our altar clean and shiny. However we are looking for a new leader. Our present leader is retiring at the end of March and we hope that you will step up and keep this volunteer position filled. The time commitment is no more than 1 hour per month. The duties are simple, make a schedule for the teams, call the team of the month and remind them its their turn and make sure all supplies are filled. Please pray and ask if this position would be right for you. Our church is such a part us, lets all do our part to help out where we can. You can contact Father Alex or Cathy in the office, if this position would be right for you.

Preghiera a San Giuseppe

A te, o beato Giuseppe, stretti dalla tribolazione ricorriamo, e fiduciosi invociamo il tuo patrocinio, insieme con quello della tua santissima Sposa.

Deh! Per quell sacro vincolo di carità che ti strinse all'Immacolata Vergine Madre di Dio, e per l'amore paterno che portasti al fanciullo Gesù, riguarda, te ne preghiamo, con occhio benigno, la cara eredità che Gesù Cristo acquistò col suo sangue, e col tuo potere ed aiuto soccorri ai nostri bisogni. Proteggi, o provvido custode della divina Famiglia, l'eletta prole di Gesù Cristo; allontana da noi, o Padre amatissimo, la peste di errori e di vizi che ammorbata il mondo; assistici propizio dal cielo in questa lotta col potere delle tenebre, o nostro fortissimo protettore. E come un tempo salvasti dalla morte la minacciata vita del bambino Gesù, così ora difendi la santa Chiesa di Dio dalle ostili insidie e da ogni avversità, e copri ciascuno di noi con il tuo continuo patrocinio, affinché con il tuo esempio e con il tuo soccorso possiamo virtuosamente vivere, piamente morire e conseguire l'eterna beatitudine in cielo. Amen.



Development & Peace

The Share Lent collection for Development & Peace is next Sunday - Solidarity Sunday!

“Money must serve, not rule! The Pope loves everyone, rich and poor alike, but he is obliged in the name of Christ to remind all that the rich must help, respect, and promote the poor. I exhort you to generous solidarity and to the return of economics and finance to an ethical approach which favours human beings.”

~ Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 58

Next Sunday, March 22nd, is the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday when the annual Share Lent collection for Development & Peace will be held. Your generous solidarity is vital to the mission of Development & Peace and our ability to help, respect, and promote the poor. Please be sure to bring your Share Lent envelope for your gift. To find out how you can make a difference, be sure to read our Share Lent materials, which you'll find at the back of the church. Thank you for your support! devp.org

Regional News

Chrism Mass 2015

The Chrism Mass will be held this year on Thursday, March 26th at 1:30 p.m. , 2015 at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, North Bay. We wish to take advantage of this celebration to express our gratitude to the women and men religious of our diocese in the context of this Year of consecrated Life dedicated to them. Chrism Mass is an opportunity for priests, deacons, members of the Diocesan Order of Service, Religious women and men and layfaithful to experience, along with the bishop, the bond of communion and solidarity within this spiritual family called the Church of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

All are invited to participate in this special diocesan celebration!

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

“God sent his only-begotten Son so that the world might be saved through him.” Jn. 3.16

Is God sending you into the world to mission? Are you being called to priesthood? Contact your Pastor or Father Pat Woods at the Office of Vocations at 1-705-674-2727 ext. 250 or e-mail father Pat at pwoods@diocesecentre.com and check out www.beapriest.ca.

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life!

Pilgrimage to Italy, France,

Spain and Portugal

A Tour of the Major Shrines of Europe has been arranged for the Fall of 2015. Led by Father Hamish Currie, we will pray and have mass at all the major Shrines including Rome, Assisi, Florence, Monte Carlo, Avignon, Lourdes, Madrid, Toledo, Avila and Fatima. September 26-October 11, 2015 from Sault Ste. Marie. All-Inclusive (including all travel, tours, superior accommodation, breakfast and dinner) \$3690. Per person (airport taxes \$583). Information night for the Pilgrimage March 17th at 7:00 pm at Precious Blood Cathedral. Stan from International Heritage Tours will be present to outline the tour and answer any questions you may have.

For further information check the website www.preciousbloodssm.com or call parish office 705-256-8474.



National Catholic Mission 2015

“Beware the Holy Spirit!”

on VISIONTV

The National Catholic Mission 2015, “Beware the Holy Spirit!” will be broadcast on VISIONTV on Monday, March 30th (Pt. 1) and Tuesday, March 31st, (Pt 2) at 6:00 p.m. and repeated at 10:00 p.m.. It will be hosted by Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick and feature Spiritan Fr. Anthony Gittins.

Parish Information - Phone 705-949-8883

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

If this is your spiritual home we invite you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available at entrance to the church and in the parish office. If you live outside the parish boundaries the only way we are able to assist you is if you are registered with St. Gregory's and this is the parish you attend on Sundays. If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself to our pastor.

INFANT BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office at 705-949-8883 for an appointment. Parents must be registered parishioners. A Baptism Preparation Course is required for all parents and Godparents. A Godparent must be 16 years of age, baptized Catholic and be Confirmed. Baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of every month. Please make arrangements at least one month in advance by contacting the Parish office.

CARE OF THE SICK & HOME BOUND

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick and/or Eucharist for the home-bound, please contact the parish office. Visits to the hospital are made regularly; please call and let us know you would like a visit.

MASS REQUESTS

Please call the Parish office to schedule a Mass.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

We are always ready to begin the process by which an adult or older child becomes a Catholic, either by full initiation in Baptism, or by reception into full communion. We are also happy to prepare you for adult Confirmation. For children aged 7-16, parents may call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Please make marriage arrangements six (6) months in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

In Grade 3, children may receive the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and **First Eucharist**. At our parish the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated in February and First Eucharist is celebrated in May. The sacrament of **Confirmation** is available to those who have been baptized, received Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Candidates should be in grade 7 or higher. Confirmation is generally celebrated in November. For more details please call the parish office.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Permanent Ministers:

Shirley Kindred
Angelo Rosset

C.W.L. President:

Carmelina Spry

Finance Committee Chair:

George Trevisan

Parish Pastoral Council Co-Chairs:

Robert Bressan
John Febbraro

Liturgy Committee Chair:

Herv Rector

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Shirley Kindred
Carmelina Spry

Welcomers:

Emma Bonin
Leslie Amadio

Mass Co-Ordinator:

Betty-Lou Mancuso

Lectors:

Danny Schaer

ARISE Parish Team Co-ordinator:

Rob Thibodeau

Altar Server Co-ordinator:

Cathy Wright

Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator:

Anastasia Bellini

Property & Maintenance:

Vittorio Bruno

Italian Prayer Group:

Olmina Bonassisa

Funeral Team Chair:

Sam Medaglia

Sacristan Chair:

Darlene Novello

Usher Co-ordinator:

Andrew Michienzi

C.W.L. Craft Group:

Yolanda D'Orazio

Decorators:

Sandi & Herv Rector

Music Co-ordinator:

Dorothy Fera

Parish Website:

Leo & Tessa Vecchio

SACRAMENTS

Baptism:

Olinda Bruno

Reconciliation:

Shirley Kindred

Eucharist:

Franca Huckson

Confirmation:

Carmelina Purificati