

# ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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**Parish Priest:**

Father Alex Saurianthadathil C.Ss.R

**Deacon:**

Mr. Joseph LeBlance

**Parish Secretary:**

## Third Sunday of Advent

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**Sunday, December 13, 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:**

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

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"

## Top Stories:

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## Catholic Women's League News

**C.W.L. Membership Dues** - The 2016 C.W.L. membership dues (\$22.00) must be paid by **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016** for insurance purposes. Please include your payment (cheque payable to St. Gregory's C.W.L.) or cash in an envelope with your name, address and phone number. Payment can be put in the collection basket on Sunday. If you pay before January 2016 your name will be entered into a draw.

### Christmas Cheer/baskets for shut-ins

The St. Gregory's C.W.L. is hosting the Christmas Cheer once again on Thursday, December 17th, 2015 in the Parish Hall. We are in need of volunteers to help remove boxes which will be arriving by transport on that day and bring the boxes into the Parish Hall. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 7:30 a.m. Also, we will be making Christmas Baskets for the shut-ins. So, if any volunteers would like to help make up baskets (8:30 a.m.) or with the delivery (9:30 a.m.) of these baskets, please come to the Parish Hall on Thursday, December 17th, If you are interested in volunteering, please call Linda Fiore at 705-949-2683 or Claire Scornaienchi at 705-759-2828.

<b>Finance Report</b>	
<b>Sunday Offerings:</b>	
Sunday, December 6th	\$4184.00
<b>Other Donations</b>	
Building Fund	\$80.00
Christmas Flowers	\$270.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,345.40</b>
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	



I invite all parishioners to consider 'St. Gregory's Church' when choosing a charitable institution for memorial donations to honour a loved one who has passed. This form of financial support and heartfelt gesture would truly bless and enrich the life of St. Gregory's Church. The Parish family is grateful to you for your thoughtfulness.

Your brother in Christ,  
Father Alex.

## MAKES A GREAT STOCKING STUFFER

THE JOURNEY LOTTERY!

**Win \$1000 every week!**

49 weekly draws of \$1000 each week (winners go back in!)

Tickets are available in the parish office or at the entrance of the church at each mass.



## PROMULGATION FOR THE OPENING OF THE HOLY YEAR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace and Joy on the occasion of the opening of the Holy Year of Mercy inaugurated by Pope Francis on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary last December 8<sup>th</sup>, and closing on the Feast of Christ the King on November 20, 2016.

May we enter with devotion in the celebration of this extraordinary Jubilee Year by welcoming the mercy God offers to each of us and sharing it with others.

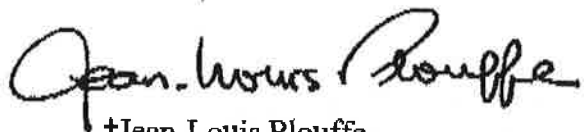
May the events surrounding this special year allow us to refocus our lives around the Gospel and witness to our faith with renewed conviction.

May this Year of Mercy be a driving force for our Diocesan Church so that together, we may dare initiate conversation with all seekers of God and the outcasts of our families, our parishes or our communities.

May this time of grace give us the courage to be compassionate toward those wounded by life so that in all circumstances love and peace prevail.

In communion with Pope Francis and with all Churches around the world, I, Jean-Louis, your brother Bishop, declare the Holy Year of Mercy 2015 - 2016 open in our Diocese.

Given on this tenth day of December  
in the Year of Grace 2015

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†Jean-Louis Plouffe  
Apostolic Administrator  
Bishop Emeritus of Sault Ste. Marie

# St. Gregory's Parish News

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sign-up sheets for Eucharistic Ministers have been posted in the Sacristy.

We encourage the Eucharistic ministers to help us by signing your name at a mass time you will be attending during the Christmas mass celebrations.

## Volunteers For Christmas 5:00 p.m. Mass

We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate the parking of vehicles specifically for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. This Mass is very well attended and requires parking attendants to park vehicles in an organized manner to utilize the complete parking lot to the maximum. This will also cut down on the danger of someone getting injured due to cars being parked on both sides of Estelle Street. Please call Fr. Alex if you wish to volunteer.

### Parking Lot Policy

When parking your vehicle:

- \* There is no parking in front of the steps to the entrance of the church where it is designated NO PARKING
- \* The Handicap zones are parallel to the side of the church;
- \* Those who arrive first, please park in one direction facing Patrick Street away from the church;
- \* Please park directly behind the vehicle in front of you, this will help to utilize our parking lot to it's full potential.

These policies are in accordance with the City By-laws and our insurance company.

## Reconciliation 2016

### **Session 1: Part A**

Thursday, February 11, 2016

### **Parent & candidate meeting**

Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by meeting

### **Session 1: Part B**

Sunday, February 14th, 2016

during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

### **Session 2: Part A**

Thursday, February 18th, 2016

7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

### **Session 2: Part B**

Sunday, February 21st, 2015

during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

### **Session 3: Part A**

Thursday, February 25th, 2016

at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

### **Session 3: Part B**

Sunday, February 28th, 2016 during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

### **Session 4: Part A**

Thursday, March 3rd, 2016

at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

### **Session 4: Part B**

Sunday, March 6th, 2016

during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

### **Celebration of the Sacrament Reconciliation**

Thursday, March 10th, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

## **Parish Activities for the Week**

**December 14-December 20, 2015**

<b>Tuesday 15</b>	1:00 p.m. C.W.L. Craft Group (Parish Hall) 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Church)
<b>Wednesday 16</b>	7:00 p.m. C.W.L. Executive meeting
<b>Thursday 17</b>	7:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Christmas Cheer Depot 2:00 p.m.—F.R.H.
<b>Friday 18</b>	8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)
<b>Sunday 20</b>	11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Parish Hall) 1:30 p.m. Putting up Christmas trees