

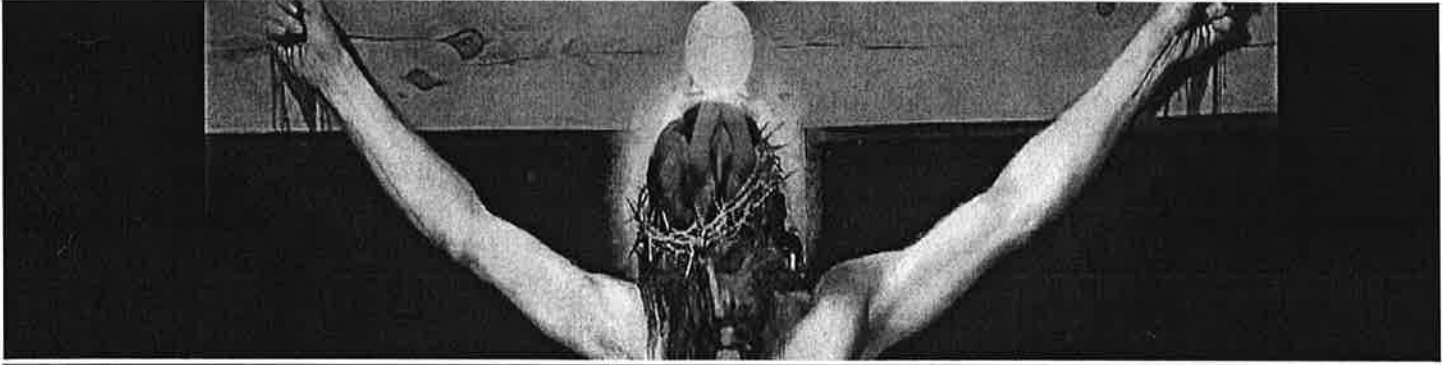
ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

71 Estelle Street,
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6C 2C3

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:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year C

Sunday, December 20, 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:

*Financial Report, Bishop's Christmas Message,
"In Memoriam Poinsettias," C.W.L. News, Christmas Mass Schedule,
Parking Lot Policy*

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St. Gregory's Parish News



Mass Intentions

December 21 to December 27, 2015

Monday , December 21

No scheduled liturgy

Tuesday, December 22– 7:00 p.m.

Lucrezia Brunetti—sister, Barbara Bitonti

Armando Gerbone—Donna Magli

Wednesday, December 23

No scheduled liturgy

Thursday, December 24-Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25– Christmas Day

Saturday, December 26- 5:00 p.m.

Rosina Mammone & Giuseppina Politi– Teresa &

Vincenzo Mammone & family

Fernando Gomes– wife, Olimpia &family

Pasquale Bitonti– wife, Barbara & family

Carmela & Pasquale Disano—daughter, Armida

Posteraro & family

Rosario & Rosaria Gatto– daughter, Linda Fiore & family

Sunday, December 27- 9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Parishioners

11:00 a.m.

Derek Vye—mom & dad

In Thanksgiving—The Bruno families

Silvio Mio—wife, Gina & family

Journey Lottery Winner

December 13—the Estate of
Frances O'Sullivan #7638.

Office Closed

The Parish office
will be closed from December
18th until January 5, 2016.

In case of emergencies please call the
parish office and leave a message.

"2016 Contribution

Envelopes"

If you have not been using envelopes, in the past, and would like to use envelopes, please call the parish secretary and a package of donation envelopes for 2016 will be prepared for you. Please do not use 2016 contribution envelopes until January 2016.

Thank you!

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Francesco & Fiore Boschi By Domenica Furgiuele

2016
Workbook for Lectors
Gospel Readers
Proclaimers Word



2015 - 2016 **Lectors Workbooks**

Those who have not yet picked up their workbooks please do so.
They are available in the sacristy.

St. Gregory's Parish News

In Memoriam Poinsettia Donations

Please fill out the attached form and place it in the collection basket 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 "Christmas Flowers."

In Memoriam Poinsettia Donations

Poinsettia In Memory of: _____

By: _____

Phone # _____ Address: _____

Donation amount: \$ _____ Envelope # _____

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Thursday, 24 December

5:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

12:00 midnight

Christmas Day

Friday, 25 December

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, 26 December

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 27 December

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve

Thursday, 31st December: 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day

Friday, 01 January

10:00 a.m.

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 its full potential.

These policies are in accordance with the City Bylaws and our insurance company.



Christmas Message 2015

No Better Time to Say Goodbye ~ The coming of another Christmas brings with it a renewed sense of joy and awe at the Lord's overwhelming goodness to me as I reflect on memories in which the people of our Diocese played an important role in my life.

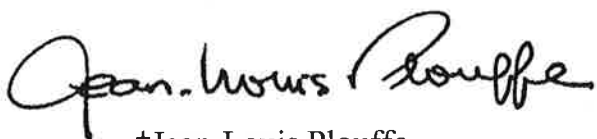
The span of almost twenty-nine (29) years of memories gives them a profound and everlasting character. They remind me of the many and various ways the priests, deacons and layfaithful make the message of Christmas so credible and so real to me and to many others. These past years have helped me understand more deeply how much I am indebted to the Lord and to all of you for your kindness.

There could not be a better time for this parting of our ways than the beginning of a New Year, a "Jubilee Year," calling us to a significant moment in our journey toward our fulfillment in Christ rediscovering Mercy in our lives, as not only a word or concept, but God Himself, seen on the face and in the actions of Christ.

If 2016 is to truly be a "Holy Year," may finding God in our midst be our way of shining God's presence in ourselves and around us. In the quiet and stillness of our soul, the harmony of heart and mind, spirit and body, may we come to experience the joy and peace that only the merciful Christ can provide to all who surrender to Him.

May this Christmas be an exceptional moment of presence to the sacred space within, awakening a true spiritual relationship among us and others, especially the outcasts of our families, our parishes and our communities.

A Blessed Christmas and New Year to all!

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December 18, 2015
Bishop's Office

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

Catholic Women's League News

C.W.L. Membership Dues - The **2016** C.W.L. membership dues (\$22.00) must be paid by **January 1st, 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.

C.W.L. General Meeting

Our CWL general meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6th 2016 in the Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m. There will be a short presentation by Breaking Away. Please plan to attend.

C.W.L. Craft group will be on Christmas break until January 19, 2016.

Finance Report	
Sunday Offerings:	
Sunday, December 13th	\$4286.75
Other Donations	
Building Fund	\$30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$205.00
Baptism	\$100.00
Total Income	\$4621.75
<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.

Ticket cost: \$20/ticket

WE ARE IN NEED OF MASS CO-ORDINATORS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sign up sheets for mass coordinators have been posted in the sacristy. We encourage the mass coordinators to help us by signing your name at a mass of your choice during the Christmas Mass celebrations.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

Please remember, in Canada there are two holydays of obligation.
December 25th, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

As Catholics, we are all encouraged to participate on all Sundays of the year and on
holydays of obligation.

New Year Eve mass: 5:00 p.m.

New Year Day mass: 10:00 a.m.

Pre-Authorized Donation Program

Thank you to the many parishioners who have started this program. This is an easy method of parish donation which will result in a win/win situation for you and our Parish.

The forms are available at the entrance of the church . Complete the P.A.D.P. form and deposit it in the collection basket. Please include a cheque marked "VOID". The program can be started at any time as long as we receive the form by the 10th of the previous month.

If you have any questions please call the Parish office.

Thank you again for considering this convenient method of Parish donation.

A heartfelt THANK YOU

***To all who have contributed gifts for our Parish Giving Tree.
Please know that your generosity has put a smile on many faces.***

Matthew 25:40

*"And the king will answer them, 'I tell you the truth,
Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it for me.'"*

Fr. Alex and the Liturgy Committee