

# 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 2:30 p.m.

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**Parish Priest:**

Father Alex Saurianthadathil C.Ss.R

**Deacon:**

Mr. Joseph LeBlance

**Parish Secretary:**

Paula Smith

## Third Sunday of Lent

### Year C

## Sunday, February 28, 2016

### 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

**The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy:** 20 minutes prior to all weekend masses.

**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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# St. Gregory's Parish News



## Mass Intentions—February 29-March 6, 2016

**Monday, February 29**-No scheduled liturgy

**Tuesday, March 1**-7:00 p.m.  
Paolina Pino-Angelo & Pina Rosset

**Wednesday, March 2**-7:00 p.m.  
Gus Palombi-Rita Mancini

**Thursday, March 3**-7:00 p.m.  
Armando Gerbone-Frank & Franca Gioia  
Carmine Briglio-wife, Maria & family

**Friday, March 4**-7:00 p.m.  
Mass and Stations of the Cross  
Emilio Iacoe-wife, Annetta&family

**Saturday, March 5**-5:00 p.m.  
Elvira&David Sdao-husband&father, Frank  
Emelia&Alberto Barone-son,  
Anthony,Lena&family  
Giovanni Iacoe&all deceased family members– wife,  
Maria&family

**Sunday, March 6**-9:00 a.m.  
Intentions of Parishioners  
11:00 a.m.  
Francesco Sdao-son,Luigi&family  
Teresa&Pietro Mollame-son, Armando&family  
Rosario & Rosaria Gatto-daughter Linda Fiore&family  
Nicola&Ginetta Tatonetti-Lidia&Amerigo  
Frani&family

### Celebrating Holy Year of Mercy 2016 Pilgrimage to Italy, Greece and Turkey

Featuring 10-day cruise aboard the "Jewel of the Seas" - Royal Caribbean Cruises

With Fr. Hamish Currie,Pastor,Precious Blood Cathedral Sault Ste. Marie

October 4-18, 2016    15 days    \$3690.00

For further information please contact:

Precious Blood Cathedral  
705-256-8474

### **Parish Activities for the Week**

February 29-March 6, 2016

Tuesday 01	1:00 p.m. C.W.L. Craft Group(Parish Hall) 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Church)
Wednesday 02	7:30 p.m. C.W.L. General Meeting(Parish Hall)
Thursday 03	7:00 p.m. Reconciliation meeting (Parish Hall)
Friday 04	8:00 p.m. <span style="float: right;">A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)</span>
Sunday 06	11:00 a.m. <span style="float: right;">Children's Liturgy (Parish Hall)</span>

### **Finance Report**

Sunday, February 21, 2016	\$3604.85
Building Fund	\$65.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3669.85</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### P.A.D.P. DONATION CARDS

The Pre-Authorized Donation cards are available at the entrance of the church. Identify yourself as an electronic giver by **DEPOSITING A TOKEN CARD**, found at the back of the church, into the collection basket as it circulates in order to show your fellow parishioners that you are giving electronically.

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

# **CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MERCY**

**[December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016]**

Dear Parishioners:

Holy Father Pope Francis calls the Church to live a special year of grace. It is called the “Year of Mercy”. The Holy Year of Mercy began December 8, 2015 and will conclude November 20, 2016.

In response to Pope’s call to celebrate this year as the “Year of Mercy”, we begin the **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy** on the weekend of February 28th at the weekend masses. We begin the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 20 minutes prior to the scheduled masses. [Please note that for the 9:00 a.m. masses this prayer will not start until after Easter due to the Stations of the Cross].

All are welcome to participate in this grace-filled prayer service.

## **How to pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy**

Begin with:

**Our Father ..... Hail Mary ..... The Apostles’ Creed.**

Then, on the OUR FATHER BEADS you will say the following words:

**Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins of those of the whole world.**

On the HAIL MARY BEADS you will say the following words:

**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

In conclusion, THREE TIMES you will recite these words:

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

“The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy” is excerpted from Divine Mercy in My Soul: The Diary of Saint Faustina M. Kowalska.

### **Saint Faustina’s Prayer for a Merciful Heart**

**O Jesus, I understand that Your mercy is beyond all imagining, and therefore I ask You to make my heart so big that there will be room in it for the needs of all the souls living on the face of the earth, and the souls suffering in Purgatory.**

**Make my heart sensitive to all the sufferings of my neighbor, whether of body or soul. O my Jesus, I know that You act toward us as we act toward our neighbor. Make my heart like unto Your merciful Heart; transform it into Your own heart that I may sense the needs of other hearts, especially those who are sad and suffering. May the rays of mercy rest in my heart.**

**Jesus, help me to go through life doing good to everyone. Amen.**

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## Reconciliation 2016

### Remaining Dates:

#### **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.

## WELCOME

On behalf of St. Gregory's Parish we are very happy to welcome Paula Smith as our new parish secretary/bookkeeper. She is looking forward to serving our parishioners. We wish her all the best in her new position.

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

The new office hours will be:

**Tuesday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

WE LOVE  
OUR VOLUNTEERS

### SACRISTANS/CHURCH CLEAN-UP CREW

**We are in need of a volunteer to help current sacristans/church clean-up crew two times per year. Their responsibilities are to clean the church, wash liturgical clothes, etc.**

**Please call the parish office (705-949-8883) if you are interested.**

### JOURNEY LOTTERY WINNERS:

February 21, 2016: Maria Teuner#01672

## MASS CANCELLATION

Due to the celebration of First Reconciliation at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10th (45 candidates) the 7:00 p.m. mass will be cancelled.

Adults who wish to attend this celebration may also have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## CWL General Meeting

Our CWL general meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join us for mass at 7:00 p.m. before the meeting. Hope to see you there!

## WORLD DAY of PRAYER 2016

**"Receive children. Receive me".**

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer.

We will join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer at:  
East Korah Maxwell Church on Friday, March 4th at 2:00 p.m. Please join us!

## PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS

**For those parishioners who opted for the Pre-Authorized Donation Program, donations started to be withdrawn as of February 1, 2016.**

## St. Gregory's Parish News

### “SEASON OF LENT”

**LENT** is a solemn observance in the liturgical year of many Christian denominations, lasting for a period of approximately six weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. In the general Latin-rite and most Western denominations Lent is taken to run from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) morning or to Easter Eve. In the Catholic Church, Lent lasts until Holy Thursday, while other denominations run until Easter Eve. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, repentance, almsgiving, and self-denial. Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the events of the Bible when Jesus is crucified on Good Friday, which then culminates in the celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. During Lent, many of the faithful commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence. The Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ's carrying the Cross and of his execution, are often observed.

### “CHANGE OF MASS TIMES”

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is a time of renewal and rebirth. The Church invites us to spend some extra time to be with God and one another. I encourage you all to join us in the celebration of the Eucharist on weekdays from Tuesday to Friday at 7:00 in the evening. I truly hope that you will consider this offer “to journey together with Jesus”.

Father Alex.



### “STATIONS OF THE CROSS”

Fridays During Lent Following Mass at 7:00 p.m.

The origin of the devotion of ‘The Stations of the Cross’ or ‘The Way of the Cross’ is associated with Christian pilgrimages to Jerusalem in the early Christian centuries. Those who were able to walk along the path with Jesus on the way to His crucifixion were deeply moved by this experience. Yet, since the vast majority of Christians were not able to go to Jerusalem, ‘The Way of the Cross’ enabled them to engage in a mini pilgrimage of sorts, whereby they could focus on the key events of Jesus’ passion and death.

The Way of the Cross is a devotion in which we accompany, in spirit, our blessed Lord in His wonderful journey to Calvary, and devoutly meditate on His suffering and death. Soon after the celebration of the Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent, Father Alex with the assistance of three volunteers will lead the prayer.

## 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.

## CHRISM MASS 2016

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Christ the King Church, Sudbury at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to participate in this celebration.

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

#### Share Lent Pilgrimage-Building Community in Indonesia

The 3rd week of our pilgrimage finds us in Indonesia. The word *kampung* has come to mean 'slum' in the local language, but its original definition is 'community'. Your support for Share Lent means that Try Mopurto, who lives in a *kampung*, has been able to renovate his home for his family, despite suffering from mental illness. The community is coming together to support him and his family. "My home is my heaven," he says, "because here we feel the meaning of brotherhood in the social life of the *kampung*."

### **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.