

# ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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**Parish Priest:**

Father Eric Pannike

**Parish Deacon:**

Deacon Rob Thibodeau

**Parish Secretary:**

Anna Temporao

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Year B**

**Sunday, December 17th, 2017**

## 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, Mass Intentions, CWL News, Oremus, CWL Bake Sale, Trivia question Community Events, Up and Coming Events Calendar*

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# St. Gregory's Parish News

## Mass Intentions—December 18rd—December 24, 2017



**Monday, December 18—No Scheduled Liturgy**

**Tuesday, December 19—7:00 p.m.**

Girolamo, Rosa & Anna Gallo—Family  
Margherita Berardelli—Loving Spouse Francesco Berardelli & Family

Natalina & Vito Muzzi—Enza Presta and Family  
Ada Giovanatti—Ma & Pa Giovanatti

**Wednesday, December 20—9:30 a.m.**

Intentions of Parishioners

**Thursday, December 21—9:30 a.m.**

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**Friday, December 22—9:30 a.m.**

Intentions of Parishioners

**Saturday, December 23—5:00 p.m.**

Domenico, Margherita & Luciano Porco—Family  
Deceased Bruno & Carlucci Family members—Mike & Madelaine Bruno

Carmine Berlingieri—Wife, Lina and Family

Fernando Gomes—Wife, Olimpia & Family

**Sunday, December 24—10:00 a.m.**

Giuliana Calvano—Husband, Vince & Family

Leonildo Trevisanut—Wife

Salvatore & Connie Romano—Loving Children

**Sunday, December 24—4:00 p.m.**

Intentions of Parishioners

**Sunday, December 24—8:00 p.m.**

Intentions of Parishioners

**Sunday, December —Midnight**

Intentions of Parishioners

### Finance Report

Sunday, December 10, 2017	\$2,592.90
Weekly Average Pre-Authorized	\$437.00
Christmas Flowers	\$40.00
Building Fund	\$160.00
Total Income	\$3,229.90

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Week of December 18—December 23

Monday	Jeremiah 23.5-8/Matthew 1.18-24
Tuesday	Judges 13.2-7,24-25a/Luke 1.5-25
Wednesday	Isaiah 7.10-14;8.10d/Luke 1.26-38
Thursday	Zephaniah 3.14-18a/Luke 1.39-45
Friday	1 Samuel 1.24-28/Luke 1.46-56
Saturday	Malachi 3.1-4;4.5-6/Luke 1.57-66

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st READING	2 Samuel 7.1-5,8b-12,14a,16
2nd READING	Romans 16.25-27
GOSPEL	Luke 1.26-38

#### Weekday Mass Change

Due to the small number of people attending weekday Mass, we have been celebrating Mass Wednesday, Thursday & Friday in the office boardroom.

*Please now enter through the Church doors.*

**Tuesday Mass will now be celebrated in the Church Tuesday at 7:00 pm.**



### Trivia Question of the Week



Last weeks question— **In the numbering used by the Catholic Church, what is the seventh Commandment of God?**

Answer: Thou shalt not steal.

The seventh Commandment says you shall not take anything that does not belong to you, whether it's from the rich or the poor. Taking or keeping a neighbour's goods breaks the seventh Commandment.

**Check next weeks bulletin for answers**

**Santa Claus got his name from whom?**

1. Catholic priest
2. Catholic bishop
3. a pope

Previous and Present bulletins can be found on our website at [www.stgregoryssm.com](http://www.stgregoryssm.com)

# St. Gregory's Parish News



## Holiday Food Drive

### "Poverty Sunday"

December 31st,  
2017

In response to Pope Francis's call 'to be a poor church and a church for the poor', we dedi-

cate the last Sunday of every month for the poor. All parishioners are invited to bring non perishable food to be collected and distributed to our local food bank or the Soup Kitchen.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

**St. Vincent's Place Thrift Store** is looking for volunteers to help out with tagging, sorting and racking the new arrivals in clothing. Help is needed on Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:00am to 3:00pm. If you are interested in helping out, please call Elizabeth Failes, the Thrift Store Manager, at 905-541-9478. *Proceeds from the Thrift Store support the operation of the St. Vincent Place Men's Shelter, Food Bank and Soup Kitchen.*

Eucharistic Adoration Ministry of Sault Ste. Marie – Adoration Chapel located at **Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**. The Chapel is open from 6:00 a.m. until Midnight. Anyone can drop in for a visit during that time; however, we do need adorers committed to a weekly visit for an hour. **We urgently require an Adorer for the hours of:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9am-10am; 3pm-4pm; 10pm-11pm;</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12pm—1pm;</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8am-9am;</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8am-9am; 9am-10am;</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am-10am; 1pm-2pm; 9pm-10pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9pm-10pm; 10pm-11pm;</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5pm-6pm; 6pm-7pm; 7pm-8pm;</b>

Please call one of the following coordinators of the Chapel if you would like to come to the Chapel to experience the peace and tranquility of spending one hour weekly with Jesus:

Susanne Quinn-Perron 450-7732,  
Angela Rasaiah 949-2208;  
Raffaella Medaglia 206-3968.



### 'Journey' Lottery Message

Everyone is excited that the 'Journey's' multi-purpose building, historical gallery and courtyard featuring 'Our Lady at the Rapids' is under construction. To match the excitement, the 'Journey' lottery has been changed as advised by many. This year's lottery will have a grand prize draw of \$25,000 and five additional draws of \$1,000 each. The tickets will be drawn on Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 12 pm at Precious Blood Cathedral. Remember there are only 6,000 tickets printed. Join the excitement and support the 'Journey' Lottery. Thank you for your continuing support. *Your support is essential. Tickets also available at St. Gregory's parish office.*

**JOURNEY LOTTERY WINNERS:** December 9nd — **Sandra Ferguson #0641**

## Catholic Women's League News

### Membership fees



The 2018 membership fees (\$22.00) are now due and must be paid by **December 31, 2017**. If paid by December 31, your name will be entered into a draw for a **free membership**. 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.

### Christmas Cheer/Fruit Baskets

St. Gregory's CWL is hosting Christmas Cheer once again on **Wednesday, December 20th, 2017 in the Parish Hall**. Volunteers are needed to help with the boxes on that day and are asked to arrive by 7:30 a.m.

Also, we will be making fruit baskets for the shut-ins. If you would like to help with the baskets or delivery, please come to the Parish Hall on **Wednesday, December 20th**. If you wish to volunteer, please call Nancy Barbon at 705-254-7469 or Lee-Anne Hillstrom at 750-759-6365.

***Thank you for your continuing help and support!***



## St. Gregory's Parish News

### Youth Ministry in Sault Ste. Marie.

The following programs are open to all young people in the city:  
**Students in Grade 6,7,and 8:** all students in this age range regardless of school or parish are invited to take part in EDGE-a Catholic Youth Night, every **Thursday** at 7:00pm at St. Jerome's Church (26 Carmel Road). Every evening is full of games, Catholic teachings, socials and food!

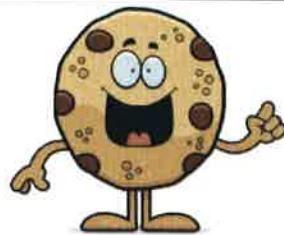
For more information on any of these groups, please visit [www.stjermesparishsm.com](http://www.stjermesparishsm.com)

**Everyone Welcome— Bring a friend!**



The next Gospel Jam is in the form of “Carols & Cookies, Sunday December 17th, and it is just around the corner. This afternoon is a very informal, fun, modern and traditional Christian – based afternoon of old and new worship tunes as Christmas Carols... This event will be celebrated with cookies and hot chocolate to help enjoy the special season of our Lords Birth.

**St. Jerome's Church Hall.**



**COME ENJOY OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS CONCERT at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Sunday, December 17, 2017 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Featuring different singers/musicians from the parish. Special guests: Lock Cities Chorus of Sweet Adelines

Admittance: a donation for the food bank. Everyone welcome! Refreshments in the hall after!

*The Chamber Singers of Algoma  
In concert  
Messiah Choruses and Christmas Carols  
Sunday December 17, 3:00 p.m.  
St. Luke's Cathedral  
Tickets \$20.00 Adults, \$5.00 Students  
@ Savoy's Jewellers or the Door*



### Dear Parishioners,

It is a special joy to see young families taking part in the Mass and engaged in the life of the parish. We welcome crying babies! It is a sign that the church is young and alive. We have a very talented, caring and energetic team organizing Children's Liturgy program every Sunday. We encourage parents to bring your children to participate in 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.*





*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of great darkness, on them light has shined.  
You have increased their joy; they rejoice before you ..."* (Is 9,2)

*On this Christmas of 2017,  
may the light of Love rise upon our divided and wounded world;  
may the presence of Emmanuel, God with us, fill all solitude;  
may the gladness and joy of the Lord touch all hearts;  
may the coming of Jesus give meaning to all life.*

*May we, by our own acts of love and presence,  
foster a spirit of fraternity and unity  
that will contribute to building a better world,  
in the image of God's Kingdom.*

*And may every day of 2018 prolong into our lives  
the faith, love and hope that Christmas rekindles in our hearts.*

*To you and your loved ones :  
Christmas of Love! Christmas of Peace! Christmas of Joy!*

*Marcel Damphousse*

*+Marcel Damphousse  
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie*

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## Third Sunday of Advent

On this, the Third Sunday of Advent, we hear once again from John the Baptist. In some way, all of us are called to John's ministry, that of preparing the world for the coming of Jesus. Our religion is not about us and our Church, it is about Jesus: what he offers us, and who he calls us to become. Like John, we are ambassadors for Christ and his kingdom.

After encountering us, are people more ready to meet Christ? More eager to hear his message? More comforted by the hope he offers?

If not, what can we do about this?

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## Terza Domenica di Avvento

In questa Terza Domenica di Avvento, si sente di nuovo da Giovanni Battista. In qualche modo, tutti siamo chiamati al ministero di Giovanni, quel ministero di preparare il mondo per la venuta di Gesù. Nella nostra religione non si tratta di noi e della nostra Chiesa, ma si tratta di Gesù; tutto ciò che ci offre, e la persona la quale lui ci chiama a divenire. Come Giovanni, anche noi siamo ambasciatori per Cristo ed il suo regno.

Dopo aver conosciuto a noi, è più pronta la gente ad incontrare Cristo? Più desiderosa a sentire il suo messaggio? Più confortata dalla speranza che ci offre?

Se no, cosa possiamo fare in questa situazione?

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## First Confession, First Communion, Confirmation

Parents wishing to discuss their children's celebration of these sacraments in our parish during 2018 should contact Fr. Eric in December and arrange an appointment for early January. Only the parents will attend this appointment, not the children.

**First Confession** will be prepared for and celebrated during Lent;

**First Communion** will be prepared for and celebrated in the Easter season;

**Confirmation** preparation will happen after Easter, with the Bishop celebrating the sacrament with the children on Thursday evening June 7.

# Up and Coming Events

Mark your Calendar!

Revised December 12

Changes **highlighted**

- 
- Tue Dec 19 ..... **Mass**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Tue Dec 19 ..... **Choir Practice**  
7:30pm St. Gregory Church
- Wed Dec 20 ..... **Mass**  
9:30am St. Gregory Church office Boardroom & Chapel
- Wed Dec 20 ..... **CWL Executive Meeting**  
7:15pm St. Gregory Parish Hall
- Thu Dec 21 ..... **Mass**  
9:30am St. Gregory Church office Boardroom & Chapel
- Thu Dec 21 ..... **Edge** Catholic Youth Night Grades 6,7,8  
7:00pm St. Jerome Parish Hall all parishes invited!
- Fri Dec 22 ..... **Mass**  
9:30am St. Gregory Church office Boardroom & Chapel
- Fri Dec 22** ..... **Elevate** Catholic Young Adults Evening **\*\*\* CANCELLED \*\*\***  
**6:30pm** St. Jerome Parish Hall (includes dinner) all parishes invited!
- Fri Dec 22 ..... **Alcoholics Anonymous**  
8:00pm St. Gregory Parish Hall
- Sat Dec 23 ..... **Confessions**  
4:15 - 4:45pm St. Gregory Church
- Sat Dec 23 ..... **Mass** Fourth Sunday of Advent  
5:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Sun Dec 24 ..... **Mass** Fourth Sunday of Advent  
10:00am St. Gregory Church
- Sun Dec 24 ..... **Christmas Eve Mass**  
4:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Sun Dec 24 ..... **Christmas Eve Mass**  
8:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Sun Dec 24 ..... **Christmas Eve Mass**  
Midnight St. Gregory Church

December 25 - January 1

**Office Closed**

Open January 2

Mon Dec 25 ..... **Christmas Day Mass**  
10:00am St. Gregory Church

Thu Dec 28 ..... **Mass**  
2:00pm **Finnish Rest Home Parishioners invited**

<b>Poverty Sunday</b> Bring groceries for the Food Bank
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Sat Dec 30 ..... **Holy Family Mass**  
5:00pm St. Gregory Church

Sun Dec 31 ..... **Holy Family Mass**  
10:00am St. Gregory Church

Sun Dec 31 ..... **New Year's Eve Mass** Mary the Mother of God  
4:00pm St. Gregory Church

Mon Jan 1 ..... **New Year's Day Mass** Mary the Mother of God  
10:00am St. Gregory Church

Tue Jan 2 ..... **Mass**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church

Tue Jan 2 ..... **Choir Practice**  
7:30pm St. Gregory Church

Wed Jan 3 ..... **Mass**  
9:30am St. Gregory office Boardroom & Chapel

Wed Jan 3 ..... **CWL General Meeting** Installation of New Executive  
7:30pm St. Gregory Parish Hall

Thu Jan 4 ..... **Mass**  
9:30am St. Gregory office Boardroom & Chapel

Thu Jan 4 ..... **Edge** Catholic Youth Night Grades 6,7,8  
7:00pm St. Jerome Parish Hall all parishes invited!

Fri Jan 5 ..... **Mass**  
9:30am St. Gregory office Boardroom & Chapel

Fri Jan 5 ..... **Elevate** Catholic Young Adults Evening 18-25 yrs  
6:30pm St. Jerome Parish Hall (includes dinner) all parishes invited!

Fri Jan 5 ..... **Alcoholics Anonymous**  
8:00pm St. Gregory Parish Hall

Sat Jan 6 ..... **Confessions**  
4:15 - 4:45pm St. Gregory Church

Sat Jan 6 ..... **Mass**  
5:00pm St. Gregory Church