

# ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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**Parish Secretary:**  
Anna Tempora

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Year B**

**Sunday, March 18th, 2018**

## 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 and Liturgies for Lent:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:00 p.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"*



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# St. Gregory's Parish News



## Mass Intentions—March 19th—March 25th 2018



### Monday, March 19—7:00 p.m.

Francesca , Gennaro, Annina & Rosa Sdao—Daughter  
Gina Bennato & Stano Sdao  
Carmine, Eduardo & Isabella Briglio—Maria Briglio

### Tuesday, March 20

No Scheduled Liturgy

### Wednesday, March 21—7:00 p.m.

Francesco Roppo Valente—Sister Concetta &  
Pasquale Lento  
Vick Gardi—Loving Family



### Thursday, March 22

No Scheduled Liturgy

### Friday, March 23—7:00 p.m.

Rocco Zappacosta—Wife Maria & Family  
Maria Sacchetta—Frank & Lil Sacchetta & Family

### Saturday, March 24—5:00 p.m.

Emilia & Sam Sicoli—Daughters Lena, Gloria  
& Families  
Emelia & Alberto Barone—Son Tony & Lena Barone  
& Family  
Gina Misasi—Giovanni Misasi & Family

### Sunday, March 25—9:00 a.m.

Girolamo, Rosa , Anna Gallo—Children & Family  
Rosa & Antonio Bitonti—Son John & Family  
Annina Gallo— Jim & Family

### Sunday, March 25—11:00 a.m.

Intentions of Parishioners

## Finance Report

<b>Sunday, March 4, 2018</b>	<b>\$2,492.00</b>
Building Fund	\$125.00
Initial Offering	\$15.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$369.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,001.00</b>

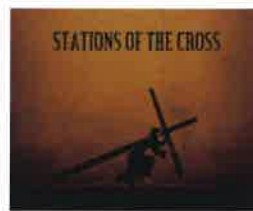
**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Week of March 19—March 25

Monday	2 Samuel 7.4-5a,12-14a,16/Matthew 1.16,18-21,24a
Tuesday	Numbers 21.4-9/John 8.21-30
Wednesday	Daniel 3.13-20,24,49-50,91-95+/John 8.31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17.3-9/John 8.51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20.7,10-13+/John 10.31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37.21-28/John 11.45-57

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

1st READING	Mark 11.1-10
2nd READING	Philippians 2.6-11
GOSPEL	Mark 14.1-15.47



**Join the Italian Prayer Group  
for the Stations of the  
Cross in Italian.  
March 20th 2018 at 2:00 pm  
All are welcome to  
come and Pray.**

### Trivia Question of the Week

Last weeks question—Why did St. Patrick pick up a shamrock?



**ANSWER:** To demonstrate the concept of the Trinity: three persons in one God. “St. Patrick is said to have plucked a shamrock from the sward, to explain by its triple leaf and single stem, in some rough way, to the assembled chieftains, the great doctrine of the Blessed Trinity,” according to the 1917 Catholic Encyclopedia

Check next weeks bulletin for answers

**What are the most famous four words Jesus said at the Last Supper?**

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

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**St. Mary's Ukrainian Church (293 St. George's Ave E.) has scheduled a Parish Lenten Retreat** for the following Days: Sunday March 18, Monday March 19, Tuesday March 20, 2018 all at 7:00 p.m.

The Retreat Master will be Fr. Daniele Muscolino from St. Jerome's Parish.  
All Parishioners and Friends of St. Mary's are welcome and encouraged to attend and partake in this Special Lenten Mission. ***There will be also opportunity for Holy Confession.***



**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & CHAPLET –begins on GOOD FRIDAY—March 30th—**

**leading to the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th.**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will have a Closing Service for the Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet on Sunday, April 8/18 at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.**

### THE NORTHLAND BARBERSHOP CHORUS



**PRESENTS  
THEIR  
54<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
SHOW**

*"Tony and the Time Machine -  
A Barbershop Odyssey"*

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018,  
7:30p.m.

Sault Community Theatre

### JOINING THE NORTHLAND CHORUS: "ROUND MIDNIGHT" –

*Top-10 International Quartet from New York City!*

All Tickets are non-reserved @ **\$28.00\*** CDN Funds (\$23 US), available from:  
**Hess Jewellers (Churchill Plaza), Sault Theatre/STARS (Soo, Mich.)**  
**Any Chorus member Theatre Centre Box Office (Station mall)**

Note: Box Office adds a \$4 surcharge/ticket. Total price if purchased at Mall Box Office outlet is \$32) \*\*\*For ticket info, call Doug Iles at 705-942-3075 or visit [www.northlandchorus.com/annual-show](http://www.northlandchorus.com/annual-show)

*As always, a major portion of the proceeds supports local speech therapy programs at the Speech and Language Pathology Unit of the Sault Area Hospital -*

*More than \$89,000 donated so far...*

*"We Sing...That They Shall Speak."*

**The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm, at the Pro-cathedral of the Assumption in North Bay. Everyone is invited. A reception will follow Mass.**



**Development  
and Peace**

### **SHARE LENT ---Solidarity Sunday March 18**

**We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday.**

Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world — from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign Together for Peace, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy:

*"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."*

***Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!***



### **YOUTH MINISTRY IN SAULT STE. MARIE**

*See what's happening for young people 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 Night at 7:00pm** at St.

Jerome's Church (26 Carmel Road). Every evening is full of games, Catholic teachings, socials and food!

**Young Adults age 18-25:** All Young Adults aged 18-25 are invited to take part in Elevate - our Catholic Young Adults Group - that meets every **Friday night at 6:30pm** at St. Jerome's Church (26 Carmel Road). Begins with a free home-cooked meal at 6:30pm, followed by a presentation/discussion on how to talk about or share your faith with your peers when it seems so difficult.

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

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### ST. JEROME'S YOUTH HARDWOOD CLASSIC



Sat. April 7, 2018  
9:00 A.M.  
St. Mary's College  
868 Second Line E

Youth in grades 5-12 are welcome  
Teams of 3-4 players  
16 teams per division  
Drop off registration & payment to  
St. Jerome's Parish  
26 Carmel Road

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### TAIZÉ PRAYER EVENING



St. Jerome Church (26  
Carmel Road)

at 7:00 pm on the following dates:

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018, Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

Taizé is an Ecumenical Christian Community in France whose music and meditative reflection on God's Word has nourished people throughout the world.

**All are welcome!**

Pope Francis shared that "The Eucharistic Celebration is much more than a simple banquet: it is exactly the memorial of Jesus' Pascal Sacrifice, the mystery at the centre of salvation...every time we celebrate this Sacrament we participate in the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ."

You are invited to watch the National Catholic Mission 2018, The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation with Father Michael Coutts S.J. which will be broadcast during Holy Week on the following networks across Canada: VisionTV: Part 1 Monday March 26; Part 2 March 2ET

Salt + Light: Part 1 March 27th; Part 2 March 28th at 8 pm ET

The 2018 Mission will be rebroadcast: Part 1 on Good Friday and Part 2 Holy Saturday at the times of the regular Daily TV Mass. **The Mission will also be available at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com).**

For more information please call the NCBC toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 or by e-mail at [info@ncbc.ca](mailto:info@ncbc.ca).

Knights of Columbus Council 932 will hold a pasta supper on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6:30 at the Moose Lodge on Trunk Road. The cost is \$10. Children 6 through 10 /\$4, while those 5 and under eat free. Profits will be donated as bursaries to the local high schools.



### **Needed HOST HOMES FOR NET TEAM!**

The NET team is coming to Sault Ste. Marie to minister to our HSCDSB students. We need smoke-free families who can billet pairs/triads of team members for a week or more. The team will be in town from April 7-17. If you have space to host team members please call Sister Pat Carter at 945-5456 from March 19-29. **Consider being a host family.**

## Catholic Women's League News



### *Membership Fees*

The 2018 membership fees (\$22.00) are now due. 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. **New members are welcome!**

### *Dates to Remember:*

**March 24-** Regional Luncheon at noon at Grand Gardens North.

**April 15-** Women's Spring Luncheon

Women's Spring Luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 15th, 2018 at 12:30p.m. at the Marconi Hall. All ladies are welcome. Tickets / \$25.00 each. Contact for tickets: Emma Bonin at 705-759-5193, Emily Thibeault at 705-942-1544 or Carmelina Spry at 705-942-3916

## Adult MEDITATION Fifth Sunday in LENT B

The first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah, who speaks of a new covenant. The old covenant is characterized as a husband and wife relationship with God leading his covenant partner by the hand. But that relationship came apart despite all the signs of love that surrounded it.

Now, God says. "I will write my law on their hearts." God still takes the initiative but this time directly shaping the heart of his people, not simply encouraging and waiting to see if any would follow. This change from exterior signs to interior understanding is a dramatic shift in the relationship between God and the people.

*Someone who shows me what it means to live by faith "written on the heart" is ...*

The Gospel reading brings insight to this notion of change by considering a grain of wheat. The new plants come only from burying the old. As St. John puts it, the grain must "fall into the earth and die" in order to produce new fruit. This is change in its most radical meaning. Change, letting go, involves taking a risk, of becoming vulnerable, and it requires trust.

Jesus makes it clear that change always involves dying and rising, letting go and being lifted up. Choosing to follow Jesus means being open to the pain of transformation, trusting that God will bring forth new life.

*I was afraid to begin something new until ...*

*Who has helped me along a new path?*

*When has letting go, trusting in God, led to new life for me?*

*What lesson about letting go am I learning this Lent?*

*I was glad I was able to take the risk to ...*

*When have I been able to support someone else in a new venture?*

## Youth MEDITATION Fifth Sunday in LENT B

A prophet is a person who points us in the direction of God. The prophet Jeremiah tells us today that God has made a new covenant - a new promise - with His people. He tells us that God will make our hearts to love God. No matter how many times we turn away from God and sin, God still loves us.

*Think of a time you knew you had done something wrong. Did your mom and dad forgive you? Do they love you no matter what? Do you love them no matter what?*

Your heart has been shaped by your relationship with your parents and other people you love and who love you. Your relationship with God also shapes you and who you are.

In the Gospel, Jesus says that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a single grain of wheat, a little seed. But it could become much more. He is telling us that change and growth come only after we have let something go in order to have something new. Jesus says to let go is to die, and to find something new is to rise again. Just as Jesus died on the cross and then was raised up to new life, so do we die and rise whenever we grow and change.

Think of some things you have let go of in order to change and grow.

*Remember when you first went to school? You had to let go of having your mother with you all the time.*

*Remember when you first rode a two-wheel bicycle? You had to let go of the security of training wheels (or a tricycle) and trust you could do it.*

*Did you ever move to a new town and school? Did you want to move?*

*What was it like finishing Grade 8 and then moving to high school?*

All these are dyings and risings. We let an old thing go in order to start something new. It is risky letting go, but we must trust that God is guiding us to bigger and better things.