

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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Pastoral Team:

Pastor: Fr. Trevor Scarfone
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Rob Thibodeau
Secretary: Cathy Fabiano

Third Sunday of Advent

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Sunday, December 16th, 2018

Celebration of Masses, Devotions and Reconciliation

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday – Friday: 9:00 a.m.

The Rosary:

Recited 1/2 hour
before each weekday Mass

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard
every Saturday from 4:15 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"*



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
**Development
and Peace**

Message for the week of December 16, 2018

In solidarity with the 68.5 million children, women and men who have been forced to flee their homes, help us share the journey. You can walk and raise funds, sign our action card, or support our mission. For more information and to learn about the different ways to participate in the Share the Journey campaign, contact the Development and Peace representative in your parish.

Join us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @ Devpeace |
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St. Gregory's Parish News

| Mass Intentions | | Week of December 17-December 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Monday, December 17 <i>No Scheduled Liturgy</i></p> <p>Tuesday, December 18—7:00 p.m. Ada Giovanatti—John & Rose Giovanatti Ersilla Cuglietta—Daughter Emily & Family Margherita Berardelli—Husband Francesco Berardelli, Sante & Margherita Bergamin</p> <p>Wednesday, December 19—9:00 a.m. Lina Piraino—Husband Peter Piraino & Family Giuseppe & Teresa Napoletano—Daughters Maria & Lena and Families Maria Sicoli—Armando & Dina Mollame</p> <p>Thursday, December 20—9:00 a.m. Jacob Lowe—Father Trevor Scarfone</p> <p>Friday, December 21—9:00a.m. Alexie Boufard—Father Trevor Scarfone</p> <p>Saturday, December 22—5:00 p.m. Elvira & Deve Sdao—Husband Franco Sdao & Family Fernando Gomes—Wife & Family Lina Piraino—Husband Peter Piraino & Family</p> <p>Sunday December 23—9:00 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners—Father Trevor Scarfone</p> <p>Sunday, December 23—11:00 a.m. Girolamo, Rosa, Anna Gallo—Children & Family Annina Gallo—Jim & Family Mirella Schug—Loving Mother & Family</p> | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">Monday</td> <td>Genesis 49.2, 8-10/Matthew 1.1-17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>Jeremiah 23.5-8/Matthew 1.18-24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a/Luke 1.5-25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d/Luke 1.26-38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>Zephaniah 3.14-18a/Luke 1.39-45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>1 Samuel 1.24-28/Luke 1.46-56</td> </tr> </table> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT </div> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">1st READING</td> <td>Micah 5.2-5a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd READING</td> <td>Hebrews 10.5-10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GOSPEL</td> <td>Luke 1.39-45</td> </tr> </table> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> Parish Activities for the Week December 17-December 23 </div> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">Monday 17</td> <td>No Scheduled events</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 18</td> <td>7:30pm -Choir Practice</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 19</td> <td>12:30-3:30pm-St. Basil's School visits, grade 7&8</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Thursday 20</td> <td>No Scheduled events</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Friday 21</td> <td>8:00pm- A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Saturday 22</td> <td>4:15pm-4:45pm-Confessions also by appointment.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sunday 23</td> <td>11:00am-Children's Liturgy</td> </tr> </table> | Monday | Genesis 49.2, 8-10/Matthew 1.1-17 | Tuesday | Jeremiah 23.5-8/Matthew 1.18-24 | Wednesday | Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a/Luke 1.5-25 | Thursday | Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d/Luke 1.26-38 | Friday | Zephaniah 3.14-18a/Luke 1.39-45 | Saturday | 1 Samuel 1.24-28/Luke 1.46-56 | 1st READING | Micah 5.2-5a | 2nd READING | Hebrews 10.5-10 | GOSPEL | Luke 1.39-45 | Monday 17 | No Scheduled events | Tuesday 18 | 7:30pm -Choir Practice | Wednesday 19 | 12:30-3:30pm -St. Basil's School visits, grade 7&8 | Thursday 20 | No Scheduled events | Friday 21 | 8:00pm - A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall) | Saturday 22 | 4:15pm-4:45pm -Confessions also by appointment. | Sunday 23 | 11:00am -Children's Liturgy |
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| Finance Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday, December 9, 2018 | \$3,563.90 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Building Fund | \$5.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bishops Annual Appeal | \$15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bishop Annual Appeal/ Needs of Cdn Church | \$20.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Weekly Average Pre Authorized | \$385.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Income | \$3,988.90 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Did You Know?

The Advent wreath is a symbol of victory, glory and triumph. It calls to mind a royal crown. The wreath is a show of confidence that Jesus is crowned victor over evil. It is customary to use three purple candles reminding us of our sins and one pink candle reminding us of the joy and hope we share in Jesus.

Christmas Eve Youth Mass at 4pm.

Once again, we are having a youth mass on Christmas Eve! I am looking for children, teenagers, college students etc. to participate in the youth mass. We need readers, welcomers, ushers, singers, and actors for the pageant!

There will only be 2 practices for the Christmas pageant, Sunday, Dec. 16th and Sunday Dec. 23rd from 12:00-1:30.

Please call to secure a spot and ensure we have enough participants.

Anastasia Pasiak Bellini at 705-256-0849



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year. To attend Kindergarten, a child must be at least four years of age by December 31st, 2019. Parents / guardians must provide to the school: completed Registration Form and Health History Form, proof of the child's age (baptismal or birth certificate), proof of the child's immunization, the child's Health Card. Please call the school at 705-945-5521 to book an appointment.

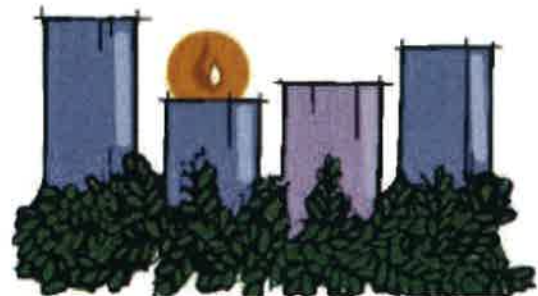


To make Advent come alive...

List the things you like most about Christmas preparation. Schedule time together as a family to do them, so that they do not get lost in the rush.

Locate Israel or Bethlehem on a globe or world map. Pray for peace in the land and continent of Jesus' birth.

Buy a gift you would personally like to have. Wrap and donate it to a family shelter.



Holy Spirit, help us to live this Advent in an ever-deepening awareness that "the grace of God has appeared, saving all". (Titus 2.11) Help us to realize that grace is not just the granting of some beneficial thing or other, but it is the gift of God's very self. May we learn the truth that God is the giver of all gifts. May our response be the same profound gratitude Mary had when she prayed, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...who has done great things for me."

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Catholic Women's League

Membership Fees

The 2019 Membership Fees(\$22.00)
are now due and must be paid by December 31st, 2018.

Please include your payment (cheque payable to
St. Gregory's CWL) or cash in an envelope with your name,
address and phone number.

Payment can be put in the collection basket.
New Members are welcome!



Christmas Cheer/Fruit Baskets

St. Gregory's CWL is hosting Christmas Cheer/Fruit Baskets once again on Thursday December 20th, 2018 in the Parish Hall. We will need volunteers to help carry boxes which will be arriving by transport on that day. Volunteers are asked to arrive for 7:30 am. Also, we will be making fruit baskets for the shut-ins. If you want to volunteer to help with the making and/or delivery of fruit baskets, please come to the Parish Hall on Thursday December 20th. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Nancy Barbon at 705-254-7469 or Claire Scornaienchi at 705-759-2828.

Thank you once again for your continuing help and support.



Volunteers Needed



In Memoriam Christmas Flower 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 Christmas Flower Donations

Flowers in Memory of: _____

By: _____

Phone #: _____ Address: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____ Envelope #: _____



Congratulations

*Devon
Pariseau*

who was baptized in our
Parish on December 9th, 2018

May his parents and godparents be examples of
faith to inspire him!

*We offer our condolences to the family of
Sandi Rector*

*May you find comfort and peace in the
Eucharistic Celebration and in our faith
community during this difficult time.*

May her soul rest in peace.