

# ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

*Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie*

71 Estelle Street,  
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**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday to Saturday: 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon - 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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**Parish Priest:**

Father Alex Saurianthadathil C.Ss.R

**Deacon:**

Mr. Joseph LeBlance

**Secretary:**

Ms. Cathy D'Addario

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Year B**

**Sunday, 01 March 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:**

**During the Season of Lent**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at **7:00 P.M.**

**The Rosary:**

Recited 1/2 hour before each weekday Mass

**Stations of the Cross:**

Every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent.

**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 2nd - 8th, 2015

† Denotes a Mass for one who is deceased  
☩ Denotes a Mass intention for the living

### Monday, March 2nd

No scheduled liturgy

### Tuesday, March 3rd - 7:00 p.m.

† Carmine Briglio - wife, Maria & family

### Wednesday, March 4th - 7:00 p.m.

† Antonio Genua - Maria Felice

### Thursday, March 5th - 7:00 p.m.

† Gina Misasi - sister-in-law, Rita Turco

### Friday, March 6th - 7:00 p.m.

† Giuseppe Coccimiglio - Teresa Sicoli

### Saturday, March 7th - 5:00 p.m.

† Renato Ottaviani - wife, Teresa & family

† Elvira & David Sdao

- husband & father, Frank & family

† Teresa Fabbicino - mom, Lucia & family

† Rosario Gatto - daughter, Linda Fiore & family

*Time Change!*



### Sunday, March 8th - 9:00 a.m.

† Annina Gallo - husband, Jim & children

† Nicola Giordano - Sott & Emily Thibeault

† Deceased Coccimiglio & Adamo Family Members

- Saveria Adamo & family

† Elena Stefanizzi - husband, Roberto & family

### 11:00 a.m.

Intentions of Parishioners

## Readings for the week of March 1st

Monday	Daniel 9.3,4b-10; Luke 6.36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1.10,16-20,27-28,31; Matthew 23.1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18.18-20; Matthew 20.17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17.5-10; Luke 16.19-31
Friday	Genesis 37.3-4,12-13a-28; Matthew 21.33-46
Saturday	Micah 7.14-15,18-20; Luke 15.1-3,11-32

## ✠ Third Sunday of Lent (purple)

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Exodus 20.1-17
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25
Gospel	John 2.13-25

## Lent 2015



## Parish Activities for the Week

March 2nd - 8th, 2015

MONDAY 02	9:30 a.m.	ARISE Group Meeting (Parish Hall)
TUESDAY 03	1:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	C.W.L. Craft Group (Parish Hall) Choir Practice (Church)
THURSDAY 04	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation Meeting (Parish Hall) C.W.L. Executive Meeting (Board Room)
FRIDAY 06	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Mass & Stations of the Cross (Church) A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)
SUNDAY 08	11:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy (Parish Hall)

## Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

*"This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him."* Mk. 9.7

Are you hearing the voice of God's as a beloved? Are you discerning the call to priesthood? Contact your Pastor of Father Pat Woods at the Office of Vocations at 1-705-674-2727 ext. 250 or e-mail father Pat at [pwoods@diocesecentre.com](mailto:pwoods@diocesecentre.com) and check out [www.beapriest.ca](http://www.beapriest.ca).

**Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life!**

## St. Gregory's Parish News

### Development & Peace

#### Sowing Seeds of Justice For Women and Girls in Nigeria

*“Doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment, and violence, since they are frequently less able to defend their rights. Even so, we constantly witness among them impressive examples of daily heroism in defending and protecting their vulnerable families.”*

~ Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 212

Supporting women and girls is a priority for Development & Peace. When 276 girls were kidnapped by Boko Haram from Chibok in Nigeria, our local Nigerian partner began working for their freedom, and has managed to smuggle three girls to safety. “The three girls, who were 17, 18, and 19 years old, still seemed to be under the effect of the swirl of emotions generated by the trails they experienced since their abduction,” states Raphael Yimga Tatchi, Development & Peace program officer for Nigeria. “Their voices and lost eyes betray deep pain ... glimmers of humanity shine through only when they courageously recount the details of their escape.” The Share Lent collection for Development & Peace is on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22nd.

### Chrism Mass 2015

The Chrism Mass will be held on Thursday, March 26th, 2015 at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, North Bay, at 1:30 p.m.

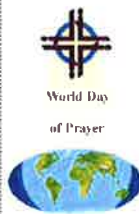


This celebration is an opportunity for priests, deacons, members of the Diocesan Order of Service, Religious women and men and lay faithful to experience, along with the Bishop, the bond of communion and solidarity within this spiritual family called the Church of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

**All are invited to participate in this special diocesan celebration!**

### World Day of Prayer 2015

*Jesus said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?”*



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. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm their faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world; are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures; share the burdens of other people, praying with them and for them; and use their own talents in the service of God's world. We will join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer at Victoria Presbyterian Church (Carpin Beach Road) on Friday, March 6th at 2:00 p.m. Please join us!

# St. Gregory's Parish News

## Catholic Women's League News

### C.W.L. General Meeting



Our C.W.L. general meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join us for the 7:00 p.m. mass before the meeting. See you there!

## Finance Report

### Sunday Offerings:

February 15th, 2015	\$3,709.50
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### Other Donations

"Jubilee Project"	\$117.00
"Jubilee Project" (to date)	\$84,999.77
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,826.50</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## "2014 Tax Receipts"

The 2014 tax receipts are now available for pick up at the entrance of the Church. Please call the Parish office if there are any errors or if you have changed your mailing address.



## Lenten Penitential Services City-wide

Wednesday, 04 March 2015

St. Veronica's Church  
(559 Douglas Street)

Thursday, 05 March 2015

St. Jerome's Parish  
(26 Carmel Road)

Friday, 13 March 2015

In response to Pope Francis' call for

**"24 hours for Jesus"**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and  
Confessions at Precious Blood Cathedral  
from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All parishioners are  
invited to attend either service!

## "Change of Mass Times"

Dear Parishioners,

As the celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum is the most important time in the liturgical year of the Church and Lent is a time of preparation for it, I encourage you all to join us in the celebration of the Eucharist on weekdays from Tuesday to Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the evening during the season of Lent.

We will resume regular morning Mass times after Easter. I truly hope that you will consider this offer *"to journey together with Jesus."*

*Father Alex*

## St. Gregory's Parish News

Dear Parishioners,

We are in the season of Lent now. Lent is a time of renewal and rebirth. His Holiness Pope Francis, in his message, reminds us: "Lent is a time of grace. God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. We love because he first loved us. He is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows us by name; he cares for us and seeks us out whenever we turn away from him".

In his message he also highlights about the sin of indifference and urges us that as Christians we have a responsibility to confront the sin of indifference in and around us. During this time of grace let us be more considerate and forgiving. Let us be mindful of one another, especially those struggling with any kind of pain or sorrows.

As our liturgical theme for this year is "Open your heart to the Spirit", I pray God's blessings upon all of us that we may have the courage and strength to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, for love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Have a Spirit filled season of Lent!

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 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.

**"Coins for Kids"** - During the season of Lent, it is our practice to share with those less fortunate. The Liturgy Committee at our parish has decided that this year we will donate the collection for "Coins for Kids" towards the **"Mikinakoos Children Fund."** This registered charity is a non-profit fund that helps "to relieve poverty by providing basic amenities, including food, clothing and shelter to needy children on Indian reserves in Northern Ontario."



## 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.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

<b>Permanent Ministers:</b>	Shirley Kindred Angelo Rosset	<b>Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator:</b>	Anastasia Bellini
<b>C.W.L. President:</b>	Carmelina Spry	<b>Property &amp; Maintenance:</b>	Vittorio Bruno
<b>Finance Committee Chair:</b>	George Trevisan	<b>Italian Prayer Group:</b>	Olmina Bonassisa
<b>Parish Pastoral Council Co-Chairs:</b>	Robert Bressan John Febbraro	<b>Funeral Team Chair:</b>	Sam Medaglia
<b>Liturgy Committee Chair:</b>	Herv Rector	<b>Sacristan Chair:</b>	Darlene Novello
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist:</b>	Shirley Kindred Carmelina Spry	<b>Usher Co-ordinator:</b>	Andrew Michienzi
<b>Welcomers:</b>	Emma Bonin Leslie Amadio	<b>C.W.L. Craft Group:</b>	Yolanda D'Orazio
<b>Mass Co-Ordinator:</b>	Betty-Lou Mancuso	<b>Decorators:</b>	Sandi & Herv Rector
<b>Lectors:</b>	Danny Schaer	<b>Music Co-ordinator:</b>	Dorothy Fera
<b>ARISE Parish Team Co-ordinator:</b>	Rob Thibodeau	<b>Parish Website:</b>	Leo & Tessa Vecchio
<b>Altar Server Co-ordinator:</b>	Cathy Wright		
		<b>SACRAMENTS</b>	
		<b>Baptism:</b>	Olinda Bruno
		<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Shirley Kindred
		<b>Eucharist:</b>	Franca Huckson
		<b>Confirmation:</b>	Carmelina Purificati