

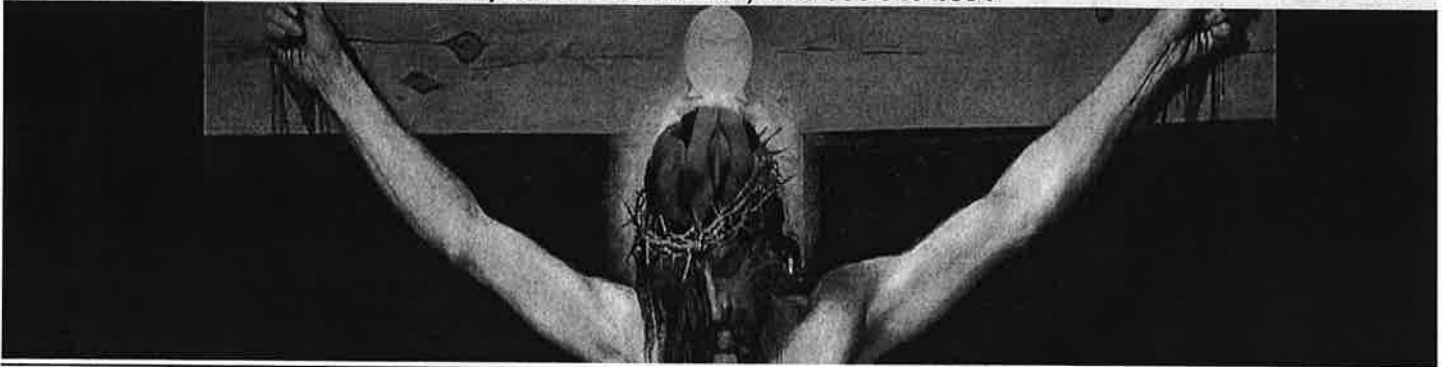
ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

71 Estelle Street,
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6C 2C3

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Parish Priest:

Father Alex Saurianthadathil C.Ss.R

Deacon:

Mr. Joseph LeBlance

Parish Secretary:

First Sunday of Lent

Year C

Sunday, February 14, 2016

Celebration of Masses, Devotions and Reconciliation

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: **5:00 p.m.**

Sunday: **9:00 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.**

The Rosary:

Recited 1/2 hour before each weekday Mass

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday at **7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at **9:30 a.m.**

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

Reconciliation 2016

Remaining Dates:

Session 2: Part A

Thursday, February 18th, 2016
7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Session 2: Part B

Sunday, February 21st, 2015
during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Session 3: Part A

Thursday, February 25th, 2016
at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Session 3: Part B

Sunday, February 28th, 2016 during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

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.

SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP

A spiritual workshop will be held on Monday,
February 22, 2016 at St. Gregory's Parish Hall at 1:00
p.m. Sister Roberta Lowe will be the facilitator.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

JOURNEY LOTTERY WINNERS:

Zoey & Jim Wood-Salomon #01102

2015 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The income tax receipts for 2015 will be
available for pick up at the
entrance of the Church on the weekend of
February 20th and 21st.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Share Lent—A Climate of Change pilgrimage starts in Haiti

This year for Share Lent, Development and Peace invites you to join a Climate of Change pilgrimage. Together we will journey through Lent with people whose lives are being changed with your support. In Week 1 we will meet Adonis Medjine from Haiti. A survivor of the 2010 earthquake, she is benefitting from a social enterprise project to raise chickens. "I have a husband and two children. Thanks to this job and the wages I receive, I can take care of my family, send my children to school and complete a few projects."

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE A COMMUNAL PENITENTIAL SERVICE DURING THIS SEASON OF LENT

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016 AT 7 PM
AT
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH
114 MACDONALD AVE.
SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO**

**During this Jubilee year of Mercy
We are called to welcome
God's infinite love and mercy,
When we gather together as God's
People, in this way,
We make the line of scripture
From the prophet Joel come alive**

**"Rend your hearts
And not your clothing.
Return to the Lord your God**

St. Gregory's Parish News



Mass Intentions—February 15—21, 2016

Monday, February 15-No scheduled liturgy

Tuesday, February 16-7:00 p.m.

Settimio Bernardo-sister, Teresa Berardelli & family
Girolamo Gallo-the children
Donato Buonomo-wife, Maria & family

Wednesday, February 17-7:00 p.m.

Maria Iozzo-brother Vincenzo&family

Thursday, February 18-7:00 p.m.

Gus Palombi-Jim&Laura Simon&family

Friday, February 19-7:00 p.m.

Mass and Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20-5:00 p.m.

Carmine Berlingieri-wife, Lina & daughters
& families
Margherita & Luciano Porco-husband & father
Domenico
Francesca Cuglietta- the family
Angela Melchionna-Carmine&Rocco Melchionne
&family

Sunday, February 21-9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 a.m.

Annina Gallo-husband, Jim & children
Luigi Rovito-wife, Ada & family
Natalina Gigliotti-granddaughter, Carmella
Berardelli & 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 15-21, 2016

Tuesday 16	1:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	C.W.L. Craft Group (Parish Hall) Choir Practice (Church)
Wednesday 17	7:00 p.m.	C.W.L. Executive Meeting (Parish Hall)
Thursday 18	7:00 p.m.	Reconciliation meeting
Friday 19	8:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)
Sunday 21	11:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy (Parish Hall)

Finance Report

Sunday, February 7, 2016	\$3035.15
Building Fund	\$654.50
Total Income	\$3689.65

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.

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“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.