

# 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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**Parish Priest:**

Father Eric Pannike

**Parish Deacon:**

Deacon Rob Thibodeau

**Parish Secretary:**

Anna Temporao

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B**

**Sunday, February 11th, 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:**

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,*

*Trivia question*

*Community Events, Up and Coming Events Calendar*

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# St. Gregory's Parish News



## Mass Intentions—February 12th—February 18th 2018



**Monday, February 12—No Scheduled Liturgy**

**Tuesday, February 13—7:00 p.m.**

Carmela Cuglietta—Sister-in-law Mafalda and Family

**Wednesday, February 14—7:00 p.m.**  
**Ash Wednesday**

**Thursday, February 15—9:30 a.m.**

Intentions of Parishioners

**Friday, February 16—9:30 a.m.**

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**Saturday, February 17—5:00 p.m.**

Girolamo Gallo—Children & Family  
Rachelina & Luigi Rossi—Rosina & Salvatore Rota  
Vittorio Mannarino—Wife Emma Mannarino and Family

**Sunday, February 18—9:00 a.m.**

Intentions of Parishioners

**Sunday, February 18—11:00 a.m.**

Natalina Gigliotti—Granddaughter Carmella Berardelli  
Mirella Schug—Mother Rosaria Coccimiglio  
Maria LePera Talarico—Sister Rita Chilelli and Family



### Week of February 12—February 18

Monday	James 1.1-11/Mark 8.11-13
Tuesday	James 1.12-18/Mark 8.14-21
Wednesday	Joel 2.12-18/Matthew 6.1-6,16-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30.15-20/Luke 9.22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58.1-9a/Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58.9b-14/Luke 5.27-32

### First Sunday of Lent

1st READING	Genesis 9.8-15
2nd READING	1 Peter 3.18-22
GOSPEL	Mark 1.12-15

### 2018 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts will be available at Church entrance for until Feb 27.  
Please pick up as soon as possible.  
Thank you.



### Trivia Question of the Week

Last weeks question—*How many Catholics are there in the world?*  
a. a million    b. 600 million    c. a billion  
Answer: C. A billion +  
Of the 6.3 billion people in the world, more than a billion are Catholics. All together, there are two billion Christians.

Check next weeks bulletin for answers

**What is the third Commandment practiced by the Catholic Church?**

### Finance Report

Monday, February 4, 2018	\$3,053.00
Building Fund	\$1,059.00
Initial Offering	\$70.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$437.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,619.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

# St. Gregory's Parish News

## 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!

**High school Students:** Registration is now open for "Made for More" the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference happening February 24, 2018 at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie. Register online at [www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018](http://www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018) or through the parish or your high school chaplain.

**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 beginning January 26** at St. Jerome's Church (26 Carmel Road). January 26 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)



## Is there More to Life than This?

Back by popular demand!!!! St. Gregory's parish will be hosting another Alpha series.

### What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. At the weekly gatherings which include, **food, video and a talk**, we look at different questions that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. It's just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. Registration & Intro Video session begins

**Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

For more info contact: Lynn Boivin 705-499-4694— [boivinlynn5@yahoo.com](mailto:boivinlynn5@yahoo.com)

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018

## MADE FOR MORE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

REGISTER ONLINE:

[WWW.STJEROMEPARISHSSM.COM/DCYC2018](http://WWW.STJEROMEPARISHSSM.COM/DCYC2018)

OR CONTACT YOUR CHURCH  
OR HIGH SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

SHALOM PLACE Spirituality Centre invites you to a Lenten Retreat Day "TRANSFORMED IN GOD'S LOVE" Get in touch with your need for inner change and allow God's love to touch and renew you. **Saturday, February 17, 2018; 9am to 3pm** St. Jerome's Parish Hall, Offering: \$40 (includes lunch)

Facilitator: Sr. Linda MacIsaac, CSJ

**REGISTER: 705-254-4690 / [shalomssm@shaw.ca](mailto:shalomssm@shaw.ca)**

## Valentine Turkey Dinner

Prepare by Holy Family CWL and Knights of Columbus Council 12003 members

**Holy Family Parish Hall, 208 Prentice Ave.**

**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

One sitting Only, Doors opened-5:00pm, dinner served - 5:30pm

**Menu:** turkey, stuffing, vegetables, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, dessert, coffee or tea

**Adult - \$15.00 Child (5-12) - \$10.00 and (under 5) - Free**

Tickets to be purchased or reserved prior to Feb. 8th:

For tickets: Vince: 705-949-4937 / Margaret: 705-256-5512

## TAIZÉ PRAYER EVENING

St. Jerome Church (26 Carmel Road) at 7:00 pm on the following dates:

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

**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**

## Catholic Women's League News

### Membership Fees

The 2018 membership fees (\$22.00) are due by the **end of January**. 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!**



## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time B

Our First Reading and Gospel today speak of leprosy, a terrible and highly contagious disease. From a practical standpoint, the people feared infection and contact with the leper, and so the social customs of the day forced the leper to live apart, banished from family and from the rest of the community. And from a spiritual standpoint, the leper was assumed to be suffering God's displeasure for some supposed sin, and was thus deemed "unclean", or unworthy of contact with the people of God.

For Jesus to reach out and touch a leper was to risk infection and death; for him to reach out and touch a leper was to go against what the people saw as the will of God, risking the wrath of the people. And yet, Jesus reached out and he touched the "untouchable", and the loving touch of Jesus healed the man.

Science has handled most of the medical risks that once surrounded us (although the situation with AIDS bears a remarkable similarity to the situation of lepers in past times). The scars that separate us one from another tend now to be more social than medical. Are there folks we are afraid to deal with, for fear that we might be somehow "infected" with whatever ails them? Are there folks that we feel are unworthy of our attention, because they live in a way that we suppose God does not approve of? Who are the "untouchables" for me and for you? As the Body of Christ, we must continue to do as Christ did, taking the risk to touch, taking the risk to love.

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## Domenica «Per Annum» 6B

La Prima Lettura ed il Vangelo di oggi parlano della lebbra, una malattia terribile e contagiosa. Da un punto pratico, la gente aveva paura dell'infezione e contatto con i lebbrosi, ed i costumi sociali di quei tempi forzarono i lebbrosi di abitare in disparte, separati dalle loro famiglie e dalla loro comunità. E da un punto spirituale, il lebbroso era assunto di soffrire il dispiacere di Dio per avere commesso qualche presunto peccato che lo rendeva "immondo", o indegno di contatto con il popolo di Dio.

Per Gesù, toccare un lebbroso significava rischiare infezione e morte; per lui, toccare un lebbroso mostrava alla gente che egli andava contro la volontà di Dio, così rischiando l'ira della gente. E pure, Gesù si avvicinò e toccò "l'intoccabile", ed il tocco affettuoso di Gesù curò l'uomo.

La scienza ha eliminato la buona parte dei rischi delle malattie che una volta ci circondavano (sebbene la situazione con l'AIDS dà una grande somiglianza alla situazione dei lebbrosi dei tempi passati). Le cecatrici che ci separano l'uno dall'altro oggi tendono di essere più sociali che mediche. Ci sono persone con cui abbiamo paura di contrattare, per paura che ci possono fare "infetti" con le loro malattie? Ci sono persone che noi calcolamo di non meritare la nostra attenzione, perché vivono in maniera che noi pensiamo non è acconsentita da Dio? Chi sono le persone "intoccabili" per me e per voi? Come Corpo di Cristo, dobbiamo continuare a fare come Cristo ha fatto, rischiando di toccare, rischiando di amare.

# Up and Coming Events

Mark your Calendar!

Revised February 7

Changes highlighted

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- Tue Feb 13 ..... **Algoma Region Priests Meeting**  
12:30pm Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
- Tue Feb 13 ..... **Mass**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Tue Feb 13 ..... **Parish Pastoral Council**  
7:30pm St. Gregory office Boardroom
- Tue Feb 13 ..... **Choir Practice**  
7:30pm St. Gregory Church
- Wed Feb 14 ..... **Ash Wednesday Mass** Bring your palms from last year  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church to be burned !
- Thu Feb 15 ..... **Mass**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Thu Feb 15 ..... **Edge Catholic Youth Night** Grades 6,7,8  
7:00pm St. Jerome Parish Hall all parishes invited!
- Fri Feb 16 ..... **Elevate Catholic Young Adults Evening** 18-25 yrs  
6:30pm St. Jerome Parish Hall (includes dinner) all parishes invited!
- Fri Feb 16 ..... **Mass**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Fri Feb 16 ..... **Alcoholics Anonymous**  
8:00pm St. Gregory Parish Hall
- Sat Feb 17 ..... **Confessions**  
4:15 - 4:45pm St. Gregory Church
- Sat Feb 17 ..... **Mass**  
5:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Sun Feb 18 ..... **Mass**  
9:00am St. Gregory Church
- Sun Feb 18 ..... **Ukrainian Brunch** for parishioners and visitors  
10am - 12:30pm St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. George's Avenue
- Sun Feb 18 ..... **Mass**  
11:00am St. Gregory Church
- Mon Feb 19 ..... **Mass**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church

- Tue Feb 20 ..... **Choir Practice**  
7:30pm St. Gregory Church
- Wed Feb 21 ..... **St. Basil's School classroom visits** Fr. Eric  
12:30 - 3:15pm Grades 7 & 8
- Wed Feb 21 ..... Mass**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Wed Feb 21 ..... **Parents Coaching Meeting 2** for sacraments  
7:00-8:30pm St. Gregory office Boardroom
- Thu Feb 22 ..... **Mass**  
2:00pm **Finnish Rest Home Parishioners invited**
- Thu Feb 22 ..... **Edge** Catholic Youth Night Grades 6,7,8  
7:00pm St. Jerome Parish Hall all parishes invited!
- Fri Feb 23 ..... **Elevate** Catholic Young Adults Evening 18-25 yrs  
6:30pm St. Jerome Parish Hall (includes dinner) all parishes invited!
- Fri Feb 23 ..... Mass**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Fri Feb 23 ..... **Alcoholics Anonymous**  
8:00pm St. Gregory Parish Hall
- Sat Feb 24 ..... **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 2018**  
St. Mary's College, SSM for all youth of the diocese
- Sat Feb 24 ..... **Confessions**  
4:15 - 4:45pm St. Gregory Church

<b>Poverty Sunday</b> Bring groceries for the Food Bank
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- Sat Feb 24 ..... **Mass**  
5:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Sun Feb 25 ..... **Mass**  
9:00am St. Gregory Church
- Sun Feb 25 ..... **Mass**  
11:00am St. Gregory Church

<b>Father Eric away in Florida February 26 - March 16</b> Fr. Danielle & Fr. Pat (St. Jerome's) covering weekends & funerals Deacon Rob Thibodeau covering weekday liturgies
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- Mon Feb 26 ..... **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**  
7:00pm St. Gregory Church