

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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Father Eric Pannike
Parish Deacon:
Deacon Rob Thibodeau

Parish Secretary:
Anna Temporao

Second Sunday of Lent
Year B
Sunday, February 25th, 2018

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

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday from
4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.



Weekday Masses and Liturgies for Lent:
Monday Wednesday & Friday at 7:00 p.m.

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"

**THIS IS MY SON,
THE BELOVED**
MATTHEW 17:9

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St. Gregory's Parish News



Mass Intentions—February 26th—March 4th 2018



Monday, February 26—7:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tuesday, February 27
No Scheduled Liturgy

Wednesday, February 28—7:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Thursday, March 1
No Scheduled Liturgy

Friday, March 2—7:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Saturday, March 3—5:00 p.m.
Fernando Rossi—Rosina & Salvatore Rota
Gene Rebellato—Julia A& Evert Lamberts
Donato Buonomo—Wife Maria & Family

Sunday, March 4—9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday, March 4—11:00 a.m.
Francesco Sdao—Son Luigi & Family
Fred, Peter, Grace Bernier—Pauline & Family
Elena Stefanizzi—Husband & Children



Week of February 26—March 3

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,17b-28/Matthew 21.33-43,45-46
Saturday	Micah 7.14-15,18-20/Luke 15.1-3,11-32

Third Sunday of Lent

1st READING	Exodus 20.1-17
2nd READING	1 Corinthians 1.18,22-25++
GOSPEL	John 2.13-25

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—What is the first thing you say in the confessional after blessing yourself?

Answer: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It's been one month (or 20 years) since my last confession and these are my sins." Then we list our sins.

Finance Report

Monday, February 11, 2018	\$2,240.35
Building Fund	\$20.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$437.00
Total Income	\$2,707.35

Thank you for your generosity!

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Lent Day of Confessions

Wednesday, March 7

8:30am - 8:00pm

Priests available all day

Precious Blood Cathedral
(778 Queen Street East)

Presented by the Catholic Parishes of
Sault Ste. Marie



"Return to me with all your heart."

(Joel 2:12)



TAIZÉ PRAYER EVENING

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

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.

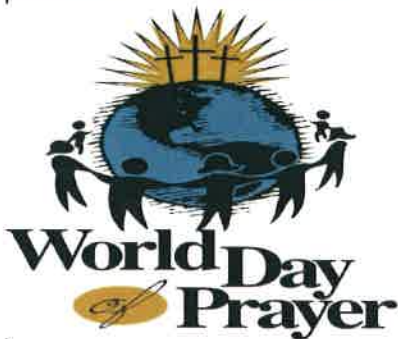
All are welcome !

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, MARCH 2 at 2:00 p.m. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
136 Cathcart Street

THEME: All God's creation is very good. Please join us for informed prayer on the preservation of creation in solidarity with Christians in Suriname [Guianas]. This World Day of Prayer invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to those touched by injustice

ALL ARE WELCOME.



Thank You to all who responded to the call of Pope Francis to be a 'poor church and a church for the poor' and made donations on Poverty Sunday. Your generosity does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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.

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

OR CONTACT YOUR CHURCH
OR HIGH SCHOOL CHAPLAIN



CONGREGATION OF THE
Sisters of St. Joseph
IN CANADA

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite young men and women, single or married, ages 16 to 35, to fill in a survey which will assist us in planning programs for faith development.

This will require approximately
10 minutes of your time.

We thank you in advance for your help.

The link; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYZ57HD>

Diane Albert, Bishop's Secretary/Secrétaire de l'évêque

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 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** 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

Is there More to Life than This?

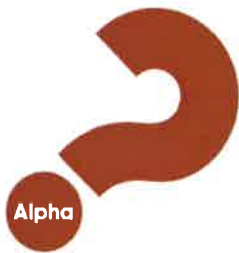
Back by popular demand!!!! St. Gregory's parish will be hosting another Alpha series.
What is Alpha?

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 27th 2018 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

For more info contact: Lynn Boivin 705-499-4694— boivinlynn5@yahoo.com



Catholic Women's League News

The CWL General meeting

Wednesday, **March 7th at 7:30pm** in the Church.
We will begin with Stations of the Cross and meeting will follow in Parish Hall.

Please plan to attend!

Concern with care
Working with love
in League with others

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:

February 24th— Spiritual Reflection from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church

March 2nd— World Day of Prayer at 2p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Cathcart Street.

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



Adult MEDITATION Second Sunday in LENT B

Take a few minutes to reflect on an experience when you felt "beyond" the limits of the moment - the most joyous, most blessed moment of your life; the moment you knew you were in love; meeting someone whose life story revealed possibilities which opened new ideas for you.

Reflect on how you felt differently about yourself at that moment.

Today's readings are two very familiar stories - the first, is Abraham's test when he is asked to sacrifice his son, Isaac. The Gospel story is that of the Transfiguration. Real love offers everything. It is total. It is radical. God's response to the offering of Abraham is life - abundant and blessed descendants for countless generations. Jesus' loving obedience transfigured him to what he truly is - the image of God, glorified and beautiful.

What is being transfigured by the Christ-love within me?

Where do I see this love transfiguring the world?

The glory of the resurrection, the glory of the Christian life, cannot be found through anything but suffering. Exaltation comes to Jesus only after taking the path of the cross. The same path lies ahead of us as well.

When has the glory of God been revealed after I have experienced suffering?

Can my experience help someone I know to look for God's glory in suffering, rather than question why "God is punishing" them?

Today's readings convey the sense of being on a spiritual journey. Abraham walked for three days with Isaac; Jesus and his disciples were journeying to Jerusalem. We share our Lenten journey with candidates for Confirmation who are struggling with the implications of adult faith. Through Baptism we undertake God's mission to the world and our lives must turn more and more in the direction of service.

How am I involved in God's mission to the world? To what service is God calling me? How can I become involved in God's mission to the world?

Youth MEDITATION Second Sunday in LENT B

Today's Gospel is the story of Jesus' Transfiguration - when Jesus went up on the mountain, and his appearance was totally changed before his apostles, and his clothes became dazzling white. Peter and the other disciples were terrified. It was for them a moment when some of the questions they had been struggling with, became clear. Jesus **was** the Son of God.

We spend a lot of time searching for answers to questions about where we are going - "Is this really what I should do?" "Where do I belong?" "What are my talents?" "How can we all work together?" "How can I fight evil?" "Where can I meet God?" "Does God exist?" "How can I believe in God?" We ask questions throughout our lifetime. Sometimes we feel like we cannot see our way clearly.

Then suddenly, the fog lifts and for an instant we do see clearly. We see which path to follow, what work is needed to change the world, and how God calls us. At these times our love and faith in God is strong. These are moments of transfiguration.

A time that I suddenly knew what needed to be done was ...

How can I share this moment with others to help them better see God's love for them too?

A transfiguration only lasts a very brief moment. It is a "booster", a moment meant to help deal with all the ordinary moments in our lives.

How can I use the brief moments of a transfiguration to help me live the rest of my life to the fullest in the way God is calling me?

Up and Coming Events

Mark your Calendar!

Revised February 21

Changes highlighted

Father Eric away in Florida February 26 - March 16
Fr. Danielle & Fr. Pat (St. Jerome's) covering weekends & funerals
Deacon Rob Thibodeau covering weekday liturgies

- Mon Feb 26 **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Mon Feb 26 **Regional Marriage Preparation** Team Meeting
7:30pm St. Gregory office Boardroom
- Tue Feb 27 **Alpha 1**
6:00 - 8:30pm St. Gregory's Parish Hall
- Tue Feb 27 **Choir Practice**
7:30pm St. Gregory Church
- Wed Feb 28 **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Wed Feb 28 **Parents Coaching Meeting 3** for sacraments
7:00-8:30pm St. Gregory office Boardroom
- Thu Mar 1 **Edge** Catholic Youth Night Grades 6,7,8
7:00pm St. Jerome Parish Hall all parishes invited!
- Fri Mar 2 **World Day of Prayer**
2:00pm St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 136 Cathcart @ Brown St.
- Fri Mar 2 **Elevate** Catholic Young Adults Evening 18-25 yrs
6:30pm St. Jerome Parish Hall (includes dinner) all parishes invited!
- Fri Mar 2 **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Fri Mar 2 **Alcoholics Anonymous**
8:00pm St. Gregory Parish Hall
- Sat Mar 3 **Confessions ** CANCELLED ****
4:15 - 4:45pm St. Gregory Church
- Sat Mar 3 **Mass**
5:00pm St. Gregory Church

- Sun Mar 4 **Mass**
9:00am St. Gregory Church
- Sun Mar 4 **Mass**
11:00am St. Gregory Church
- Mon Mar 5 **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Tue Mar 6 **Alpha 2**
6:00 - 8:30pm St. Gregory's Parish Hall
- Tue Mar 6 **Choir Practice**
7:30pm St. Gregory Church
- Wed Mar 7 **All - Day Confessions** with priests of the city
8:30am - 8:00pm Precious Blood Cathedral
- Wed Mar 7 **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Wed Mar 7 **Parents Coaching Meeting 4** for sacraments
7:00-8:30pm St. Gregory office Boardroom
- Wed Mar 7 **Stations of the Cross** in the Church, sponsored by the CWL
7:30pm CWL General Meeting following in St. Gregory Parish Hall
- Thu Mar 8 **Edge** Catholic Youth Night Grades 6,7,8
7:00pm St. Jerome Parish Hall all parishes invited!
- Fri Mar 9 **Elevate** Catholic Young Adults Evening 18-25 yrs
6:30pm St. Jerome Parish Hall (includes dinner) all parishes invited!
- Fri Mar 9 **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
7:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Fri Mar 9 **Alcoholics Anonymous**
8:00pm St. Gregory Parish Hall
- Sat Mar 10 Confessions * * * CANCELLED * * ***
4:15 - 4:45pm St. Gregory Church
- Sat Mar 10 **Mass**
5:00pm St. Gregory Church
- Sun Mar 11 **Mass**
9:00am St. Gregory Church
- Sun Mar 11 **Mass**
11:00am St. Gregory Church
- Mon Mar 12 **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
7:00pm St. Gregory Church