

# 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 of Easter**

**Year B**

**Sunday, April 29th, 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, 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"*

**My Creed**

*Because* I believe in God,  
Creator of heaven and earth . . .

*I will* . . .

If God has created all things, everything I encounter is sacred, and in some sense the art reflects the artist.  
Do I treat the dirt beneath my feet as sacred?  
Do I treat the air I breathe as sacred?  
Do I treat my friends, my family, my enemies as sacred?  
Do I treat myself as sacred?

# St. Gregory's Parish News

## Mass Intentions—April 30th—May 6th 2018



**Monday, April 30**  
No Scheduled Liturgy

**Tuesday, May 1—9:30 a.m.**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**Wednesday, May 2—9:30 a.m.**  
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**Thursday, May 3—9:30 a.m.**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**Friday, May 4—9:30 a.m.**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**Saturday, May 5—5:00 p.m.**  
Corrado Zanatta —Loving Wife and Family  
Lucie-Anne Rollins—St. Gregory's Catholic  
Women's League  
Emilia Pucci Vecchio—Daughter Luisa Gaudio

**Sunday May 6—9:00 a.m.**  
Luigi Bressan—Wife Carmela Bressan & Family  
Sesto, Mimma & Bino Gramaccioni—Antonio Torcaso  
Elena Stefanizzi —Loving Husband and Children

**Sunday, May 6—11:00 a.m.**  
Intentions of Parishioners



### Finance Report

<b>Sunday, April 22, 2018</b>	<b>\$2,701.05</b>
Ministry Formation	\$360.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$369.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,227.65</b>

***Thank you for your generosity!***

### Week of April 30—May 6

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 9.26-31/John 15.1-8
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 14.19-28/John 14.27-31a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 15.1-6/John 15.1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Corinthians 15.1-8/John 14.6-14
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 15.22-31/John 15.12-17
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 16.1-10/John 15.18-21

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

<b>1st READING</b>	Acts 10.25-26,34-35,44-48
<b>2nd READING</b>	1 John 4.7-10
<b>GOSPEL</b>	John 15.9-17

### Parish Activities for the Week April 30– May 6

<b>Tuesday 1</b>	1:00-4:00 Craft Group-Parish Hall 6:00-8:30 pm Alpha 10-Parish Hall 7:30 pm Choir Practice
<b>Wednesday 2</b>	6:30-7:30pm-Parents & Kids Meeting (optional) 7:00-8:30pm-Parents Coaching Meeting #7 12:30-3:30pm-St. Basil's School visits, grade 7&8
<b>Thursday 3</b>	2:00pm -Mass at Finnish Rest Home- All are welcome. 7:00-8:30pm-confirmation Preparation #1- parents and candidates, Parish Hall 7:00pm - Catholic Youth Night grades 6,7,8. All parishes invited.
<b>Friday 4</b>	8:00 p.m.- A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)
<b>Saturday 5</b>	Confessions 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.
<b>Sunday 6</b>	11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy

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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter B

On this, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, we continue our Easter celebration, which will carry on until Pentecost.

St. Paul was one of the strongest preachers in the early Church. But we first encounter him as one who persecuted the Church with great energy. It would take a powerful and painful conversion experience to get Paul to apply his considerable energy and commitment to the building up of the Church, rather than to its destruction; we hear about this conversion in the First Reading today.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells of the vine and its branches, and of the need for pruning to bring out the strength and fruit of the bush. If the Church is the vine, with Jesus at its centre, what will pruning look like, and feel like, for us as a Church? Pruning means that certain unproductive branches are cut away, so that they do not continue to sap the energy of the vine; what could be a practical example of this for our parish? And if you as an individual are a branch on this vine, how prepared are you to identify and offer for pruning those "twigs" in your life that are not producing Christian fruit?

Pruning hurts. Conversion hurts. Because in both, something must die and be discarded. Is eternity worth the pain?

### CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF



St. Gerard Majella Parish  
211 Pentagon Blvd.  
presents

### An Evening of Celebration Holy Mass and Dinner

In honour of all Teachers and Support Staff  
The celebration is **Sunday May 6, 2018**

4 pm MASS-5 pm DINNER

*(Penne, meatballs, sausage, roast chicken, roast potatoes, baby carrots, salad, bread)*

DINNER TICKETS: (**\$20.00 adult/\$10 children 10 and under**) available at each School and at the Board

Office through Karen Biocchi

Note: No tickets sold at the door.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### Volunteers Needed



Let us know if there is anything you would like to Volunteer with. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### Confirmation 2018

Things are shaping up! Confirmation for us will be celebrated jointly with St. Veronica's at their church on Friday evening June 15.

Preparation for our ten registered candidates and their parents will happen on 4 Thursday evenings in May, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, in our parish hall. No additional registrations will be accepted for this year.

## Domenica di Pasqua 5B

In questa, Quinta Domenica di Pasqua, si continua la nostra celebrazione Pasquale che continuerà fino alla Pentecoste.

San Paolo era uno dei più potenti predicatori nei primi tempi della Chiesa. Ma per prima, lo incontriamo come uno che perseguitava la Chiesa con molto energia. Ci ha voluto un'esperienza molto potente e dolorosa per convertirlo e così usare questa energia e questo impegno per far crescere la Chiesa, invece di distruggerla; la Prima Lettura di oggi ci parla di questa conversione.

Nel Vangelo, Gesù ci parla della vite ed i suoi rami, e del bisogno di potare per dare forza alla vite ed al suo frutto. Se la Chiesa è la vite, con Gesù il suo centro, quale apparenza avrà questo potare, come lo sentiamo noi che siamo la Chiesa? Potare vuol dire che certi rami che non portano frutto vengono tagliati, così non consumano l'energia della vite; quale potrebbe essere un'esempio pratico di questo per la nostra parrocchia? E se tu, come un individuo, sei uno dei rami di questa vite, sei preparato a mostrare ed offrire per essere potati quei ramoscelli nella tua vita che non portano frutto Cristiano?

Il potare fa male. Il convertire fa male. Perché in tutt'e due, qual cosa deve morire ed essere buttata via. Siamo pronti a subire tutto questo dolore per poi possedere l'eternità?



Canada Post employees will be in all neighborhoods city wide collecting food donations on Saturday May 12.

Place your non perishable donations by your mailbox or front door by 9:00 am for pickup. This year, all donations received will go to the Sault Ste Marie Soup Kitchen Community Centre.

Please consider giving in a community effort to Stamp Out Hunger in Sault Ste. Marie.

## Catholic Women's League News

### *CWL General Meeting*

The CWL general meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Baby bottles from the Pregnancy Centre will be available at the meeting. Hope to see you there!

### *Dates to Remember:*

**May 4:** 12 hours of prayer for palliative care

**May 7:** Spring Retreat Evening at Holy Family Church from 7 to 9pm

### *Membership Fees*

The 2018 membership fees (\$22.00) are now due. **New members are welcome.!**