

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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Pastoral Team:

Pastor: Fr. Trevor Scarfone
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Rob Thibodeau
Secretary: Cathy Fabiano

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Sunday, December 23rd, 2018

Celebration of Masses, Devotions and Reconciliation

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday – Friday: 9:00 a.m.

The Rosary:

Recited 1/2 hour
before each weekday Mass

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard
every Saturday from 4:15 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"*

World Religion Day Celebration 2019

*The Volunteer Interfaith of Sault Ste. Marie invites you to attend
World Religion Day Celebration
January 20, 2019 2:00 pm
Central United Church
160 Spring Street (Corner Albert & Spring)
Prayers, Reflection, Music, Dance & Culture
Refreshments and Fellowship to Follow*



INTERNATIONALLY: World Religion Day is an annual interfaith observance initiated in 1950 by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha's of the United States to be celebrated the third Sunday in January every year. This World Religion Day is now observed internationally. Its purpose is to promote the idea that, because the spiritual principles underlying the world's religions are harmonious, religions can play an important role in unifying humanity.

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St. Gregory's Parish News

Mass Intentions		Week of December 24-December 30	
December 24 - December 30, 2018		Monday	Isaiah 62.1-5/Matthew 1.1-25
<p>Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve <i>4:00 pm Mass</i> <i>8:00 pm Mass</i> <i>12:00 Midnight Mass</i></p> <p>Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day <i>10:00 am Mass</i></p> <p>December 26—28 No Scheduled Liturgies</p> <p>Saturday, December 29—5:00 p.m. Carmine Berlingieri—Wife Lina & Daughters & Family Aldo Caputo—Cuglietta Family Joe Palarchio—Louisa & Family</p> <p>Sunday December 30—9:00 a.m. Alberto Leva—Wife Rosina & Family Derek Vye—Evelyn & Delbert Vye</p> <p>Sunday, December 30—11:00 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners—Father Trevor Scarfone</p> <p>Monday, December 31—New Year's Eve <i>5:00 pm Mass</i></p> <p>Tuesday, January 1—New Year's Day <i>10:00 a.m. Mass</i></p> <p>January 3- 4 No Scheduled Liturgies</p> <p>Saturday, January 5—5:00 p.m. Britget Greco—Janice & Ernie Assunta & Santo Bozzo, Anna & Nello DeSimone—Lina Berlingieri Dominico Disano—Wife Fragola & Family</p> <p>Sunday, January 6—9:00 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners—Father Trevor Scarfone</p> <p>Sunday, January 6—11:00 a.m. Gennaro, Rosa, Giovanni, Vincenzo & Pietro Clemente—Carmine & Family Mirella Schug—Loving Mother Leo Collins—Loving Wife Marylou & Children</p>		Tuesday	Isaiah 62.11-12/Luke 2.15-20
		Wednesday	Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59/Matthew 10.17-22
		Thursday	1 John 1.1-4/John 20.2-8
		Friday	1 John 1.5-2.2/Matthew 2.13-18
		Saturday	1 John 2.3-11/Luke 2.22-35
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH			
		1st READING	Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14
		2nd READING	Colossians 3.12-21
		GOSPEL	Luke 2.41-52
Parish Activities for the Week			
December 24-December 30			
		Monday 24	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
		Tuesday 25	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
		Wednesday 26	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
		Thursday 27	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
		Friday 28	8:00pm- A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall) PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
		Saturday 29	4:15pm-4:45pm-Confessions also by appointment.
		Sunday 30	11:00am-Children's Liturgy
PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY DECEMBER 24TH THROUGH TILL JANUARY 1ST. OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!			
Finance Report			
Sunday, December 16, 2018	\$3,567.00		
Building Fund	\$20.00		
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$385.00		
Total Income	\$3,988.90		
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY			

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Did You Know?

Advent is a season in which we remember how the Word of God became human in the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Advent is a time of hoping and working for a change of heart. We focus on being more open to the love of God in our lives. We also reflect on and celebrate how Jesus comes into our lives and is present with us every day. Advent begins with the lighting of one purple candle. The pink candle is lit the third week when Advent shifts to the special joy of Jesus' birth. The increasing light of each week reminds us that Christmas is closer and that we can brighten the "darkness" we find in our lives and in the world around us.

My dear "JOY-Full Socks" supporters, the 2018 campaign has turned out to be another very generous year, thanks to your compassionate and kind souls. We collected a total of **3,668 pairs** of socks!!!! Fantastic!!!! My heart is filled with JOY and I thank you all very much! This year we increased the number of charities to which we donated, from 16 locations up to 21. Each year there seems to me more in need and I am grateful that there are so many kind and generous individuals, like yourselves, who step up to help. Thanks to your donations, we delivered more than 200 boxes and bags filled with socks, grooming products, baby products, clothing, toys, blankets and oodles and oodles of beautiful hand knit wear, and so much more! Unbelievable, grateful, kind-hearted, generous, caring, loving...there are not enough words I can use to express my appreciation for your efforts to support those in need in our community. Delivery at each of the charities was received with an abundance of smiles and hugs. Recipients are quite overwhelmed by your generosity and are awestruck with the reality that others have thought of them and care about them. It is wonderful to see their appreciation. These hugs and accolades were received on your behalf. "JOY-Full Socks" would not be successful without each and every one of you. I am just the courier of your kindness. There are many "elves" in the background providing wonderful support and I thank all of you. For many, your generosity is a blessing during the Christmas season. I, too, am humbled by your generosity and kindness. It is a gift to me to experience the goodness in each and every one of you.

Merry Christmas everyone and may God continue to bless you, each and every day.

With love and a grateful heart,
Leslie

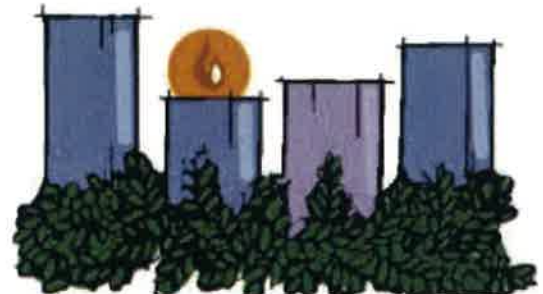


To make Advent come alive...

Look at your clothes for things in good shape that you will never wear again. Bundle them up and deliver them to charity.

Bake and decorate sugar cookies as a family. Keep half and give the rest away.

Read about Christmas traditions around the world. Add an idea you like to your family Christmas celebrations.



God of tender mercy, guide us along the way of your peace so that this advent leads us to Christ's child manger. Help us to discover your presence in our lives so that we might more readily respond to the Spirit speaking in our hearts. Encourage us to reach out to serve you in the needy. May we become heralds of your Good News.

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Catholic Women's League

Membership Fees

The 2019 Membership Fees(\$22.00)

are now due and must be paid by December 31st, 2018.

Please include your payment (cheque payable to St. Gregory's CWL) or cash in an envelope with your name, address and phone number. Payment can be put in the collection basket.

New Members are welcome!



Our CWL general meeting will be held on Wednesday, **JANUARY 9, 2019** at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Service pins and awards will be presented.

Hope to see you there.

In Memoriam Christmas Flower Donations

Please fill out the attached form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. We will ensure that you and your loved one are acknowledged in the church bulletin and any monetary donations are recorded for income tax purposes. When making a monetary donation, please place the form and donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers"

In Memoriam Christmas Flower Donations

Flowers in Memory of: _____

By: _____

Phone #: _____ Address: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____ Envelope #: _____

