

# ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

71 Estelle Street,  
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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  
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**Secretary:** Cathy Fabiano

## First Sunday of Advent

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Sunday, December 1st, 2019

## Celebration of Masses, Devotions and Sacraments

### 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: 12:05 p.m.

### **Baptism**

Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office. A preparation course is required.

### **Reconciliation (Confession)**

Every Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 pm  
or by appointment.

### **Marriage**

Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding. A preparation course is required.

### **Visitation of the Sick**

If any member of your family is sick at home or in the hospital, please call and let us know.

## Welcome to St. Gregory's

We warmly welcome **NEW PARISHIONERS** to our parish. You are asked to register by completing a registration form, located in the entrance or by calling the Parish Office.

Advent has a twofold nature: it prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

**Prayer for Advent:** Loving God, we seek you in both the light and the darkness, the silence and the sounds, the fullness and the emptiness of this Advent season. Fill our hearts with hope for your coming, love for those who are most in need, and faith in your promises. May this time of preparation help us celebrate the birth of your Son with deep gratitude and abundant joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Light of the world.



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## St. Gregory's Parish News

### Intentions & Readings for week of December 2 - December 8, 2019

**Monday, December 2**

*Isaiah 2.1-5/Matthew 24.37-44*

**No Scheduled Liturgy**

**Tuesday, December 3—7:00 p.m.**

*Isaiah 4.2-6/Matthew 8.5-11*

Giuseppe Briglio—Ida & family  
Antonio Nicoletta—Maria LaTassa  
Patricia Morosini—The Family

**Wednesday, December 4—12:05 p.m.**

*Isaiah 25.6-10/Matthew 15.29-37*

Matilda Marrelli—Anna Maria Coccimiglio & family  
Mariangela Ianni-Lucio—The Family

**Thursday, December 5—12:05 p.m.**

*Isaiah 26.1-6/Matthew 7.21, 24-27*

No intentions requested

**Friday, December 6—12:05 p.m.**

*Isaiah 29.17-24/Matthew 9.27-31*

No intentions requested

**Saturday, December 7—5:00 p.m.— St. Ambrose**

*Isaiah 30.19-21/Matthew 9.35-10.1*

Pasquale Cimino & Christopher Lauricella  
—Wife & Nonna Teresa & family  
Gina Misasi—Husband Giovanni & family  
Paolina & Antonio Guzzo  
—Daughter Pina Bernardo & family

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 8—9:00 a.m.**

*Isaiah 11.1-10/Romans 15.4-9/*

*Matthew 3.1-12*

Intentions of Parishioners—Father Trevor Scarfone

**Sunday, December 8—11:00 a.m.**

Nicole Fisher—Grandmother Bertilla Zambusi  
Giuliana & Vince Calvano—Family  
Fred Bernier—Pauline Bernier

### Finance Report

<b>Sunday November 24, 2019</b>	<b>\$3,471.30</b>
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$385.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$385.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,241.30</b>



**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

*"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 Activities for the Week

December 2—December 8

<b>Monday 2</b>	<b>NO SCHEDULED EVENTS</b>
<b>Tuesday 3</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b> • Choir practice
<b>Wednesday 4</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> • Reconciliation Rehearsal
<b>Thursday 5</b>	<b>NO SCHEDULED EVENTS</b>
<b>Friday 6</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> • A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)
<b>Saturday 7</b>	<b>4:15 pm-4:45 pm</b> • Confessions (also by appointment)
<b>Sunday 8</b>	<b>11:00 am</b> • Children's Liturgy • Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

## Parish Happenings



### **CWL Pot Luck Dinner/General Meeting**

Our CWL pot luck dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Please bring your favourite dish or dessert. Meeting to follow at 7:30 pm. Elections will be held at the meeting. Hope to see you there!

### **Christmas Cheer/Fruit Baskets**

St. Gregory's CWL is hosting Christmas Cheer on Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 in the parish hall. We will need volunteers to help with the boxes arriving by transport that day. Volunteers are asked to arrive for 7:30 am. Also, we will be making fruit baskets for the shut-ins. If any volunteers would like to help make up baskets or with the delivery of baskets, please come to the parish hall. If you want to volunteer, please call Nancy Barbon at 705-254-7469 or Claire Scornaienchi at 705-759-2828. Thank you once again for your continuing help & support!

**2020 MEMBERSHIP FEES (\$22.00)** are now due and must be paid by December 31, 2019. Please include your payment (cheque payable to St. Gregory's CWL) or cash in an envelope with your name, address & phone number. Payment can be put in the collection basket. New members are welcome!!!

**THANK YOU!!!** St. Gregory's CWL thanks all parishioners and friends for supporting its annual bake sale. Many thanks to all those who donated their time, baking and prizes. Thank you to Father Trevor and Cathy Fabiano for their help & support. The money raised will be used for charitable causes in the parish and community.

**Raffle Table Winners:** Rita Taraborrelli, Laurie Poirier, Raimi Rubiabo, Julie Kelomiris, Maria Foglia, Carol Ross, Maria Thibodeau, Claire Scornaienchi, Cathy Zelinski, Carmelina Spry, Victoria Barbon, Audrey Pavelich

**Door Prize Winners:** Olinda Bruno, Vince Spadafora, Lisa McLean, Rosina Sdao

*Congratulations* to the 32 Candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you in your life of faith and future endeavours.



*We offer our condolences to the families of*  
**Natalina Ferlaino**  
**Ursula Marie Dube**  
**Mario DiDanieli**  
*May you find comfort and peace in the Eucharistic Celebration and in our faith community during this difficult time.*  
*May their souls rest in peace.*

### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December, 2019....**

We pray so that every country decides to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

### ***Grandi Giardini presents.... Christmas in Aiello***

Sunday December 8, 2019  
1324 Great Northern Road  
Doors open @ 5 pm  
Music by Satisfaction

\$40.00/person or purchase a table of 10 for \$350.00

Menu: Italian Antipasto bar, pasta & fagioli, gnocchi ragu di basilicio, bread, radicchio, escarole, endive, pollo arrosto, rappini, patate arrosto al rosmarino, panacotta, castagnio e mandarino, coffee, tea, espresso

## Goings On Around Town & Beyond

### ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS 2019

Prepare your hearts, prepare the Way of the Lord. Catholic Parishes of Sault Ste. Marie present an **Advent Day of Confessions on Tuesday, December 10 from 8:30 am – 7:30 pm at Precious Blood Cathedral.** Various priests will be available all day for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we prepare for coming of the Lord at Christmas, take this opportunity to encounter God's mercy through this sacrament.



### Christmas around the World

Sunday, December 15, 2019

St. Gerard Majella 7:00 pm

Tickets: \$15.00 adult, children/students free

Tickets available before and after mass or in the parish office.



Hello Kind Friends of St. Gregory's Parish.....  
Can you help us????

We need gently used **WINTER COATS & BOOTS** (Adults/Children)

**SSM HELPING HANDS** is a not-for profit organization committed to collecting, organizing & distributing household items, clothing and other gently used items to those in need in our community.

Please contact Maria Foglia 705-971-1111 or Deacon Rob 705-975-2893 and we can arrange to pick items up.

If you are downtown **SSM HELPING HANDS** is located at 146 Gore Street and open Monday to Thursday 10am until 1:30 pm. It's a great way to give thanks and help others stay warm this winter. Thank you for your generosity.



# JOY-Full Socks... and so much more.

"JOY-Full" Socks was launched in 2011, by Leslie Cassidy-Amadio. She is launching this campaign again, in hopes of helping those in need. It is very easy to be involved. You can purchase a pair of socks; men's, women's or children's, and fill them with age and gender appropriate grooming articles. Grooming products may include soap, shampoo, cream rinse, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, hand lotion, combs, hair brushes or razors, just to mention a few items. You can donate in many ways; donate socks, grooming products or donate filled purchased socks. There are so many ways to be involved and each and every way will make a difference. For some these filled socks will be the only gift they receive at Christmas. Last year, the filled socks and other donations were presented to sixteen different charities within our city, including the Soup Kitchen. Thanks to the generous donations, we were able to help many individuals in need at Christmas time, of which, many were children. Please contact Leslie, (705) 779-2836, for any additional information

**Thank-you.**

