

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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Second Sunday of Advent

Year C

Sunday, December 8th, 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.

During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

Prayer for Advent: Gracious God, send us your grace this Advent season so that we can prepare for your coming. Touch our hearts with longing so that we can better love and serve you and each other. Fill us with the hope that we can be transformed by your Spirit and so help to transform the world. Give us the peace of knowing that you came to share our human life and redeem us for the sake of love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus whose kingdom we seek. Amen



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St. Gregory's Parish News

Intentions & Readings for week of December 9 - December 15, 2019

Monday, December 9—Blessed Virgin Mary

Genesis 3.9-15/Luke 1.26-38

No Scheduled Liturgy

Tuesday, December 10—7:00 p.m.

Isaiah 40.1-11/Matthew 18.12-14

Carmen Poirier—Brother Gerard & Laurie Poirier

Angelo & Antonio Posteraro—Wife & family

Orlando Caruso—Family

Rocco Zappacosta & Assunta Robuffo

—Maria Zappacosta & family

Wednesday, December 11—12:05 p.m.

Isaiah 40.25-31/Matthew 11.28-30

No intentions requested

Thursday, December 12—12:05 p.m.

Zechariah 2.10-13/Luke 1.39-47

No intentions requested

Friday, December 13—12:05 p.m.—St. Lucy

Isaiah 48.17-19/Matthew 11.16-19

No intentions requested

Saturday, December 14—5:00 p.m.—St. John

Sirach 48.1-4/Matthew 17.10-13

Joe Palarchio—Louise & family

Jacques Grandbois—Wife Salomee & Daughter

Sister Helene Grandbois

Jim McCarron—Janice & family

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15—9:00 a.m.

Isaiah 35.1-6a/James 5.7-10/

Matthew 11.2-11

Roberto & Elena Stefanizzi—Children

Mirella Schug

—Loving family Terry, Michael & Laura

Luigina Bernardo—Daughter Mary

Sunday, December 15—11:00 a.m.

Intentions of Parishioners—Father Trevor Scarfone

Finance Report

Sunday December 1, 2019	\$2,545.45
Building Fund	\$50.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$385.00
TOTAL	\$2,980.45



**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 9—December 15

Monday 9	NO SCHEDULED EVENTS
Tuesday 10	7:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir practice • Parish Council Meeting (Hall)
Wednesday 11	7:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration of Reconciliation
Thursday 12	NO SCHEDULED EVENTS
Friday 13	7:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)
Saturday 14	4:15 pm-4:45 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confessions (also by appointment)
Sunday 15	11:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Liturgy • Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Parish Happenings



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!!!



Congratulations!!!

Charlotte Maria Runco

Who was baptized in our Parish.
May her parents and godparents
Be examples of faith to inspire her.

Christmas Eve Youth Mass at 4 pm

Once again, we are having a youth mass on Christmas Eve! I am looking for children, teenagers, college students, etc. to participate in the youth mass. We need readers, welcomers, ushers, singers, and actors for the pageant. There will only be **2 practices** for the Christmas Pageant, **Sunday December 15 and Sunday December 22 after mass**. Please call to secure a spot and ensure we have enough participants. Anastasia Pasiak Bellini at 705-256-0849



*We offer our condolences to the family of
Hugh Lowe
May you find comfort and peace in the
Eucharistic Celebration and in our faith
community during this difficult time.
May his soul 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.

Holiday Mass Schedule

**December 24, 2019—
4:00 pm; 8:00 pm
12:00 am (Midnight)**

December 25, 2019—10:00 am

**December 28, 2019—5:00 pm
December 29, 2019—9:00 am
11:00 am**

December 31, 2019—5:00 pm

January 1, 2020—10:00 am

**January 4, 2020—5:00 pm
January 5, 2020—9:00 am
11:00 am**

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.

Celebrate Christmas with the Chamber Singers, Patty Gartshore, Director, Sunday December 15 at 3:00 pm at St. Luke's Cathedral. The program includes the most beautiful music of the season, both traditional and new. There is as well an opportunity for audience sing-along. The choir will be accompanied by organist Stephen Mallinger playing the brand new magnificent Beckerath Pipe Organ.

Tickets are \$20/adult and \$5/students, available at Savoy's Jewellers or at the door.



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.



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.

