

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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Third Sunday of Advent

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Sunday, December 15th, 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: Most Holy God, as we prepare to celebrate your coming among us, help us to open our hearts to your presence this Advent. May we discover you in those with whom we live and work, especially the struggling and the needy. May we find words of gratitude for what we have and words of encouragement for those who despair. May we desire the coming of your kingdom, not just as a final fix at the end of time, but as a renewal of our hearts this very day.



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St. Gregory's Parish News

Intentions & Readings for week of December 16 - December 22, 2019

Monday, December 16

Numbers 24.2-7/Matthew 21.23-27

No Scheduled Liturgy

Tuesday, December 17—7:00 p.m.

Genesis 49.2, 8-10/Matthew 1.1-17

Margherita Berardelli—Husband Francesco

Ersilia Cuglietta—Ettorino & family

Antonia & Alfredo Purificati

—Daughter Alfea & family

Wednesday, December 18—12:05 p.m.

Jeremiah 23.5-8/Matthew 1.18-24

Mario DiDanieli—Mary & Edward Stocco

Dominic Cavaliere—Father Trevor Scarfone

Thursday, December 19—Finnish Rest Home

Judges 13.2-7/Luke 1.5-25

Natalia Piraino—Husband Peter Piraino & family

Friday, December 20—12:05 p.m.

Isaiah 7.10-14/Luke 1.26-38

Rosa Guzzo—Family Gilda, Eugenio & Nella

Maria Ianni-Lucio—Domenico Stefanizzi

Antonio Nicoletta—Stano & Maria Sdao

Saturday, December 21—5:00 p.m.

Zephaniah 3.14-18a/Luke 1.39-45

Elvira & Deve Sdao—Husband Franco Sdao & family

Donato Buonomo—Wife Maria & family

Carmine Berlingieri—Wife Lina & family

Ada Giovanatti—Mom & Dad

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22—9:00 a.m.

Isaiah 7.10-14/Romans 1.1-7/

Matthew 1.18-24

Intentions of Parishioners—Father Trevor Scarfone

Sunday, December 22—11:00 a.m.

Domenico & Angela Coccimiglio—Son Mario

Frances Torchia & Gabriel Cuglietta

—Mario & Carmella Berardelli

Mirella Schug—Mom Rosaria

Finance Report

Sunday December 8, 2019	\$3,433.00
Building Fund	\$15.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$385.00
TOTAL	\$3,833.00



**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 16—December 22

Monday 16	NO SCHEDULED EVENTS
Tuesday 17	7:30 pm • Choir practice
Wednesday 18	7:00 am • Christmas Cheer
Thursday 19	NO SCHEDULED EVENTS
Friday 20	7:00 pm • A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)
Saturday 21	4:15 pm-4:45 pm • Confessions (also by appointment)
Sunday 22	11:00 am • 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!!!

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

Congratulations to the Candidates who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation Wednesday, December 11th. May Jesus and the Holy Spirit continue to guide you in your life of faith.

We are looking for volunteers to come out and decorate the church on Monday December 16. We appreciate and welcome all to join us!!



*We offer our condolences to the families of
Antonio Fioramanti
Ettorino Cuglietta
Cynthia Pozzo
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.

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

Novalis Books has made an assortment of comfort crosses, wooden rosaries and well crosses for children available for sale. If anyone is interested please contact Sylvia at (705)971-8215 or smcaot04@gmail.com.

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.

