

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Sunday, January 26th, 2020

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

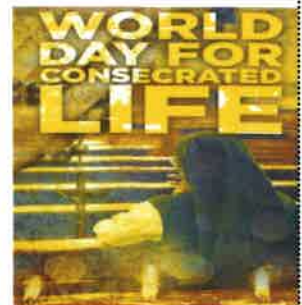
If any member of your family is sick at home or in the hospital, please call and let us know.

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.

World Day for Consecrated Life February 2

The purpose of the day is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord”.



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St. Gregory's Parish News

Intentions & Readings for week of January 27 - February 2, 2020

Monday, January 27—No Scheduled Liturgy

Tuesday, January 28—7:00 p.m.-St. Thomas
2 Samuel 6.12b-15/Mark 3.31-35
 No intentions requested

Wednesday, January 29—12:05 p.m.
2 Samuel 7.1-17/Mark 4.1-20
 No intentions requested

Thursday, January 30—12:05 p.m.
2 Samuel 7.18-19/Mark 4.21-25
 Augusto Palombi—Kathy Palombi

Friday, January 31—12:05 p.m.— St. John
2 Samuel 11.1-4/Mark 4.26-34
 No intentions requested

Saturday, February 1—5:00 p.m.
2 Samuel 12.1-7a/Mark 4.35-41
 Hugh Lowe—Ann, Nancy, Kevin & Shelly, Wayne & Karen & grandchildren
 Rosa Gallo—Children & family

Sunday, February 2—9:00 a.m.
Malachi 3.1-4/Hebrews 2.10-11/Luke 2.22-40
 Intentions of Parishioners—Father Trevor Scarfone

Sunday, February 2—11:00 a.m.
 Angelina Sdao—Marisa Chiarot

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February, 2020.....

We pray so that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Finance Report

Sunday January 12, 2020	\$1,995.85.00
Native Sector	\$285.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$385.00
TOTAL	\$2,665.00



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Parish Vision Statement

"To journey together with Jesus"



Parish Activities for the Week

January 27—February 2

Monday 27	No Scheduled Events
Tuesday 28	No Scheduled Events
Wednesday 29	No Scheduled Events
Thursday 30	No Scheduled Events
Friday 31	8:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)
Saturday 1	4:15 pm-4:45 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confessions (also by appointment)
Sunday 2	11:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Liturgy • Catachesis of the Good Shepherd

Parish Happenings



2020 MEMBERSHIP FEES (\$22.00) are now due. 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!!!

CWL General Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 5, 2020 at 7:30 pm in Parish Hall. Please plan to attend.

Parking Lot Policy

When parking your vehicle:

- * There is no parking in front of the steps to the entrance of the church where it is designated NO PARKING
- * The Handicap zones are parallel to the side of the church;
- * Those who arrive first, please park in one direction facing Patrick Street away from the church
- * Please park directly behind the vehicle in front of you, this will help to utilize our parking lot to it's full potential.

These policies are in accordance with the City Bylaws and our insurance company.

P.A.D.P. DONATION CARDS

- If you have registered for the PADP there are donation cards at the entrance of the church.
- Identify yourself as an electronic giver by **DEPOSITING A TOKEN CARD**, into the collection basket as it circulates in order to show your fellow parishioners that you are giving electronically.
- Thank you again for considering this convenient method of Parish donation.



We offer our condolences to the families of

Stephen Cook

Mary Barsanti

Mary Vresk

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.

If you have contribution envelopes and the name is incorrect, please call the office with the correct information.



Food and Friends



St. Gregory 's Parish is organizing a Parish Pot Luck Supper
Saturday, February 1st
After mass at 6:00 pm
Come and bring a dish to share!
For more information contact:
Maria Chilelli 705-256-6783 or
Lynn Boivin 705-499-4694

Goings On Around Town & Beyond

St. Valentine Turkey Dinner



**Holy Family Parish Hall 208 Prentice Ave
Sunday February 9th, 2020**

One Sitting/Doors Open 5:00 pm, Dinner 5:30 pm
Turkey, Stuffing, Vegetables, Mashed potatoes, Gravy,
bread, dessert, coffee & tea
Adults \$15.00/Children (5-12) \$10.00/Under 5 free
For Tickets call: Vince 705-949-4937 or
Margaret 705-256-5512
Tickets to be purchased prior to February 7, 2020



When: February 6 to April 2, 2020
from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

(Note: No session on March 12)

Where: Shalom Place (former
Mount St Joseph College)

Cost: Suggested offering \$40.00 (or whatever you
can afford) plus the cost of the book

Facilitator: Burnie Thorp

Register at shalomssm@shaw.ca or 705-254-4690

by January 30



Lenten Retreat at Villa Loyola

**Theme: They Hummed of Mystery:
Re-enchantment of Nature as the Word and
Beauty of God**

Dates: From Friday March 13 (7pm) to Sunday
March 15 (1pm)

Director: Fr. John McCarthy, S.J.

Cost: \$225.00 live-in/\$140.00 commute

Registration: Call 705-522-3502 ext. 0 or by

Email Loyola@isys.ca



Pasta Dinner

Monday, January 27th 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Moose Lodge Trunk Road.

Cost: \$10 adults, \$3 children 6 -10.

Children 5 and under eat free.

Profits are donated to local charities including Special
Olympics, the Pregnancy Centre, and the Soup Kitchen



Lasagna Supper Central United Church

Hosted by Unit 7 of the U.C.W.
Wednesday January 29, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Tickets: \$12.00

Tickets available at the church office (705-253-3264)
or Marj McDonald (705-946-3142) or any member of
Unit 7.



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January 21, 2020

To all priests of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

ALERT : Tell the Government you oppose expanding Medical Aid in Dying (MAID)

As you know, in June 2016, the Parliament of Canada passed a federal law that allows eligible Canadian adults to seek medical assistance in dying (MAID) which is, in fact, a form of euthanasia. In September 2019, the Quebec government decided to expand access to MAID in order to include patients who are not at the end of their lives. At the moment, an important public consultation is underway on this subject. I believe that, as Catholics, we must make our voices heard in this debate.

The following is a message sent to all the bishops by Mgr Frank Leo, jr, C.S.S., the CCCB general Secretary, which clearly explains the context and the scope of this consultation.

On Monday, 13 January 2020, the Government of Canada, through the Department of Justice, launched a two-week general public consultation on the expansion of eligibility for assisted suicide – euthanasia (“Medical Assistance in Dying”, commonly referred to as MAID) following the September 2019 Superior Court of Québec ruling that found it unconstitutional to limit access to MAID only to people nearing the end of life. The Government of Canada has not appealed the Québec court ruling, but instead has indicated it would be prepared to change the law for the entire country.

While the Government previously committed to a full review of the legislation five years after it was passed (June 2016-June 2021), the present consultation targets one specific component of the legislation (“Eligibility Criteria”) and is intended to help the Government form its response to the Québec court ruling. Canadians are being invited to share their views (online or PDF) by the close of the consultation period on Monday, 27 January 2020, at 11:59 p.m. (PST).

English : <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>

*The questions in the survey do not ask whether or not euthanasia/assisted suicide should be expanded to include persons with disabilities; that instead is assumed. The only direct questions in the survey regard whether or not a person should be allowed euthanasia/assisted suicide by means of his or her own advance directives or whether the Government's current "safeguards" are sufficient to prevent abuse, pressure, or other kinds of misuse of MAID once eligibility is broadened to people whose deaths are **not** reasonably foreseeable. However, there is space within three sections of the survey for comments to be made, which could include, for example: expressions of concern about expanding access to euthanasia/assisted suicide because of pressures on or abuse of vulnerable persons (including minors, the depressed, the mentally ill, the disabled); the inadequacy of the so-called "safeguards"; advocacy for better and stronger safeguards; and the urgent need for viable options to MAID that would be possible through more adequate government funding and support for palliative care, home care, and hospices.*

Bishops may wish to post information about the consultation on their diocesan/eparchial website and distribute it to their parishes, missions, Catholic organizations, and anyone else for whom it may be of interest, inviting them to share their views by completing the questionnaire and including their own comments.

A message will likewise be posted to the CCCB website to inform the general public of the CCCB's previous statements on assisted suicide/euthanasia and also provide links to the consultation. For your current purposes, you may wish to bring to the attention of your faithful some or all of the resources provided on the assisted suicide/euthanasia web page of the CCCB website:

In English, at <https://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide>
In French, at <https://www.cccb.ca/site/frc/salle-de-presse/leuthanasie-et-le-suicide-assiste>

I therefore ask you to inform your parishioners of the consultation and to strongly encourage them to respond using the online questionnaire. Since this is a very complex issue, some parishioners may want help in understanding the position of the Catholic Church on the details of this issue. The attached guide prepared by The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition might be useful in shedding light on this matter. This guide clearly reflects the position of the Church. I suggest that parishioners consult this guide, then respond according to their conscience. Thank you for taking this matter seriously.

Yours in Christ,



+Marcel Damphousse
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie