

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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Third Sunday of Lent

Year A

Sunday, March 29th, 2020

Celebration of Masses, Devotions and Sacraments

Church doors will be open to parishioners for prayer and reflection Saturdays between 5:00 and 6:00 pm and Sundays between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

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.

Share Lent

Development and Peace's partners in the Global South stand alongside people whose lands and resources are being stolen. The Symbols of Solidarity we present to you today reflect the threats faced by the people of the Amazon and the work done by Development and Peace's partners to combat those threats.



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St. Gregory's Parish News

Intentions & Readings for week of March 30 - April 5, 2020

Monday, March 30—No Scheduled Liturgy

Daniel 13.1-9/John 8.1-11

Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Tuesday, March 31—No Scheduled Liturgy

Numbers 21.4-9/John 8.21-30

Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Wednesday, April 1—No Scheduled Liturgy

Daniel 3.13-20/John 8.31-42

Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Thursday, April 2—No Scheduled Liturgy

Genesis 17.3-9/John 8.51-59

Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Friday, April 3—No Scheduled Liturgy

Jeremiah 20.7,10-13/John 10.31-42

Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Saturday, April 4—No Scheduled Liturgy

Ezekiel 37.21-28/John 11.45-57

Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Sunday, April 5—No Scheduled Liturgy

Isaiah 50.4-7/Philippians 2.6-11/Matthew 27.11-54

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

TV Mass—11 am/10:30 pm

The Sunday Mass—6:30 am/3 pm

Finance Report

Envelopes Brought In	\$535.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$385.00
Total	\$920.00



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Parish Vision Statement

“To journey together with Jesus”



Parish Activities for the Week

March 30—April 5

Monday 30	No Scheduled Events
Tuesday 31	No Scheduled Events
Wednesday 1	No Scheduled Events
Thursday 2	No Scheduled Events
Friday 3	No Scheduled Events
Saturday 4	No Scheduled Events
Sunday 5	No Scheduled Events

Parish Happenings

Remembering those preparing for First Communion...

Although parishes have been closed due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we, as a parish community keep in our thoughts and prayers those students who are preparing to receive First Eucharist. Though the candidate/parent meetings are cancelled and the Celebration of First Eucharist postponed, here is a prayer we offer..

I invite the parents of the children who are making their First Communion to place their hands on their child's head, and I invite all the members of the community to join with me as I pray for these children.

By the sign of the Cross, may Christ gather these children to the Lord our God. May all of us, who are marked with the Cross, be a sign of strength to these children teaching them to follow ever more closely, Jesus our Saviour. This we ask in the name of Jesus, now and forever.

Amen

During this uncertain and difficult time, we would like to remind everyone to check in on the elderly of our parish community as well as shut-ins. Although we are all working on social distancing, we can still show Jesus' compassion and love towards each other in the form of a telephone call, email, text or skype/facetime.

**Together we are stronger.
Stay safe!**

For COVID-19 updates please visit....

www.stgregoryssm.com

[www.facebook.com/St. Gregory's Church](https://www.facebook.com/St.Gregory's.Church)

www.dioceseofsaultstemarie.org

Dear Parishioners of St. Gregory

My reflection from the aisle

A gesture of repentance through acts of fasting, prayer and almsgiving changes our hearts as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity with God. Why does Jesus focus on these three activities? Actually, it is the Jewish religious practice that identified the three underpinnings of spiritual growth. They define our primary relationship with God, self and others.

Fasting...a bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things. Fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our hearts intent to depend more completely on God. It expresses our desire to find happiness with God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

Prayer....is the recognition that we need to turn back to God. From daily mass to reciting the Rosary to the Stations of The Cross to Eucharistic Adoration, the Church encourages a wealth of prayerful practices. Prayer changes our relationship with God. Through prayer, we admit our need of a power who is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. Through prayer, we open ourselves to all God has to offer us.

Almsgiving....readjusts our priorities while it expresses both our love for neighbour and our trust in God. Providing assistance to the poor among us helps us recognize God. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship with others into Christ's love. The point is to give from the heart. (To be continued).....

On a personal note, my hope is that you are enjoying reading and reflecting on the passages from the Lenten Reflection booklets.

March 17, 2020

Dear Parishioners.

Re: An Urgent Appeal for continued Parish Support

Disquieting State of Affairs

The world and our community are experiencing an unprecedented pandemic health threat. Never in the Diocesan history has there been a need to interrupt Eucharistic celebrations and community gatherings.

The daily developments and challenges are stressful for everyone, and we acknowledge these conditions. We ask everyone to please continue to follow the leadership of our Public Health Officials.

Financial impact on our parish

Our parish continues to face daily operating obligations for utilities, insurance, taxes, wages, and essential maintenance of the church. However, by losing the weekly financial contributions of parishioners, we lose the cashflow and financial resources that allow us to meet these fiscal obligations. These costs will accumulate if we do not receive the required revenue.

Our Appeal

We find ourselves obliged to request assistance from our parishioners who faithfully donate their contribution by using Sunday envelopes.

Ongoing Gratefulness

Our first obligation is to express how grateful we are for your loyal, unending kindness and generosity in supporting our parish.

Condition for gifting

If any gifting imposes a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.

The Request

Please consider one of the suggested gifting methods for your current weekly donation:

- 1) dropping your envelope into the parish mail slot at the office or rectory, or
- 2) forwarding to the parish, by local mail, a series of postdated cheques and Sunday envelopes.

The parishes require weekly cash to meet obligations. Any amount you can provide will be a great assistance to us. *We have also taken this opportunity to enclose a **pre-authorized donation program form**. Please help us if you can. Thank you.*

Please consult the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie website at dioceseofsaultmarie.org for updated information.

Yours most sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fa Trevor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "Fa" and a stylized "Trevor".

Father Trevor

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC EPISCOPAL CORPORATION FOR
THE DIOCESE OF SAULT STE. MARIE IN ONTARIO. CANADA.

THE PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATION PROGRAM (PADP)
PAYOR'S PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD) AGREEMENT

1. Payee Information

Parish: ST GREGORY'S PARISH Street: 71 ESTELLE STREET
City: Sault Ste Marie Postal Code: P6C 2C3 Tel: 705 949 8883

2. Payor Information (Please Print Clearly)

Surname: _____ First Name: _____
Street: _____ Apt.: _____
City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Tel: _____

3. Please debit my bank account: (attach VOID cheque)

Sunday Collection

A **weekly** PAD of \$ _____ Withdrawal done every Monday
A **monthly** PAD of \$ _____ on the _____ day of the month

Parish Building Fund

A **weekly** PAD of \$ _____ Withdrawal done every Monday
A **monthly** PAD of \$ _____ on the _____ day of the month
A **yearly** PAD of \$ _____ Withdrawal done on the first Monday in
December (no exception)

Please indicate the donation amounts (once a year donation):

Special Collections

Native Sector \$ _____
Share Lent -- Dev. & Peace \$ _____
Needs of the Church in Holy Land \$ _____
Seminary (Vocations) \$ _____
Pope's Pastoral Works \$ _____
Needs of the Church in Canada \$ _____
World Mission Sunday \$ _____
Bishop' Annual Appeal \$ _____

For the Feasts of

New Year's Day \$ _____
Easter \$ _____
Christmas \$ _____

The pre-authorized debit indicated in this agreement is a personal donation to a parish of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation For The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, in Ontario, Canada named above.

I/We may revoke my/our authorization at any time, subject to providing written notification at least ten (10) business days before the next debit is schedule to the payee. Please contact the payee for a cancellation form. To obtain more information on my rights to cancel a PAD Agreement, I may contact my financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca.

I/we have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I/we have the rights to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAD Agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse rights, I/we may contact my/our financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca

This agreement will supersede any previous PAD agreement, making any and all previously fill agreement nil and void.

Signature

Date

CANCELLATION NOTICE

I/We, _____ (payor name), cancel my/our authorization to issue a personal pre-authorized debit as a donation to the above named parish effective on _____ (date).

I/We acknowledge that this cancellation does not terminate any other obligation that I/we may have with the Payee.

Signature

Date