

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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Palm Passion Sunday

Year A

Sunday, April 5th, 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.

Share Lent

Development and Peace's For Our Common Home campaign responds to the call to ecological conversion that animated the encyclical and the Synod. It calls us to express solidarity with two Brazilian communities whose lands and ways of life are threatened by mining, illegal logging, ranching and industrial agriculture. Our Share Lent appeal recognizes that this solidarity alone is not enough. The larger cause is building a world of justice and peace in Amazonia and beyond. It means helping the voiceless and the oppressed rise and defend their dignity. Your generosity supports not only the people of the Amazon but also the hundreds of thousands of people who benefitted from 149 Development and Peace projects last year in 36 countries across the world. To give generously to the Share Lent appeal is to nurture the Lenten spirit that prepares us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Pope Francis reminds us to "see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church."

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St. Gregory's Parish News

Intentions & Readings for week of April 6 - April 12, 2020

Finance Report

Monday, April 6—No Scheduled Liturgy
Isaiah 42.1-7/John 12.1-11
 Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm
 Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Tuesday, April 7—No Scheduled Liturgy
Isaiah 49.1-6/John 13.21-33, 36-38
 Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm
 Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Wednesday, April 8—No Scheduled Liturgy
Isaiah 50.4-9a/Matthew 26.14-26
 Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm
 Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Holy Thursday, April 9—No Scheduled Liturgy
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14/Revelation 1.4-8/John 13.1-15
 Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm
 Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Good Friday, April 10—No Scheduled Liturgy
Passion of the Lord
Isaiah 52.13-53.12/Hebrews 5.7-9/John 18.1-19.42
 Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm
 Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am
The Cross will be placed outside doors of Church so parishioners can drive by and venerate.

Holy Saturday, April 11—No Scheduled Liturgy
*Genesis 1.1-2.2/Genesis 22.1-18/Exodus 14.15-31/
 Isaiah 54.5-14/Isaiah 55.1-11/Baruch 3.9-15/Ezekiel
 36.16-17/Matthew 28.1-10*
 Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm
 Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Easter Sunday, April 12—No Scheduled Liturgy
The Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10.34a, 37-43/Colossians 3.1-4/John 20.1-18
 Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am
 TV Mass—11 am/10:30 pm
 The Sunday Mass—6:30 am/3 pm

Envelopes Brought In	\$765.00
Building Fund	\$170.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$385.00
Easter	\$50.00
Development & Peace	\$70.00
TOTAL	\$1440.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY DURING
THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES**



Parish Vision Statement
“To journey together with Jesus”



Parish Activities for the Week

April 6—April 12

Monday 6	No Scheduled Events
Tuesday 7	No Scheduled Events
Wednesday 8	No Scheduled Events
Thursday 9	No Scheduled Events
Friday 10	The Cross will be placed outside doors of the Church so that parishioners can drive by and venerate.
Saturday 11	No Scheduled Events
Sunday 12	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....

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Dear Parishioners of St. Gregory
My reflection from the aisle

A donkey carries Jesus on a road covered in cloaks and flanked with palm branches. On Palm Sunday we receive blessed palm branches as a reminder of the day when crowds of people greeted Jesus at the gates of his city, Jerusalem. They were waving branches of palm and olive, shouting "Hosanna to the son of David!" They were acknowledging him as their Messiah and King. We, too, praise Christ our King, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." We join our voices with theirs to our humble king, but our praise is tinged with pain because we know a rough road is looming ahead. A few days later, members of the same crowd, prodded on by the community leaders, shouted, "Crucify him, we have no king but Caesar."

Today's liturgy that of Passion Sunday marks both these events: the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and his exit from this city through his passion, death and resurrection. Jesus came to save the world and us by his paschal mystery; his death and resurrection accomplishes our salvation. We enter into the holiest week; we enter into our final preparation for the Easter feast.



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

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

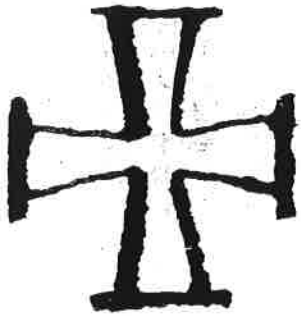
The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

TRIDUUM

THE PASSEVER OF OUR LORD



Traditionally we think of Easter as one day. But Easter is three days long, **not** one day. Through his paschal mystery, the Lord Jesus Christ redeemed us and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Jesus destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, which celebrates the suffering, the crucifixion, the burial and the death and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point, the heart, of the liturgical year.



Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and ends at sundown on Easter Sunday.

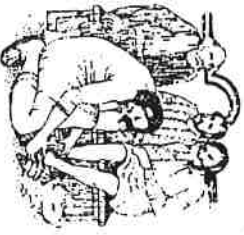
But while the Triduum formally ends in this way, the Church's celebration of Easter carries on for another fifty days, ending at the feast of Pentecost. St. Basil called these 50 days, "the Great Sunday of Easter."



Holy Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper



Holy Thursday brings an end to Lent and begins the Paschal Triduum. Holy Thursday, in the Christian tradition, celebrates the fullness of the Feast of the Passover. On this night Jesus instituted two sacraments: that of the Eucharist; the other, Holy Orders (Priesthood). On this night Jesus dramatically emphasized that faith living was one of service. Through the washing of the feet, Jesus proclaims, "Love one another as I have loved you." Priests and we, the faithful, are called to live our faith by generously ministering to others.



Good Friday - Death of our Lord Jesus Christ



The triumph of the crucifixion. A contradiction in terms. Good Friday marks the events of Jesus' trial, crucifixion, death and burial and prepares us to share more fully in the joy of his resurrection. Jesus died on the cross to save us all from our sins and to help us cope with their effect.

The liturgy moves very quickly: the narration of the Passion story according to the gospel of John, the prayers of intercession, bringing home the effect of the triumph of the cross. We then venerate the cross, that triumphant sign of suffering, with a kiss, a bow or genuflection. In Holy Communion we receive the glorified Christ - the sign of unity among us, his followers.

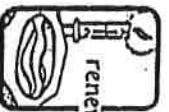


We fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus Christ and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of his resurrection.

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

The Triduum ends with the celebration of the Easter Vigil. On this night throughout the world, the Church keeps vigil, the most ancient of all vigils, culminating in baptism and the renewal of our baptismal promises.

Full of excitement, we gather in darkness and light a new fire and a great candle will make this night bright for us. We listen to powerful scripture passages of promise and rejoicing as we come to celebrate the great Paschal mysteries of Jesus' life, suffering, death and resurrection.



During the Vigil the Catechumens, those who have been learning about our Catholic faith, will renounce evil, profess the faith of the church, are baptized, receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and begin to partake in full Communion in the First Mass of Easter. Together, we approach that table and celebrate that Easter Eucharist.

On Holy Saturday, the people of God remain in recollection at the tomb of the Lord, meditating on his suffering and death, refraining from



celebrating the Eucharist until evening. Throughout the day the faithful are invited to continue the solemn Paschal feast which was begun on Good Friday. During the solemn vigil service, a night of prayer looks forward to the celebration of the Lord's resurrection. Mourning gives way to the joys of Easter which we celebrate for the next 50 days.

Easter Sunday - Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ



HE IS RISEN!
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INDEED!

Easter, from the Hebrew word meaning "Praise the Lord," and named after the ancient spring festival, is the "Great Sunday," on which each Easter Eucharist is modeled. We praise God for raising Jesus from the dead. Jesus is the Saviour of the world. We rejoice today with the heavenly Father who has made us sharers in the grace of his Son. By Baptism, we die with him, are buried with him in death and are raised when he is. We share in his victory and his life.

Today, "*ALLELUIA*" is our song -
"*the Lord has risen!*"