

# ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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## Pastoral Team:

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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Year A**

**Sunday, April 19th, 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.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Jesus told Sister Faustina: "Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of My tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet (848). Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will" (1731). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive graces from my infinite mercy" (687). Sister Faustina once heard these words: "At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul who will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same.

*(Diary of Saint Faustina; Divine Mercy in my Soul)*



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## Parish Happenings

Remembering those preparing for First Communion...

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



Conversation between Jesus and Satan during this uncertain and difficult time....

**Satan:**

"I will cause anxiety, fear and panic.  
I will shutdown business, schools,  
places of worship and sports events.  
I will cause economic turmoil."

**Jesus:**

I will bring together neighbours,  
restore the family unit,  
I will bring dinner back to the kitchen table.  
I will help people slow down their lives  
and appreciate what really matters.  
I will teach my children to rely on me  
and not the world.  
I will teach my children to trust me  
and not their money and material resources."

C.S. Lewis 1942

**Stay Safe!**

Dear Parishioners of St. Gregory  
My reflection from the aisle

Jesus appeared to Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Sister of Mercy in Poland, between 1930 and 1935 so as to teach us about his love, mercy and goodness.

On February 22, 1931, Sr. Faustina became aware of an image of the risen Christ. Jesus was dressed in a white garment, one hand raised in blessing and the other touched his garment on the breast. From under the garment came two rays of light: one red, the other pale. These two rays represent the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side after he was pierced by the soldier's lance, that font of mercy, which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus. He then said to her to paint a picture of what she was seeing with the inscription: "Jesus, I Trust in You." (*Diary*, 47)

This image of the risen Christ reminds us of all Jesus endured during his passion, death and resurrection as the hand raised in blessing reminds us of the Easter scene and the institution of the sacrament of the reconciliation.

Sister Faustina noted two other promises made to her by Jesus. "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death." (*Diary*, 48)

This proved to be true when during World War II, after the death of Sr. Faustina due to tuberculosis in October 1938, the cities of Cracow and Vilno were spared from the devastating destruction, which prevailed in the neighbouring towns, especially Warsaw. These two cities were granted permission to have this image publicly venerated.

Besides praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, one can recite a Novena to the Divine Mercy. Beginning Good Friday, the day we recall and reflect on Jesus' merciful love for us by his death on the cross, these nine days of prayerful intentions ends with the celebration of the Feast of the Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter.

God wants to grant his mercy to everyone. Jesus offers us a chance every year for a new "baptism" giving us the opportunity to wash away our sins, no matter what they are or how many times we have sinned. It is our responsibility, then to tell others about the Father's love and mercy. Jesus, as that humble servant, invites us to feel in our hearts his forgiving love.

# St. Gregory's Parish News

## Intentions & Readings for week of April 20 - April 26, 2020

**Monday, April 20—No Scheduled Liturgy**

*Acts 4.23-31/John 3.1-8*

Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm  
Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

**Tuesday, April 21—No Scheduled Liturgy**

*Acts 4.32-37/John 3.7b-15*

Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm  
Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

**Wednesday, April 22—No Scheduled Liturgy**

*Acts 5.17-26/John 3.16-21*

Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm  
Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

**Thursday, April 23—No Scheduled Liturgy**

*Acts 5.27-33/John 3.31-36*

Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm  
Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

**Friday, April 24—No Scheduled Liturgy**

*Acts 5.34-42/John 6.1-15*

Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm  
Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

**Saturday, April 25—No Scheduled Liturgy**

*1Peter 5.5b-14/Mark 16.15-20*

Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm  
Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

**St. Gregory's mass streaming on YouTube, our parish website and Facebook page**

**Sunday, April 26—No Scheduled Liturgy**

*Acts 2.22b-28/1 Peter 1.17-21/Luke 24.13-35*

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

TV Mass—11 am/10:30 pm

The Sunday Mass—6:30 am/3 pm

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## Finance Report

Envelopes Brought In	\$885.00
Easter	\$530.00
Weekly Average Pre Authorized	\$385.00
Development & Peace	\$105.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,905.00</b>


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

**Parish Vision Statement**  
**"To journey together with Jesus"**



## Parish Activities for the Week

April 20—April 26

<b>Monday 20</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Tuesday 21</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Thursday 23</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Friday 24</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Saturday 25</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Sunday 26</b>	No Scheduled Events



## Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Dictated to Sr. Faustina by Jesus, the chaplet is to be prayed on ordinary rosary beads. Whoever prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will receive abundant graces throughout one's life and particularly at the time of one's death.

On the first group of three beads, pray:

**The Lord's Prayer  
Hail Mary  
Apostles' Creed**

On the beads of the Our Father, pray:

**Eternal Father,  
I offer you my Body and Blood,  
Soul and Divinity,  
of your dearly beloved Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in atonement for our sins  
and those of the whole world.**



On the beads of the Hail Mary, pray:

**For the sake of your sorrowful passion,  
have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

After five decades, conclude with: (3 times)

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy on us and the whole world.**



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April 6, 2020

To School Board officials and employees,  
to School Trustees,  
to teachers and educators,  
to students and their parents:

To all the people involved in Catholic education, I come to assure you of my presence, my support and my prayer, during this very difficult time. To those of you who show dedication and creativity in helping children and youth continue to learn, in one way or another, during this period of imposed isolation, THANK YOU! To parents who improvise constructive and educational activities in an attempt to occupy and interest their children, THANK YOU! To children and young people who agree to stay home, thus contributing to our collective effort to slow the spread of coronavirus, THANK YOU! To all those who, despite distance and isolation, invent ways of helping and encouraging others, THANK YOU! Together, let us pray for all the people who are affected by this pandemic throughout the world.

I take this opportunity, at the start of Holy Week, to wish you a deeper understanding of the greatness of Christ's gift to us, as we relive the days of his Passion and Resurrection. May the joy of Easter morning give you the vitality and the hope that will help you meet all the challenges before us.

Yours in Christ,

+Marcel Damphousse  
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie