

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year A

Sunday, May 3rd, 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 of Prayer for Vocations

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Take this opportunity to pray for the priests and religious who have ministered to you in your life, and consider encouraging your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood, holy orders or to religious life. Pray that those the Lord is calling to serve the church, shape them into who he has made them to be.

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20200308_57-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html)



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St. Gregory's Parish News

Intentions & Readings for week of May 4 - May 10, 2020

Monday, May 4—No Scheduled Liturgy
Acts 11.1-18/John 10.11-18
 Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm
 Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Tuesday, May 5—No Scheduled Liturgy
Acts 11.19-26/John 10.22-30
 Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm
 Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Wednesday, May 6—No Scheduled Liturgy
2 Timothy 4.1-5/John 10.11-16
 Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm
 Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Thursday, May 7—No Scheduled Liturgy
Acts 13.13-25/John 13.16-20
 Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm
 Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Friday, May 8—No Scheduled Liturgy
Acts 13.26-33/John 14.1-6
 Daily TV Mass-6:30am/11 am/3 pm/10:30 pm
 Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Saturday, May 9—No Scheduled Liturgy
Acts 13.44-52/John 14.7-14
 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, May 10—No Scheduled Liturgy
Acts 6.1-7/1 Peter 2.4-9/John 14.1-12
 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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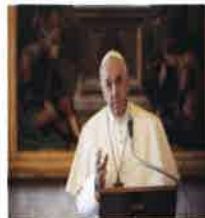
Finance Report

Envelopes Brought In	\$1,820.00
Easter	\$75.00
Development & Peace	\$200.00
Weekly Average (PADP)	\$385.00
TOTAL	\$2,480.00

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



The Holy Father's
Prayer Intention for May....



We pray so that deacons, faithful in their service to the World and the poor, may be invigorating symbol for the entire church.

Parish Activities for the Week

May 4—May 10

Monday 4	No Scheduled Events
Tuesday 5	No Scheduled Events
Wednesday 6	No Scheduled Events
Thursday 7	No Scheduled Events
Friday 8	No Scheduled Events
Saturday 9	No Scheduled Events
Sunday 10	No Scheduled Events

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.

You give us Your life-giving Word and the story of Jesus. Plant your Word in these children preparing for Communion. May it grow in them, strengthen them, and yield a wonderful harvest. This, we ask, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our loving friend, now and forever.

Amen



Catholic Education Week 2020 Province Wide Mass

At this time of distance learning, we (Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association) are pleased to announce that His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins will be celebrating the Catholic Education Week Mass scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 10:00 am EST. All students, families, board staff, trustees, and the broader Catholic community are invited to participate "virtually" in this celebration of the Eucharist by clicking on the following link at the scheduled time:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live>

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, as we use our gifts,
you call each of us by name and ask us to follow you.
Bless your church as you inspire young people
from among our families and friends
to answer your call
to serve in the priesthood or consecrated life
to courageously follow your will.
Send workers into the great harvest
so the Gospel is preached, the poor are served,
the suffering are comforted
and your people are strengthened by the sacraments.
Inspire us as we grow to know you and open our
hearts to hear you call.

Dear Parishioners of St. Gregory
My reflection from the aisle
...cont'd...

"That noise," said the world,
"will be something to hear."
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.
And it did not hear a sound coming
through all the skies.
It started down low, then, it started to rise.
But the sound wasn't depressed.
Why, this sound was triumphant!
It couldn't be so. It grew in abundance!
The world stared around, popping its eyes.
Then it shock! What it saw was a shocking surprise!
Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small,
was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all.
It hadn't stopped Easter from coming!
It came!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!
And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine
stood puzzling and puzzling, "Just how can it be?"
"It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,
it came without egg hunts, cantatas or money."
Then the world thought of something it hadn't before.
"Maybe Easter," it thought
"doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Easter, perhaps means a little bit more."
And what happened then?
Well...the story's not done. Will you share with that
one or two or more people
needing hope this night? Will you share the
source of your life in this fight?
The churches are empty—but so is the tomb and
Jesus is victor over death, doom and gloom.
So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer
as the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope
when it looks at God's people.
May the world see the church
is not a building or steeple.
May the world find faith in Jesus'
death and resurrection,
May the world find joy
in a time of dejection.

May 2020 be known as the year of survival,
but not only that—Let it be a revival!



Our Role Model



When we see pictures, statues or medals of Mary, we generally see her holding and/or hugging her infant son. Her love for her son, Jesus, was impeccable. She knew what her role as mother was in the life of our Lord and Saviour and she performed it without hesitation.

We are very thankful to Mary for her generosity in accepting the responsibility of being the mother of Jesus, God's son. We wait in anxiety as she accepts that angel's message of joyful tidings. Her response, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord. Let it be done according to your word" (Luke 1.38) is a great example of total surrender to God's will. We watch with her looking in that crib at Bethlehem.

We feel the pain and sorrow she experienced when Jesus sacrificed Himself for us by His death on the cross. She is that woman who played an important role and participated in our redemption as the mother of our Saviour. We honour her as a special woman, a mother, who is a role model for each one of us.

We honour Mary in a special way as the Mother of God. There are many days set aside throughout the year devoted to Mary. We honour the special events in her life. These feast days assist us in valuing motherhood which, at times, we take for granted.

We ask Mary to be with us in our roles of motherhood. As grandmothers and mothers, we ask her to help us become sincere women of faith and service