

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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The Ascension of the Lord

Year A

Sunday, May 24th, 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 Communications Day

May 24

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China

In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24 be observed as a Day of Prayer of the Church in China. He chose this day since it is the traditional Feast of Our Lady of Help of Christians, venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

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St. Gregory's Parish News

Intentions & Readings for week of May 25 - May 31, 2020

Monday, May 25—No Scheduled Liturgy

Acts 19.1-8/John 16.29-33

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

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Tuesday, May 26—No Scheduled Liturgy

Acts 20.17-27/John 17.1-11a

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

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Wednesday, May 27—No Scheduled Liturgy

Acts 20.28-38/John 17.11b-19

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

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Thursday, May 28—No Scheduled Liturgy

Acts 22.30;23.6-11/John 17.20-26

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

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Friday, May 29—No Scheduled Liturgy

Acts 24.27;25.13b-21/John 21.15-19

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

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

Saturday, May 30—No Scheduled Liturgy

Acts 28.16-20,30-31/John 21.20-25

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 31—No Scheduled Liturgy

Genesis 11.1-9/Romans 8.22-27/John 7.37-39

Mass by Pope Francis—9:30 am

TV Mass—11 am/10:30 pm

The Sunday Mass—6:30 am/3 pm

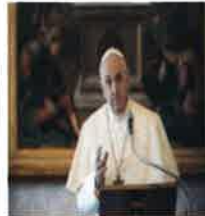
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Finance Report

Envelopes Brought In	\$960.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Weekly Average (PADP)	\$385.00
Easter	\$85.00
TOTAL	\$1,450.00
 Needs of Church Holy Land	 \$30.00

**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 25—May 31

Monday 25	No Scheduled Events
Tuesday 26	No Scheduled Events
Wednesday 27	No Scheduled Events
Thursday 28	No Scheduled Events
Friday 29	No Scheduled Events
Saturday 30	No Scheduled Events
Sunday 31	No Scheduled Events

Parish Happenings

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.

Lord Jesus, you taught us to pray.
Assist these children to live their faith
by word and example.

Help them to feel the support of their family
as they come to understand your presence
in their hearts and minds.

Watch over them, deepen within them your love,
continue to fill them with your many blessings,
gifts and graces and by the assistance of our prayers
lead them to love you with all their strength.



*We offer our condolences to the family of
Annina Porco
May you find comfort and peace in the
Eucharistic Celebration and in our faith
community during this difficult time.
May her soul rest in peace.*

Dear Parishioners of St. Gregory
My reflection from the aisle



Within the fifty days of Easter, the feast of the Ascension emphasizes Jesus' return to the Father and its consequences: his charge to make disciples of the world. The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus is head of the Church, his body on earth. We see him asserting this authority both in Acts and the gospel as he takes leave of his followers.

Through preaching, sacramental ministry and instruction, the Church will continue Christ's work of making disciples. The misunderstanding and doubt which characterize his followers as he says farewell make it clear that his work is God's, not human doing. It is the Spirit of Christ who gives faith and strength to these human witnesses and makes it possible for them to continue Jesus' work in the world.

One day the entire human family will recognize God to be God, and Christ will be worshipped as king and head of humankind. To hasten that day we join the psalmist in singing God's praise.





O God, who's only begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of everlasting life, we beseech thee, that, meditating on the mysteries of the most Holy Rosary, we imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

When we look at the rosary, it does not seem that impressive. All it really is, is a string of coloured beads, one bead in the middle of five groups of ten with a crucifix and a medallion. We have had our own experiences with the Rosary, those images of silently moving lips of women fingering the beads and the ones we see daggling from rear view mirrors. Though rosaries come in many different shapes, sizes and colours, they all amount to the same thing, a prayer to Mary. The rosary is the way we honour Mary.

On October 7, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The rosary is a story of the New Testament. The rosary sheds light on those important events in Jesus and Mary's lives. The rosary enriches us as these particular beads give us more of an intimate and richer understanding of Mary and Jesus.

We meditate on the life of Jesus from the moment of his conception by the Holy Spirit, through his childhood to his cruel death on the cross to the joy of the resurrection and his ascension into the glory of heaven. Through the beads we follow Mary from the day the archangel Gabriel appeared to her and asked her to become the mother of Jesus to the day she was crowned Queen of heaven.

When we pray the rosary and think of the stories which are hidden in the beads, we see Mary as our mother, as she reveals her Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and as our model, as she teaches us mercy, peace and justice. The essence of the Rosary is not the repetition of prayers but the meditation, the reflection on the mysteries, those events and scenes from the life of Mary and Jesus.

We all consider the rosary to be our faithful companion as we carry it in our pockets and purses. The rosary can bring us many blessings. It can be that powerful chain to assist us in our daily lives. Pope John Paul II stated, "Make the rosary that gentle chain linking us to heaven through Mary."

Many books have been written to assist us in praying the rosary. We need to be silent as we allow the words of the fifty-three Hail Mary's speak to us in prayer. Through praying, reflecting and meditating on the rosary, we can remember Mary everyday of our lives. Then, it just does not become a string of colored beads.