

# ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Sunday, September 27th, 2020**

## Celebration of Masses, Devotions and Sacraments

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday-Friday:  
**No Scheduled Liturgy**

### **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.

When John the Baptist preached, the outcasts of society listened to his message and repented. Now Jesus is preaching, and these same unrespectable people respond to the Good News. The religious leaders object: Aren't they the ones to determine who are the chosen? Is God's mercy to be held out to everyone? After all, they know all the right words to address to God. The parable of the two sons challenges these assumptions, which can be temptations for any religious person. Actions speak to God more loudly than words, Jesus insists. What counts is doing God's will, not empty promises. The first reading makes clear that God's mercy is always available, but we have to accept it. Just as we can never count ourselves as justified in God's eyes, it is never too late to be converted. It is in worshipping together that we become especially aware of God's mercy. Since Christ is our life, we should be united in love and purpose, St. Paul tells us, sharing instead of competing for God's bountiful mercy.



(Sunday Mass Book, p. 796)

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# St. Gregory's Parish News

## Intentions & Readings for week of September 28 - October 4, 2020

**Monday, September 28—No Scheduled Liturgy**  
*Job 1.6-22/Luke 9.46-50*

**Tuesday, September 29—No Scheduled Liturgy**  
**St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael**  
*Revelation 12.7-12a/John 1.47-51*

**Wednesday, September 30—No Scheduled Liturgy**  
**St. Jerome**  
*Job 9.1-12/Luke 9.57-62*

**Thursday, October 1—No Scheduled Liturgy**  
**St. Therese of the Child Jesus**  
*Job 19.21-27/Luke 10.1-12*

**Friday, October 2—No Scheduled Liturgy**  
**The Holy Guardian Angels**  
*Exodus 23.20-23a/Matthew 18.1-5, 10*

**Saturday, October 3—4:30 p.m.**  
*Job 42.1-3, 5-6, 12-13, 15-17/Luke 10.17-24*  
Vick Gardi—In memory of—Family  
Albert Leva—Wife & family  
Anna Polito—Julia Pagnotta  
Maria & Angela Florio  
—Daughter Angela Iuliano & family

**Sunday, October 4—9:00 a.m.**  
*Isaiah 5.1-7/Philippians 4.6-9/  
Matthew 21.33-43*  
John Kindred—Shirley Kindred  
Jim & Patsy Piromalli—Eva Piromalli  
Carmela Bressan—Emma Bonin

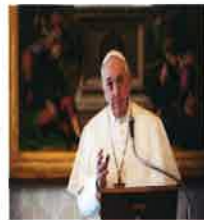
**Sunday, October 4—11:00 a.m.**  
Intentions of Parishioners—Father Trevor Scarfone

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

## Finance Report

Envelopes Brought In	\$2,267.00
Building Fund	\$75.00
Weekly Average (PADP)	\$372.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,714.00</b>

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



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

We pray so that breath of the Holy  
Spirit engenders a new missionary  
spring in the Church.

## Parish Activities for the Week

September 28—October 4

<b>Monday 28</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Tuesday 29</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Wednesday 30</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Thursday 1</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Friday 2</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Saturday 3</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Sunday 4</b>	No Scheduled Events

# Parish Happenings

Sunday Missals (2020-2021) have arrived! While maintaining Covid-19 protocols, please contact the office between Tuesday and Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to purchase a copy. **Cost: \$5.00**



*We offer our condolences to the families of  
Filomena Morassut Alfredo Bruni  
Rosario Cuglietta Sylvia Wanet*



*May you find comfort and peace in the  
Eucharistic Celebration and in our faith  
community during this difficult time.  
May their souls rest in peace.*

Due to current circumstances surrounding the pandemic, the distribution of the Bulletin through weekend celebrations is suspended. It will not be handed out in an effort to maintain safety protocols. It will, however, remain online at

**[www.stgregoryssm.com](http://www.stgregoryssm.com)**

as well as our Facebook page,

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

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the bulletin, please do not hesitate to email the office at **[gregoryssm@shaw.ca](mailto:gregoryssm@shaw.ca)**.



Life Chain is an annual prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the injustice of abortion. Participants hold non-graphic signs with messages at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Provided you are healthy and have not recently travelled out-of-country or had contact with someone who may have COVID-19, please join us this year on October 4, 2020 from 2:00—3:00 pm. Please rest assured participants will be physically distanced and organizers will be following COVID-19 protocols. If you have any questions please contact Life Chain coordinator Claudette Breton (705-945-8798).

My Reflection from the aisle.....

During the month of October, we enter the season of fall. As the temperature begins to drop, we notice a little more mist in the morning. As we look to the sky we see and hear geese in those “V” formations flying over head as they begin their trek south for the winter. We see squirrels and chipmunks gathering acorns for the winter feed.



We start to dig and clear our flower beds and reap the harvest of those vegetable gardens. Everything around us begins to wither and die. We see the leaves falling off our Canadian maples.

Even though we see what is going on around us, we are still surrounded by bright colours. When we come to celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving, we see the colourful fruits and vegetables in the horns of plenty. We cannot help but notice the bright orange pumpkins; hear the kids shouting “trick or treat” as they come to our doors with those bags to be filled at Halloween.



What we see and hear brings joy to our hearts. It is our duty to bring some fun and happiness to those around us. By going out of our way to be like Jesus for others, in our homes, neighbourhoods and workplaces, we can make their lives a little more bearable.



Just imagine how happy people felt when Jesus went out of his way to stop, talk and spend time with those along the side of the road and in towns He visited. We read in scripture how they went away filled with joy and happiness. They were lifted out of their misery and forgot their problems. Even if it was just for a brief time.

Just imagine what we could do to life people's spirits if we took some time to call, text or tweet with those who are forgotten in our society.



## National Catholic Health Care Week 2020

From October 4 to 10, we celebrate National Catholic Health Care Week across Canada. The Week recognizes the inspiring work of Catholic health care organizations in our province and across Canada. At the heart of Catholic health care is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and an unwavering commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths—especially society’s most vulnerable.

This year the COVID-19 pandemic transformed our health care landscape and society. In Canada, the pandemic has shone a public light on many important social and ethical issues calling us all to reflect on the importance of human connection, quality of life, and the meaning of wellbeing—body, mind and spirit. The pandemic has also highlighted the timeless relevance of Catholic social teaching and our collective role in building a Canadian society that reaches out to every person who is suffering from illness, stigma, poverty, or loneliness.

During National Catholic Health Care Week, we give thanks for the courageous gift of Catholic health care during these challenging times—in hospitals, community health centers, or seniors care homes.

The pandemic calls us all to live the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Holding all those impacted by COVID-19 in our hearts, we ask God to bless the work of Catholic health care and we offer our prayers, support, and encouragement for the people of our Catholic health organizations who care for all in need with compassion and courage.

For more information about Catholic health care in Canada or the week, please visit the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada website at [www.chac.ca](http://www.chac.ca)

# Family Page

Reread the parable of the farmer and his two sons in this week's gospel. Think about times when you have acted like the first son, promising God certain favors or prayers and then forgetting them as soon as your request has been granted; being Christian in word but not in deed. It's good to check yourselves out in this matter every so often.



## Checklist for Christian Living

- 1 During Mass, are you courteous to those around you, making room for latecomers trying to get into your pew and extending a sincere sign of peace?
 

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- 2 When you leave Mass, do you greet your brothers and sisters in Christ with a smile and a pleasant greeting? Does your love for Jesus extend to the parking lot?
 

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>YES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NO</b>
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- 3 Do you consider the gospel message during the day, thinking of ways to live Christ's words?
 

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>YES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NO</b>
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- 4 Does grace at mealtime set a tone of mutual love — or are the words tossed off quickly and then lost in the chaos of bickering and complaining?
 

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>YES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NO</b>
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- 5 When you have promised to pray for someone, do you always remember to do so?
 

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>YES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NO</b>
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# explaining GOD'S WORD

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) • Matthew 21:28–32 • September 27, 2020

**D**on't just say it...



I love you, Jesus!



**Show it!**

# The Story of Two Sons

Jesus tells a story about a farmer with two sons. He asks both sons the same thing: "Go out and work in the vineyard today." The first says, "I am on my way, sir," just as politely as you please. But the second son replies, "I will not." Two sons, two different answers! What's the father to think?

Now see what happens next. The first son never went out to work in the vineyard at all. The second son, who told his father no, was sorry right away, and he went to work in the vineyard just as his father had asked.

"Which of the two did what the father wanted?" Jesus asked his listeners. "The second," they all answered — and, of course, they were right.

Many people say, "I believe in Jesus," or "I love God with all my heart." But they don't live as Jesus taught them; they don't love their neighbor or feed the hungry or visit the lonely or comfort the sick.



Others don't say much about God, but they know what Jesus wants. They help their neighbor all they can and share their things and visit the lonely and comfort the sick.

Which people would YOU say are doing what the Father asks?

## Don't just say it, do it!

Jesus makes it very clear that what really matters is not what you say you are going to do but what you do. Here are some examples of children and their promises. Put a check mark in the box by those who are doing what God would want them to do.

Jimmy's mother asks Jimmy to clean his room. He says, "Yes, Mother," and gives her a big hug and goes right into his room.



John asks God for a favor. He promises to be good all week.



Linda and Joe are best friends. They promised to always be good friends.

