

# ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

71 Estelle Street,  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6C 2C3



OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
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## Pastoral Team:

**Pastor:** Fr. Trevor Scarfone  
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**Secretary:** Cathy Fabiano

## Third Sunday of Advent

Year B

Sunday, December 13th, 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 Liturgies

### **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 3:45 to 4:15 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.

Most Holy God, as we prepare to celebrate  
your coming among us,  
help us to open our hearts  
to your presence this Advent.  
May we discover you  
in those with whom we live and work,  
especially the struggling and the needy.  
May we find words of gratitude  
for what we have  
and words of encouragement  
for those who despair.  
May we desire the coming of your kingdom,  
not just as a final fix at the end of time,  
but as renewal of our hearts this very day. Amen



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# St. Gregory's Parish News

## Intentions & Readings for week of December 14 - December 20 2020

**Monday, December 14—No Scheduled Liturgy**  
**St. John of the Cross**  
*Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17a/Matthew 21.23-27*

**Tuesday, December 15—No Scheduled Liturgy**  
*Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13/Matthew 21.28-32*

**Wednesday, December 16—No Scheduled Liturgy**  
*Isaiah 45.6b-8, 18/Luke 7.19-23*

**Thursday, December 17—No Scheduled Liturgy**  
*Genesis 49.2, 8-10/Matthew 1.1-17*

**Friday, December 18—No Scheduled Liturgy**  
*Jeremiah 23.5-8/Matthew 1.18-24*

**Saturday, December 19—4:30 p.m.**  
*Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a/Luke 1.5-25*  
 Angela & Domenico Coccimiglio—Son Mario  
 Natalia Piraino—Husband Peter & family  
 Gina Misasi, Carmine & Settimia Lepore  
 —John Misasi  
 Salvatore Rota—Rosa Rota

**Sunday, December 20—9:00 a.m.**  
*2 Samuel 7.1-5/Romans 16.25-27/Luke 1.26-38*  
*Intentions of Parishioners—Father Trevor Scarfone*

**Sunday, December 20—11:00 a.m.**  
 Melkiorre & Maria Guzzo—Genoeffina Coccimiglio  
 Mirella Schug—Mom  
 Berardelli Deceased family members  
 —Mario Berardelli & family  
 Dulio Finateri—Wife

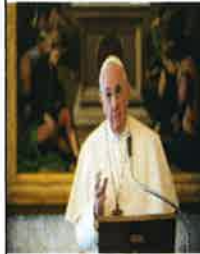
**St. Gregory's mass streaming  
 on YouTube,  
 our parish website  
 and Facebook page.**



## Finance Report

Envelopes Brought In	\$3,507.30
Building Fund	\$120.00
Weekly Average (PADP)	\$372.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,999.30</b>

THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR GENEROSITY!!!



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

We pray so that every country decides  
to take necessary measures to make the  
future of the very young, especially  
those who suffer, a priority.

## Parish Activities for the Week

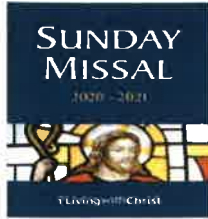
December 14—December 20

<b>Monday 14</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Tuesday 15</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Wednesday 16</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Thursday 17</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Friday 18</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Saturday 19</b>	No Scheduled Events
<b>Sunday 20</b>	No Scheduled Events

# Parish Happenings

## Sunday Missals (2020-2021)

Contact the office between Tuesday and Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to purchase a copy. **Cost: \$5.00**



## Christmas Mass Times

### Christmas Eve

December 24th: 4:30 pm and 8:00 pm

### Christmas Day

December 25th: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

December 26th: 4:30 pm

December 27th: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

## New Years Day

January 1st: 10:00 am



January 2nd: 4:30 pm

January 3rd: 9:00 am and 11:00 am



**CWL Membership Fees**  
(\$22.00) are now due.

Please include your payment (cheque payable to St. Gregory's CWL) or cash in an envelope with your name, address & phone number. Payment can be put in the collection box or mail to St. Gregory's Parish (71 Estelle St. P6C 2C3) or dropped off in the parish office mailbox. New members are welcome!!

Shalom Place presents the O! Antiphons. Each evening from December 17 to 23, 2020. Join us to not only bring intensity to your Advent preparation, but to bring it to a joyful conclusion as we anticipate Emmanuel, God-with-us. See the website for an introduction to the O! Antiphones. Registration is not necessary, just log on to the site and follow the links.



## My Reflection from the aisle.....

As we hear these hallowed words of John the Baptist, all that is on our minds is Christmas. As we begin to get things ready for Christmas, the baking, the Christmas shopping, the wrapping of the presents, the sending of Christmas cards to family and friends, we do not take much time to think about Jesus Christ.



We celebrate the season of Advent as a time of joyful preparation and reflection in anticipation for Christmas, the celebration of Christ's birth. In fact, the meaning of the word advent means coming. Advent then is that time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ in our midst at Christmas.

The season of Advent is about carefully watching how we live because the one from heaven is coming. The gospels for the season of Advent are especially suited to "straighten us out." As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus in our lives, we use the Advent wreath to mark our journey.



If we approach Advent prayerfully, those gifts we give can become an occasion to reflect on that true and lasting spiritual gift. The only lasting gift of love is symbolized by God's giving of Jesus. We prepare our physical selves. What do we do to prepare our hearts?

During the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts. We jump-start our faith. As we anticipate Jesus' arrival, do we take advantage of this opportunity?

We are surrounded by things, like the songs we hear and the lights we see, which remind us that Christmas is coming. We celebrate Christmas every year. Let this year be a special blessing for all of us as we begin our general preparation to celebrate Jesus' birth.



**“JOY-Full” Socks was launched in 2011, by Leslie Cassidy-Amadio. She is launching this campaign again, in hopes of helping those in need. During this pandemic the need this year is much greater.**

**It’s easy to donate. Purchase a pair of socks; men’s, women’s or children’s, and fill them with age and gender appropriate grooming products, or put all into a gift bag.**

**Grooming products may include soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, razors, combs, hair clips, etc.**

**There are so many ways to be involved and each and every way will make a difference. For some these filled socks will be the only gift they receive at Christmas.**

**Last year, donations were presented to twenty different charities in our community, such as the Soup Kitchen. Thanks to these generous gifts, we were able to help many individuals in need at Christmas time, especially children.**

**Please contact Leslie at (705) 779-2836, for any needed additional information, or to have your donation picked up. Leslie is accepting donations from now until the middle of November. Delivery to the charities will take place at the end of November.**

**Thank-you.**