

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday, January 24th, 2021

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.

God loves everyone. Whether it is the wicked Ninevites or the chosen people of Israel, or the millions who have yet to hear of Jesus, all are loved. Jonah, the reluctant prophet, obeyed God and he preached repentance to the citizens of Nineveh. To his surprise, they repented. All of us must redirect our lives if we are to know God. For Mark, the sea of Galilee represents the edge of the pagan world and the place where evil must be defeated. One day, Jesus' chosen disciples will preach the gospel to all nations; for now, however, we, those simple people, form church, a community with a mission to witness to and continue Jesus' saving acts. St. Paul reminds us that we have been called to a new way of life and a different set of values—Christ's values. We live in this imperfect world knowing that it will give way to God's total and enduring rule, becoming a new creation.

(Sunday Mass Book p. 185)



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St. Gregory's Parish News

Intentions & Readings for week of January 25 - January 31 2021

Monday, January 25

—No Scheduled Liturgy

St. Paul, the Apostle

Acts 22.3-16/Mark 16.15-18

Tuesday, January 26

—No Scheduled Liturgy

St. Timothy & St. Titus

Hebrews 10.1-10/Mark 3.31-35

Wednesday, January 27

—No Scheduled Liturgy

Hebrews 10.11-18/Mark 4.1-20

Thursday, January 28

—No Scheduled Liturgy

St. Thomas Aquinas

Hebrews 10.19-25/Mark 4.21-25

Friday, January 29

—No Scheduled Liturgy

Hebrews 10.32-39/Mark 4.26-34

Saturday January 30

—No Scheduled Liturgy

Hebrews 11.1-2, 8-19/Mark 4.35-41

Sunday January 31

—No Scheduled Liturgy

*Deuteronomy 18.15-20/1 Corinthians 7.32-35/
Mark 1.21-28*

**2020 Income Tax Receipts....Due to the State of
Emergency, pandemic guidelines and the potential
closure of parishes your tax receipts will be mailed
out second week of February, (8—12).**

Thank you for your patience.

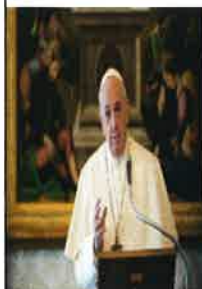
**St. Gregory's mass streaming
on YouTube,
our parish website
and Facebook page.**



Finance Report

December 24-25	\$6,829.00
January 1	\$320.00
January 16-17	\$490.00
PADP	\$372.00
Initial Offering	\$510.00

THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY!!!



**The Holy Father's
Prayer Intention for January...**

May the Lord give us the grace to
live in full fellowship with our brothers
and sisters of other religions,
praying for one another, open to all.

Parish Activities for the Week

January 25—January 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

Concerning the State of Emergency

As we are aware the government of the province of Ontario has declared a state of emergency and issued a special "Stay at Home Order". This will last until at least February 11, 2021.

All services in all the churches of the diocese of Sault Ste. Marie are closed to the public until February 11, 2021, therefore this being the case we, as a parish community will open the weekend of February 13-14 unless new government directives allow for an easing of the stay at home order and related restrictions.

The wearing of masks/facial coverings and social distancing guidelines will still be observed.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Celebration of First Sacraments: Reconciliation and Eucharist

As we are aware the Ontario provincial government has issued a State of Emergency and gatherings five people or less.



Taken this into consideration we are still going to celebrate the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist in a limited capacity.

There will be no formal parent/candidate meetings. We are asking you to fill out a registration form that can be found on our parish website, www.stgregoryssm.com. You are then

asked to contact the parish office, 705-949-8883 to purchase (\$10.00) the required preparation material (We Prepare for Reconciliation) during the week of February 2-5, 2021.



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!!

My reflection from the aisle.....

Love is the most powerful, the most energizing and the most transforming force in the world. Recall the first moment you loved someone or were loved by another person. Love transforms, but not only in its initial surge of excitement and enjoyment. It continues through the years when love has proved not to be just a passing phase. The love between two people can have such an effect. The love that God extends to us in Jesus is ever more astonishing.



We need to put our interests and ourselves aside. This is what means to love one another, to sacrifice ourselves to each other as Jesus sacrificed himself by dying on the cross. Jesus showed the depth of his love for us by dying on that cross. This self-sacrificing love of Jesus is imitated in our love for each other.

God's
Love
Never
Fails



This spirit of Jesus' love strengthens the love we show to each other. This love pervades our whole lives with faith, hope and peace. We need to approach Jesus and see how much He loves us, to see the kind of love that would prompt our willingness to give our life for someone we love.

We need only to believe and to surrender to that love. As Christians, we live to share with the world the love of our God as we daily lay down our lives for each other.

We have persevered through the first wave of this pandemic. It is through faith and prayer we remain strong and will get us through this second wave together.

STAY SAFE EVERYONE!