

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Parish Secretary:

Paula Smith

First Sunday of Lent

Year A

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Celebration of Masses, Devotions and Reconciliation

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: **5:00 p.m.**

Sunday: **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday at **7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at **9:30 a.m.**

The Rosary:

Recited 1/2 hour before each weekday Mass

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday from **4:15 p.m.**
to **4:45 p.m.** or **by appointment.**

Parish Mission Statement

"We, the people of St. Gregory's Community,
rooted in Gospel values and gifted by the Spirit,
are committed to proclaim and build the kingdom of God".

Parish Vision Statement

"To journey together with Jesus"

Top Stories:

*Financial Report, Mass Intentions, Parish Activities, Kneeler Project,
Alpha, Lent Schedule, CWL News, Reconciliation Celebration,
First Eucharist Schedule, Bocce Tournament, Development and Peace*

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St. Gregory's Parish News



Mass Intentions—March 6, 2017—March 12, 2017

Monday, March 6—No Scheduled Liturgy

Tuesday, March 7—12:15 p.m.

Ersilia Cuglietta—husband, Ettore & family
Patrick Poirier—Gerry & Laurie Poirier

Wednesday, March 8—12:15 p.m.

Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday, March 9—12:15 p.m.

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Friday, March 10—12:15 p.m.

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Saturday, March 11—5:00 p.m.

Fernando Rossi—Rosina & Sal Rota
Elena & Archie Pozzebon—the children
Bruno Scotton—Pozzebon & Crosato family
Elisa & Pasquale Cuglietta—son, Mauro & family
Enrico Gatto—daughters, Alba, Gina, Marisa & family
Achille & Rosaria Buffone—daughter, Ida Spina

Sunday, March 12—9:00 a.m.

Luigi Bressan—wife, Carmela & family
Zia Rosina Fiammazo—John Spironello & family
Edara & Mario Tosello—Maria & Joe Carnaroli
Aldo & Nora Gaudenzi—Maria & Joe Carnaroli
Elena Stefanizzi—husband & family
Ersilia Cuglietta—Yolanda & Domenico D'Orazio

11:00 a.m.

Intentions of Parishioners

Week of March 6—March 12

Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est 14:1, 3-5, 12-14/Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Second Sunday of Lent

1st READING	Gn 12:1-4
2nd READING	2 Tm 1:8b-10
GOSPEL	Mt 17:1-9



BOCCE TOURNAMENT

Sunday, April 23, 2017

2—6 p.m.

Get Your Team Ready!

Finance Report

Sunday, February 26, 2017	\$2,319.15
Weekly Average Pre-Authorized	\$437.00
Book of Remembrance	\$20.00
Kneeler Project	\$103.00
Kneeler Project—To Date	\$18,063.00
Total Income	\$2,879.15

Thank you for your generosity!

JOURNEY LOTTERY WINNERS:

February 26, 2017— Mike Chindamo—Ticket #3633

Parish Activities for the Week

March 6, 2017—March 12, 2017

Tuesday 7	1:00 p.m. Craft Group 6:00 p.m. Alpha 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Thursday 9	7:00 p.m. Reconciliation (Church)
Friday 10	8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting (Parish Hall)
Sunday 12	11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy

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Reconciliation 2017

Celebration of the Sacrament Reconciliation

Thursday, March 9, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace—Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow—Women at the heart of change. **You will find testimonials from the four corners of the globe inside our Mini-magazine**, distributed in church starting today.

We offer our condolences to the families of

Pietro Mazzotta

Anna Iacoe

Maria Martone

Domenico Porco

*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.



SHALOM PLACE invites you to ...

A SEASON FOR LISTENING: Lenten Retreat Evening

MONDAY, March 6, 7—9 p.m., St. Jerome's Parish Hall

Facilitated by: Sister Lea Joannis, CSJ

Free-Will Offering (Doors open at 6:30—coffee/tea available)

Register: Call SHALOM PLACE 705-254-4690 or email shalomssm@shaw.ca



ENRICH YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY...

Explore the importance of **LISTENING**—to your own self, to others, to God.

Slides, Scripture, music and guided prayer will help lead you to experience God's loving presence.

First Eucharist 2017

Session 1: Part A

Thursday, March 23, 2017

7:00 p.m. in the Church

Parent and Candidate meeting

Session 1: Part B

Sunday, March 26, 2017

During 11:00 a.m. Mass

Session 2: Part A

Thursday, March 30, 2017

7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Chapters 1 & 2

Session 2: Part B

Sunday, April 2, 2017

During 11:00 a.m. Mass

Session 3: Part A

Thursday, April 6, 2017

7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Chapters 3 & 4

Session 3: Part B

Sunday, April 9, 2017

During 11:00 a.m. Mass

*** BREAK FOR EASTER ***

Session 4: Part A

Thursday, April 20, 2017

7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Chapters 5 & 6

Session 4: Part B

Sunday, April 23, 2017

During 11:00 a.m. Mass

Session 4: Part C

Sunday, April 30, 2017

During 11:00 a.m. Mass

Session 5: Rehearsal

Thursday, May 4, 2017

7:00 p.m. in the Church

First Eucharist Celebration

Saturday, May 6, 2017

During the 5:00 p.m. Mass

(Candidates—4:30 p.m.)



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ST. GREGORY'S KNEELER PROJECT

Thank You To All Donors For Your
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Rosanna Mauro
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Antonietta Bitonti
Rinaldo and Avania DeMarco
Jo-Anne Boyle
Anthony Filice
Umberto Flammia
S. Novello

ST. GREGORY'S KNEELER PROJECT

continued

Aldo & Rose Caputo
Fernando Mannarino
Luigi Scarpino & family
Carlo Spadafora
John Papi
Pina Zanini
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Carmela Boschi
Mr & Mrs Anthony Barone
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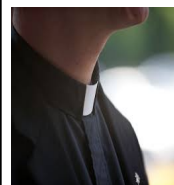
Catholic Women's League News

CWL Membership Fees

The 2017 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 and phone number. Payment can be put in the collection basket on Sunday. Please pay as soon as possible.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST? "COME & SEE"!

Have you ever felt God was calling you to something more? Have you ever considered the possibility of the priesthood? Spend a weekend in prayer, discussion and reflection with priests, faculty and seminarians **at St. Peter's Seminary in**



London, Ontario, on March 24—26, 2017. This weekend is open to all single men 17 years of age and older. For more information or to register, please contact your parish priest or Fr. Pat Woods, Vocation Director, at 705-949-1072 or email: pwoods@diocesecentre.com

**PRIESTHOOD
CONSIDER THE CALL**

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“SEASON OF LENT”

LENT is a solemn observance in the liturgical year of many Christian denominations, lasting for a period of approximately six weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. In the general Latin-rite and most Western denominations Lent is taken to run from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) morning or to Easter Eve. In the Catholic Church, Lent lasts until Holy Thursday, while other denominations run until Easter Eve. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, repentance, almsgiving, and self-denial. Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the events of the Bible when Jesus is crucified on Good Friday, which then culminates in the celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. During Lent, many of the faithful commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence. The Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ's carrying the Cross and of his execution, are often observed.

“CHANGE OF MASS TIMES”

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is a time of renewal and rebirth. The Church invites us to spend some extra time to be with God and one another. We encourage you all to join us in the celebration of the Eucharist on weekdays from Tuesday to Friday at 12:15 p.m. We truly hope that you will consider this offer “to journey together with Jesus”. This time slot is in consideration of the elderly, who find it difficult to drive at night.



“STATIONS OF THE CROSS”

Fridays During Lent Following Mass at 12:15 p.m.

The origin of the devotion of ‘The Stations of the Cross’ or ‘The Way of the Cross’ is associated with Christian pilgrimages to Jerusalem in the early Christian centuries. Those who were able to walk along the path with Jesus on the way to His crucifixion were deeply moved by this experience. Yet, since the vast majority of Christians were not able to go to Jerusalem, ‘The Way of the Cross’ enabled them to engage in a mini pilgrimage of sorts, whereby, they could focus on the key events of Jesus’ passion and death. The Way of the Cross is a devotion in which we accompany, in spirit, our blessed Lord in His wonderful journey to Calvary, and devoutly meditate on His suffering and death. Soon after the celebration of the Eucharist at 12:15 p.m., every Friday during Lent, Father Alex with the assistance of three volunteers, will lead the prayer.

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ST. JEROME YOUTH HARDWOOD CLASSIC 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 3rd Annual St. Jerome Youth Hardwood Classic 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held **Saturday, April 1 at St. Mary's College** (868 Second Line E.). Boys and girls in Grades 5 to 12 (ages 10—18) are invited to register a team of up to four players. Cost to register is \$40.00 per team (3—4 players per team). **Registration deadline is March 24, 2017.** Money raised from the event will support St. Jerome EDGE Youth Nights and costs for students to attend a Catholic Youth Conference in Steubenville, Ohio. Registration forms and more information are available at www.stjeromeparishssm.com.

"2017 Contribution

Envelopes"

If you have not been using envelopes, in the past, and would like to use envelopes, please call the parish secretary and a package of donation envelopes for 2017 will be prepared for you.

Thank you!

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

To request a Mass Intention, either call the office, come into the office or Mass intention envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Fill out the required section on the envelope. Place your offering of **\$15.00** per Mass in the envelope and bring it to the parish office or put it in the weekend collection. Payment by cheque can be made payable to **St. Gregory's Parish**.

Pre-Authorized Donation Program

Thank you to the many parishioners who have started this program. This is an easy method of parish donation which will result in a win/win situation for you and our Parish.

The forms are available at the entrance of the church . Complete the P.A.D.P. form and deposit it in the collection basket. Please include a cheque marked "VOID". The program can be started at any time as long as we receive the form by the 10th of the previous month.

If you have any questions please call the Parish office.

Thank you again for considering this convenient method of Parish donation.