St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church
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            Friday: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am  11:00am

Young People’s Church
Sunday: 11:00am

Weekday Mass Schedule
Tuesday: 7:00pm
Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9:15am
Friday: 9:15am

Confession Times
Tuesday: 6:00pm - 6:30pm
Saturday: 3:00pm - 3:30pm
Also available by appointment

Parish News, Calendar, Catholic Resources, Prayers, Readings and up-to-date information available at:

www.stjeromeparishssm.com

Download “MyParish” App from your App Store then search St. Jerome Church Sault Ste. Marie

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PARISH INFORMATION

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated after a preparation programme is completed. Phone the office or fill out online form to register.

Marriages
Please contact the parish priest at least six months in advance of the intended date of marriage.

Sacrament of the Sick
Celebrated on the First Wednesday of the month at the 9:15am Mass. Also available by appointment.

Vocations to the Priesthood/Religious Life
Please speak to the Pastor or visit: www.beapriest.ca or www.csjssm.ca

Parish Prayer Line
Please call Connie Celli at 705-945-7034 to add your intentions to our prayer list.

24/7 On-Call Priest
Please notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinator to contact the priest on-call.

Communion to Shut-Ins
Please notify the parish office.

Bulletin Submissions
Deadline for submissions to be considered for printing is Wednesday morning. Please note that all submissions may be edited for space purposes.

Financial Donation Options:
1) Through traditional envelopes
2) Pre-Authorized Debit Plan
3) Online on our website

Budgeted Weekly Income Needed: $5,800.00

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 26, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday, March 28 - 7:00 PM
Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; John 5.1-16
Lucy Pomer by Darlene & Michael Boyer

Wednesday, March 29 - 9:15 AM
Isaiah 49.8-15; John 5.16-30
Special Intentions of Chad Franklin by Seniors & Friends

Thursday, March 30 - 9:15 AM
Exodus 32.7-14; John 5.18,31-47
Roland Raymond Bré by Wife Irma Giovanatti-Bré

Friday, March 31 – 10:00 AM (*Note Time Change)
With Students From St. Mary’s French Immersion
Wisdom 2.1a,12-22; John 7.1-2,10,25-30

Friday, March 31—7:00 PM
Stations of the Cross

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ezekiel 37.12-14; Romans 8.8-11; John 11.1-45

Saturday, April 1
4:00 PM - Vic Mizzi by Linda Mizzi
- In Thanksgiving by Connie, Tony and Family
- Giuseppe Civitarese by Wife Dalia Civitarese and Family

Sunday, April 2
9:00 AM - Intentions of All Parishioners by The Pastor
11:00 AM - Sergio Fabbro by Wife Sarah Fabbro and Family
- Stephen Grady by Margaret and David Grady

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT - SUNDAY MARCH 19

141/319 envelopes: $ 2,599.00 average/envelope: $ 18.44
Loose: $ 226.00
Pre-authorized Sunday: $ 1,580.00
Building Fund: $ 102.00
Pre-authorized Building Fund: $ 45.00
Online Giving: $ 33.78
TOTAL: $ 4,585.78

Easter Decorations: $ 110.00
Easter: $ 10.00

Thank you
Parish News & Events

Parish Lenten Retreat – St. Mary’s Church
A three-evening Lenten Retreat will take place Monday, March 27, Tuesday March 28, and Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm each evening at St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church (293 St. George’s Avenue E.). Each evening include scripture and a reflection, and confessions will also be available. The Retreat Master will be Fr. Daniele Muscolino from St. Jerome’s. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in this Special Lenten Mission.

Marriage Preparation Course
Two dates for couples in Sault Ste. Marie preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage are now available. Couples are asked to attend one of two dates offered. They are Saturday, April 22 from 9:00am – 5:00pm (deadline to register April 7), at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and Saturday, June 24 from 9:00am – 5:00pm (deadline to register June 9) at St. Jerome’s Church. The course will include presentations, discussions on the Sacrament of Marriage, communication, finances, and planning the wedding liturgy and more. Lunch is provided. The cost is $100.00 per couple. Please reserve your spot by email marriageprepssm@gmail.com or by phoning 705-942-5628.

Share Lent Collection
On Ash Wednesday, Development & Peace – Caritas Canada launched its 50th annual Share Lent campaign, entitled Women at the Heart of Change. Since the Organization’s founding in 1967, money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent provided essential support to the poorest populations of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Today, Development & Peace supports 3 partners and 194 projects in 46 countries around the world! This year, the Share Lent collection will take place on April 1st and 2nd, which is Solidarity Sunday.

SCCC to Welcome More Refugee Families
The Sault Community Career Centre has learned that SSM will be welcoming more government sponsored refugee families to Canada in 2017. The success of the program locally is largely attributed to the many volunteers. Volunteers help refugee families transition into our community, provide friendship and assistance with the everyday tasks of Canadian life. The SCCC is looking for groups of at least 5 people to volunteer to work with the incoming families. If you are interested or have any questions about volunteering, please contact Brenda Cooper, Volunteer Coordinator at brenda.cooper@saultcareercentre.ca. An orientation session for persons interested in volunteering will be held in the next few weeks.

Upcoming Events
March 26, 2017
Gospel Jam
1:00 pm

March 27, 2017
Lenten Book Study
7:00-9:00 pm

March 28, 2017
Lent Day of Confessions
8:30 am – 8:00 pm
Precious Blood Cathedral

March 29, 2017
Seniors & Friends
10:00 am

March 30, 2017
EDGE Night
7:00 pm
All Grade 6, 7 & 8’s
Welcome!

March 31, 2017
Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm

April 1, 2017
Intercessory Prayer
9:00-9:30 am

April 1, 2017
St. Jerome Youth Hardwood Classic 3 on 3 Basketball
9:00 am
St. Mary’s College

April 6, 2017
Chrism Mass
7:00 pm

Full list of upcoming events available on our website.
**Weekly Prayer Reflection**

**Some Frequently Asked Questions on the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Part 2)**

### What is a mortal sin?

A mortal sin involves an action whose object is grave matter that is committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent. Grave matter is generally understood to be something that violates the Ten Commandments. Full knowledge means that one is aware that God or the Church he founded considers the act sinful (even if one doesn’t totally understand why it is sinful). Deliberate consent means a consent sufficiently intentional to be a personal choice (CCC 1857-1859).

### What are the consequences of a mortal sin?

A mortal sin “results in the loss of charity and the privation of sanctifying grace, that is, of the state of grace. If it is not redeemed by repentance and God’s forgiveness, it causes exclusion from Christ’s kingdom and the eternal death of hell, for our freedom has the power to make choices for ever, with no turning back” (CCC 1861). This is why it is so important for mortal sins to be confessed to a priest as soon as possible.

### What if I feel nervous about going to the sacrament?

Remember, first, that in the sacrament you are fundamentally talking to God through the priest. God loves you, wishes to forgive you, and desires to embrace you with the joy with which the prodigal son was embraced in Jesus’ parable (Lk 15:11-32). Moreover, know that you will not say anything that the priest has not heard before.

Do not be afraid. If you are nervous, please just tell the priest that you’re nervous and he will help you.

### What if I haven’t been to the sacrament for many years? How do I prepare? What do I say?

First, don’t be afraid. Jesus said, “Heaven rejoices more for one repentant sinner than for 99 righteous persons who never needed to repent.” The priest will probably be so happy you’ve returned to confession after many years that you will make all the hours he spends in the confessional seem light. Second, try to prepare with the help of a good examination of conscience sheet, but the priest will know that you cannot remember your sins with the precision of someone who came the previous week. Third, get the largest sins off of your shoulders first. Fourth, don’t be afraid to ask the priest for help; most confessors are experts in leading someone in your circumstances through an examination of the “big stuff” in the confessional. Finally, don’t wait. Come back to be reconciled to your loving Father, set off the celebration in Heaven, and share your Father’s joy!