

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

serving the Roman Catholic Communities of Fort Frances & Couchiching First Nation



## Parish Office

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## Pastoral Team

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Mr. Gerald Cousineau, Custodian

(events celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish are denoted by OLOL)

## Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am OLOL, 11:00 am

Tuesday - 6:00 pm

Wednesday - Saturday - 10:00 am

## Rosary

Monday thru Saturday - 9:40 am

Sunday - 8:40 am OLOL

## Adoration

Fridays 10:30 - 11:30 am

Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm

## Baptisms

Please call 3 months in advance.  
Baptism Preparation Class every 3rd  
Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

## Reconciliation

Weekdays 9:00 - 10:00 am  
Saturday 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 - 11:00 am  
8:15 - 9:00 am OLOL  
or by appointment

## Anointing of the Sick

Please call to request a visit, or in an  
emergency ask hospital staff for  
"Roman Catholic Priest on call"

## Marriage

Please call 6 months in advance

## Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Process begins in September,  
please call at any time

## Children's Liturgy

During Sunday Masses  
September thru May

## Bear Pass Summer Chapel

Fridays June thru August - 7:00 pm

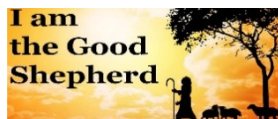
## Join Us!

To become a parishioner, please  
complete a Parish Registration form  
at the entrance of the church.

\*\*\*\*\*OUR MISSION\*\*\*\*\*

We are bonded together by a deep, personal faith in Jesus Christ,  
and called to the fullness of Christian life by virtue of  
Baptism and Confirmation and the perfection of love.





# April 18, 2021

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**6<sup>pm</sup>** + Faith Adair – St. Mary’s CWL

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**10<sup>am</sup>** + Faith Adair – Marg Rousseau

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10<sup>am</sup>** + Barry Williams – The Family and Thanksgiving for the 20<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Gino and his Companions – Reina Landry-Hogue

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10<sup>am</sup>** + Faith Adair – Lyle & Linda Fleming

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**10<sup>am</sup>** + Rommel Blase – Jean Bujold & Bob Mitchelson

**5<sup>pm</sup>** + Anne Turgeon – Jean Bujold & Bob Mitchelson and for the Intentions of Debbie Hebert – Nicole LePine

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**(9am at OUR LADY OF LOURDES)**

**9<sup>am</sup>** + Faith Adair – Margrit Schaum

**11<sup>am</sup>** + Dennis Huntley – Carol Derksen and + Bennie Beck – Ray Coran

**Please note that adoration is on Friday mornings from 10:30-11:30am. There is also a Silent Adoration on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm.**

**April 18, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**1st reading: (Acts 3.13-15, 17-19)**

**2nd reading: (1 John 2.1-5)**

**Gospel: (Luke 24.35-48)**

***Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day.***

### Ministry Schedule

Apr. 17 – Kim (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Apr. 18 – Jeremiah (Lector), Jason (EMHC)

Apr. 24 – Gemma (Lector), Terry (EMHC)

Apr. 25 – Joanne (Lector), Bryan (EMHC)

## *Silent Adoration*

**We have added a weekly Silent Adoration after Tuesday evening mass from 6:30-7:30pm.**

### “Stay at Home Order”

**We are allowed 15% capacity in our churches at this time. Our weekday masses and adoration remains the same. The church doors will be locked except during mass times.**

## FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK



### **Celebrating 20 years!!**

Thursday, April 22, 2021, is celebrated as ‘Earth Day’ and ‘Thank You Thursday’. The same day, I, Fr. Gino Mathias will **celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination to my priesthood**. Hence this ‘Thank you Thursday’ becomes personally even more meaningful to me.

First of all, I thank the Almighty God for: having chosen me as his disciple, given his gift of faith, and empowered me with his mission. As St. Paul’s salutation goes in Romans 1:1 ” *Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God*”, I love to say, “Gino, servant of Jesus Christ, called to be a disciple, set apart for the gospel of God”.

I am eternally grateful to my parents for fostering the faithlife in me from early on. I owe special thanks to my mother, Margaret Mary, whose constant prayers and encouragement have sustained my enthusiasm to follow the path of Jesus. My mother was my vacation promoter.

In India, I was the pastor of four parishes and six schools over the period of seventeen years. I am thankful to those unforgettable parishioners who loved me like their own son. The experiences I gained from those parishes were invaluable. Thousands of students and hundreds of teachers who supported me throughout my tenure were admirable.

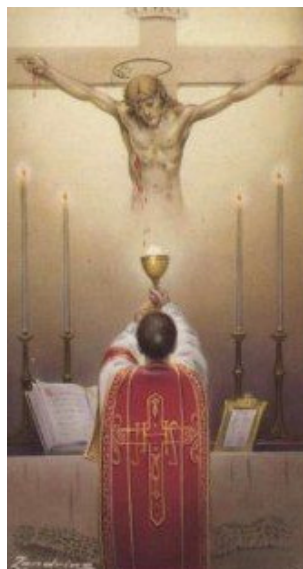
I arrived in Canada on May 10, 2017. Bishop Colli received me at the Thunder Bay Airport. He promptly appointed me as pastor of four parishes. Last week he sent me special wishes and prayers for my anniversary with a gift to treasure. I am perpetually grateful to Bishop Frederic Joseph Colli.

My first parishes in Canada were Marathon, Manitouwadge, Pic River and Pic Mobert. The parishioners were welcoming and supportive! They trained me to be a true northerner, formed me to be a better priest. They emboldened me to celebrate my priesthood everyday of my life. Great many thanks to each of them for accepting me and guiding me through the last three years.

Bishop Coll's faith in me moved me to Fort Frances where I am presently ministering to a wonderful group of people who are exceptional in encouraging me as a pastor. I am edified by your spirituality, transformed by your faith, kindled by your love towards the church. You are inspiring and impressive!! As the name of our town goes you fortify me by your witnessing lives. A big 'Thank You' to all of you.

Dear Friends, as I cross this small milestone in my priestly ministry, I earnestly seek your blessings and unceasing prayers. You have already created a great impression in my heart. I shall carry these wonderful impressions wherever I move and go with a heart filled with gratitude forever. May God bless all you!

In love and truth,  
Fr. Gino Mathias



**CONGRATULATIONS  
FATHER GINO  
ON YOUR 20TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF  
PRIESTLY  
ORDINATION!!  
(APRIL 22, 2001)  
THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR LOVING  
SERVICE TO THE  
CHURCH. MAY GOD  
BLESS YOU  
ABUNDANTLY IN  
YOUR PRIESTLY  
MINISTRY.**



**National March for Life 2021:** It is hoped that an in-person rally and march will be held on May 13 with virtual components. The event marks the passing of the 1969 bill which decriminalized abortion. We are reminded that each and every day, 300 Canadian women undergo abortion and that 15 vulnerable Canadians are killed by euthanasia. A candle vigil will remember them with prayers. We were unable to meet in April, so no collection was taken for vigil lights. If you would like to participate, please put \$5 for a vigil candle in an envelope, mark CWL candle and drop in the collection at mass or in the church mailbox. A cheque will be sent on our behalf to Campaign Life. Thank you for your continued prayers for the sanctity of life.



Thank you to those who joined in the zoom Easter gathering with our diocese CWL members as women, "We have Seen the Lord!". Congratulations to the bingo winners - you will hear from us soon! The next zoom gathering will be on Saturday, April 24, 10:00am-2:00pm - St. Joseph Retreat: Theme: St. Joseph Lover of Poverty. Meeting ID: 916 5286 7916 Passcode: A3h95f.

**Reminder:** In lieu of gathering at Raincrest on Mondays, 2pm to pray the rosary, we are asked to pray the rosary at home at that time. Please include prayers for those living in Raincrest and for their caregivers. Thank you for your prayers 🙏

### **ST. MARY'S**

**In your prayers, please  
remember those who are sick:**



Shirley Fraser, Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Larry Mattson, Noella & Rick Hamilton, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Laura Dillon, Art Cross, Nicholas Delvecchio, David Cross, Keagan Evans, Julie Halvorsen, Patrick McColeman, Bridger Hands, Mary Kolynchuk, Lori Woodgate, Ewan MacKintosh, Jon Fryer, Joan McTavish, Frank Strain, Kathleen DeGagné, Nora Paulenko, Father Ben Hadrich, Kathryn Pierroz, Yvette Beck, Frank Ball, Lolly Brunetta, Pat Hudson

*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's  
Weekend of  
April 11 - \$1370.00*



### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWS**

**In your prayers, please  
remember those who are sick:**

Linda Anderson, Doug Cross, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Mary Lou Parks, Shirley A. Bruyere, Sue Foran-Ross, Dale Krueger, Angela Bruyere, Steven "Beaver" Morrissette, Janice Parks

*Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes  
Weekend of  
April 11 - \$446.00*

The Third Sunday of every month will be Food Box Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items for the needy.

## **Contact Tracing**

We are asking parishioners to sign in when they come to mass. There is a sheet at the entrance to be completed when coming into the church



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