

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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(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 - Saturday - 9:00 am

Rosary

Weekdays following mass

Sunday 8:40 am OLOL

Adoration

Suspended until
September

Baptisms

Please call 3 months in advance
Baptism Preparation Class every 2nd
Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Reconciliation

Weekdays 8:30 - 9:00 am

Saturday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 - 11:00 am

8:30 - 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.



July 4, 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**A PROPHET IS NOT
WITHOUT HONOUR, SAVE
IN HIS OWN COUNTRY**

July 13, 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Tuesday 6th

9^{am} + Joan McTavish – Betty Mueller & Family

Wednesday 7th

9^{am} Special Intentions of St. Anthony–A Parishioner

Thursday 8th

9^{am} + Laureen DeGagné – Queenie Leschinski

Friday 9th 7pm at Bear's Pass Chapel

9^{am} + Deceased Loved Ones - Bereavement Group

7^{pm} + Dr. Angus MacKintosh – The LePine Family

Saturday 10th (9am Sacrament of the Sick)

9^{am} + Joan McTavish – Margrit Schaum

5^{pm} Intentions of Cheryl Becker - Louella

Sunday 11th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9^{am} + Pete Boon Jr. – David & Terril Strain

11^{am} + Joan McTavish – Nora Paulenko & Girls and
For the Intentions of Nellie Domingues
– The Rodrigues Family

Tuesday 13th

9^{am} + Joan McTavish – Dorothy & Werner Doebele

Wednesday 14th

9^{am} Intentions of Sheila Quesnel – Staff of the
Northwest Catholic District School Board

Thursday 15th

9^{am} Intentions for Eileen Klymko's 101st Birthday
– The Family

Friday 16th 7pm at Bear's Pass Chapel

9^{am} + Joan McTavish – A Parishioner

7^{pm} + Ray Cousineau – Gerald & Peggy Armstrong
& Family

Saturday 17th (9am Healing Mass)

9^{am} + Roland Brucker – Margrit Schaum

5^{pm} + Anne Turgeon – St. Mary's CWL

Sunday 18th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9^{am} + Teresa Ashworth – The Connor Family

11^{am} + Rommel Blasé – The Family and
For the Intentions of Damon & Jackie
– The Rodrigues Family

July 4, 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Ezekiel 2.3-5)

2nd reading: (2 Corinthians 12.7-10)

Gospel: (Mark 6.1-6)

A Prophet is not without honour, except in his hometown.

July 11, 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Amos 7.12-15)

2nd reading: (Ephesians 1.3-14)

Gospel: (Mark 6.7-13)

Jesus called the twelve and sent them out two by two.



The Power of Prayer

Dear Friends,

As St. Paul exhorts, “Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks” (1 Thessalonians 5:18), we need to cultivate the habit of praying without ceasing. Prayer is the key that unlocks all the storehouses of God's infinite grace and power. The power of prayer can never be overrated. St. Pius of Pietrelcina beautifully says, “prayer is the best armour we have. It is the key that opens the heart of God”.

Every moment of our life can be an act of prayer. Whatever we do if we do it for the glory of God, it becomes a prayer by default. Prayer should not be a part of a day. It should be the common thread running through the day, every day of one's life.

St. Paul is the great teacher in the art of unceasing prayers. “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6). When anxiety strikes us, we need to strike it back with the prayer weapon.

Prayer is the root, the fountain the mother of a thousand blessings (St. John Chrysostom). We need more than a thousand blessings as we are going through these most difficult times of our century yet. Let's keep praying for everyone, everything, every time!

It's quite common these days to deem highly wealth, name, fame, power and position. We have no time for prayer, love and faith. No matter what, never underestimate the power of prayer, love and faith. (Anurag Prakash Ray). We shall never ever lose the temper of unceasing prayers, and constant love and rock solid faith in God.

In love and Truth

Fr. Gino Mathias



The next Blessed Conversations gathering will be on Monday, July 5th at 6:30pm. For details or if you would like to join, contact Johanna Strahl at 271-5491, or johanna.strahl1@gmail.com

**Important Update on Covid-19
June 28th, 2021**

July 4th, we will be in Step 2 of the province's opening stages. This means we will have a 25% capacity limit for our churches and for services. Weddings, funerals (max. 75 persons), baptisms etc. can now all be celebrated in the parish church. Of course all the safety protocols remain in place: wearing a mask, social distancing, sanitizing hands, no singing, communion in the hand, and still no children's liturgy. We hope that with Step 3 some of these requirements might be lifted.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please be sure to be vaccinated and to stay safe with your family and friends. If you feel comfortable to return to Church, welcome back to Mass in your parish church. If you are still hesitant, please continue to follow mass through our social media (dotb.ca) or in your parish Mass streaming.

Sincerely,
Bishop Fred Colli
Bishop of Thunder Bay

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, David Cross, Keagan Evans, Julie Halvorsen, Patrick McColeman, Bridger Hands, Mary Kolynchuk, Lori Woodgate, Ewan MacKintosh, Jon Fryer, Father Ben Hadrich, Yvette Beck, Frank Ball, Lolly Brunetta, Pat Hudson, Nora Paulenko, Frank Strain, Kathleen DeGagné, Valeda Cousineau



*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of
June 27 - \$2555.00*

*Offertory Collection for Bear Pass
June 25 - \$324.00*

**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" Morrisseau, Janice Parks

*Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes
Weekend Of
June 27 - \$580.00*

**Confession
& Mass times**



Father Gino is available for Confessions
Weekdays 8:30 am – 9:00 am
Saturdays 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Sundays 8:30 am (Our Lady of Lourdes)
10:00 am – 11:00am

Or call the parish office to make an appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE

Friday @ Bear Pass Chapel 7:00pm
Tuesday - Saturday 9:00am
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am (OLOL)
11:00am

**We will now be doing the Rosary after the
weekday masses.**



FYI: Bulletins will be printed every two weeks during the summer months beginning July 2nd. Let the office know if there is something you would like to add to the bulletin. Please be aware of the dates if it is time sensitive. Thank

you. The parish office is now of summer office hours and is closed on Fridays for July and August. If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, contact the parish office at stmarys@tbaytel.net or 274-5233.



St. Mary student, Avery Sinclair, was chosen to receive the Grade 8 Most Christian Like plaque along with a gift to show our appreciation for the example that she has set for her fellow students. Congratulations to Avery and thank you to Pat and Micaela for organizing the virtual presentation. Congratulations also to Grade 12 student, Greta Fedoruk, who received the CWL bursary. Thank you to Pat and Micaela for looking after the selection of this student. Good wishes and prayers for Avery and Greta as they continue their education. May God bless them with faith and success.



Pre-Authorized Payment Plan

We are pleased to offer parishioners the convenience of a pre-authorized payment plan for regular Sunday contributions and special collections. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 274-5233 to make arrangements. Call between 9am-3pm, Monday – Thursday or leave a message and we will get back to you!

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