

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



## Parish Office

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## Parish Staff

### Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor  
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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 6:00pm

Wednesday - Saturday - 9:00 am

### Rosary

Weekdays following mass

Sunday 8:40 am OLOL

### Adoration

Tuesday (Silent) 6:30-7:30 pm

Friday 9:30-10:30 am

### 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 4:30 - 5:00 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.



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Tuesday 14th**

**6pm** + Chris Lowe – St. Mary’s Parish

**Wednesday 15th**

**9am** + Robert Morgan – Barbara Morgan

**Thursday 16th** **Rainycrest is closed**

**9am** + Joan McTavish – John & Janet McTavish

**Friday 17th**

**9am** + Deceased Members of the Leo Oster Family  
– Nora Paulenko

**Saturday 18th** **(9am Healing Mass)**

**9am** Intentions of Adriana Striker – Johanna  
& Bryan Strahl

**5pm** + Anne Turgeon – Brynn & Nolan Rawn

**Sunday 19th** **(9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)**

**9am** + Glenn Jourdain – Bruce & Norma Calder

**11am** + Rommel Blasé – The Family and  
+ Dr. Jon Fryer – The Family

**September 12, 2021**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st reading:** (Isaiah 50.5-9)

**2nd reading:** (James 2.14-18)

**Gospel:** (Mark 8.27-35)

*You are the Christ. The Son of Man must  
undergo great suffering.*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday 6:00pm**

**Wednesday - Saturday 9:00am**

**Saturday 5:00pm**

**Sunday 9:00am (OLOL)**

**11:00am**

**We will be praying the rosary after the  
weekday masses. If you would like a decade  
of the rosary prayed for your intentions,  
contact the Parish Office at 274-5233**

**What’s going on?!**

Sept. 14 – Bereavement Group – 1:00pm

Sept. 16 – OLOL CWL Meeting – 7:00pm

Sept. 21 – CWL International Day of Peace Prayer  
Service – 6:30pm

**FROM THE  
PASTOR’S DESK**



**Feast of The Holy Cross**

September 14 is the feast of the Holy Cross. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion.

More than the historical facts, this feast is a commemoration of God's greatest work: Christ’s salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

Saint Paul elucidates this Christology to the Colossians, "For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross".( Col 1:19-20)

We praise and worship our Lord and God for healing us through the Holy Cross. We pray that God mercifully grants us the grace and courage to take up our cross and follow him.

In Love and Truth,  
Fr. Gino Mathias

**BY YOUR HOLY CROSS**

**LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR  
HOLY CROSS, BE WITH ME  
TO SHIELD ME.**

**LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
BY THE MEMORY OF YOUR  
BLESSED CROSS, BE WITHIN  
TO STRENGTHEN ME.**

**LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
FOR YOUR GLORIOUS CROSS,  
GO BEFORE ME TO DIRECT  
MY STEPS.**

**LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
FOR YOUR NOBLE CROSS,  
BE YOU IN ME TO LEAD ME  
TO YOUR KINGDOM.  
AMEN.**





The CWL 50/50 tickets are available at the parish office or from CWL members. If you would like a couple books to sell, let the parish office know. Please remember that each ticket is \$2.00 and you could potentially win \$3000!!

CWL Memberships 2021: Diane Lovisa is still working on the membership for 2021. Our CWL council is still active with communications, prayers, zoom gatherings, outreach and in need of support. Membership dues are \$25 with cheques payable to Catholic Women's League and can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket at mass. If you have any questions about your membership, call Diane at 274-7682 or email her [diane58@tbaytel.net](mailto:diane58@tbaytel.net). Thank you to all who have joined the Catholic Women's League for 2021. Our numbers help give importance to the League when it speaks on issues with government personnel. You are appreciated!

The CWL is raising money for a local man who had fire damage done to his trailer. All the electrical in his home was destroyed. The CWL will match donations up to a total of \$400! If you are able to help this gentleman, it would be appreciated! **Please drop off donations ASAP at the Parish Office.**

**WE CAN'T HELP EVERYONE, BUT EVERYONE CAN HELP SOMEONE.**



The Blessed Is She Women's group gathering is Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the meeting room. If you are interested in joining, contact Johanna Strahl at 271-5491, or [johanna.strahl1@gmail.com](mailto:johanna.strahl1@gmail.com)

**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, 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  
Sept. 5 - \$1581.00*



**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  
Sept. 5 - \$492.00**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN 2021**

The theme for this year's campaign is "Extraordinary Time of Prayer and Sharing". This comes from Pope Francis when he prayed for the entire world for relief from the pandemic. Our needs and concerns have increased since the beginning of this crisis. The Pope reminded us that even in the darkest moments, God is always with us!

**St. Mary's goal for 2021 is \$25,000.00.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes goal for 2021 is \$4,000.00.**

As you can imagine, the needs grow stronger each year, and our diocese attempts to respond to those needs as generously as they can. Even if we are struggling, we know that the Lord will see us through. Please consider donating to this important campaign.



We are working on getting the children who have been preparing, over the last 2 years, for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Father is willing to do private ceremonies or during the Saturday masses. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements or for further information.



We have been asked to do a couple videos for the Thunder Bay Street Gospel at the beginning of October. A couple of our parishioners participated in the past and the videos are wonderful!! If you are interested in sharing your love of the Lord, please let Father Gino know or contact the Parish Office. Take a look at the following links to their page to get an idea of what you will be asked to do:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuVPZ4nSYabUU6Fxo\\_inw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuVPZ4nSYabUU6Fxo_inw) or <https://m.facebook.com/Thunder-Bay-Street-Gospel-1121471084600328/>

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