

# 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

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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.



# JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

**September 5, 2021**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9am** + Joan McTavish – The O'Malley Family

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6pm** + Deceased members of the Boon Family  
 – Nora Paulenko

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** **Rainycrest is closed**

**9am** + Joan McTavish – Pearl DeGagné

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9am** + Deceased Loved Ones – the Bereavement Group

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** **(9am Sacrament of the Sick)**

**9am** Special Intentions – Betty Mueller

**5pm** + Anne Turgeon – Trina & Shannon Rawn

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** **(9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)**

**9am** + Glenn Jourdain – Tina & Jamie Roth

**11am** Intentions of Carolyn Pasko – Bernice, John  
 & Michael Kempf and  
 + Bryan Calder – Ray Coran

**September 5, 2021**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st reading:** (Isaiah 35.4-7)

**2nd reading:** (James 2.1-5)

**Gospel:** (Mark 7.31-37)

*He makes the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.*

## 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**



**Congratulations to Margrit (great-grandma) & Ingrid (grandma) on the baptism of Ayla Ryder Atkinson on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Also, congratulations to Natalie & Timothy, who had their daughter, Alice Johanna Helen baptized on August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### Happy Birthday Mother!

September 8 is the feast of the Nativity of our Mother Mary. We at St. Mary's and OLOL, who are under her patronage are privileged to celebrate her birthday in a worthy manner.

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

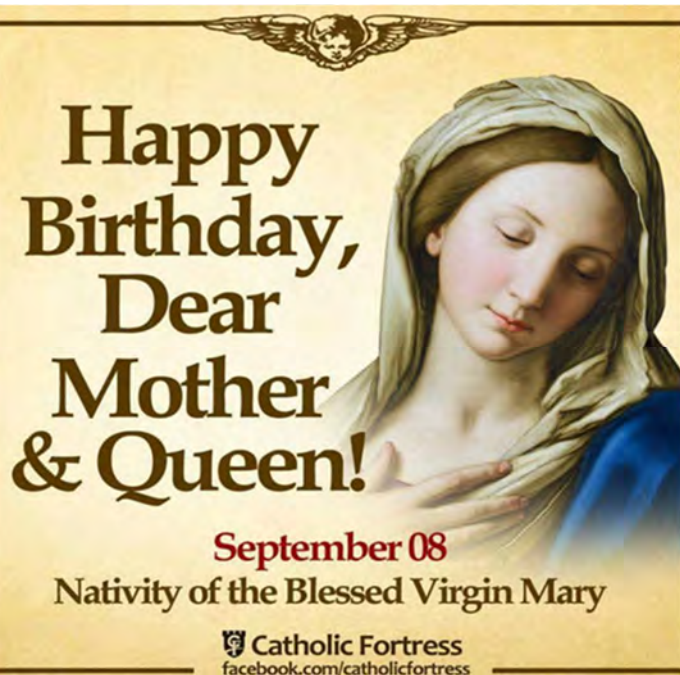
If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is it's dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Virgin Mary.

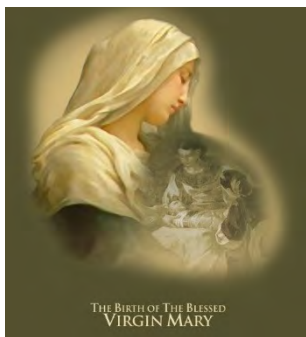
In Love and Truth,

Fr. Gino Mathias





A CWL Mass for the *Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary* is on Wednesday, September 8 at 6pm. Please join in celebrating the birthday of Mary and the presentation of pins to new and long-term members. *"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."* Romans 12:10 **Note:** after mass, a short meeting will take place in the church hall following covid regulations. See you there!



CWL Memberships 2021: Diane Lovisa is still working on the membership for 2021. We are concerned about this loss in number. Perhaps it is because the pandemic has caused a lapse in regular

routines but be assured that 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 doing a fundraiser for a local man who had damage done to his trailer from a fire at a neighbour's 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 at the Parish Office.

**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)**



We will be able to start our Children's Liturgy program in September. We hope to get two or more volunteers to run the program every Sunday during 11am mass. If you can spare a couple Sundays a month, please contact the Parish Office at 274-5233 or talk to Father Gino. Thank you!



## **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  
August 29 - \$960.00*

*Offertory Collection for Bear Pass  
August 27 - \$285.00*

## **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  
August 29 - \$402.00*

## **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 for First Reconciliation and First Communion sacraments over the last 2 years. Father is willing to do private ceremonies or during the Saturday masses. Please**

**contact the Parish Office to make arrangements or for further information.**

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