St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes serving the Roman Catholic Communities of Fort Frances & Couchiching First Nation





Parish Office

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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 - 6:00 pm Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 9:00 am Thursday (Rainycrest) - 10:00 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

*****OUR MISSION*****

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.



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.



DEFINING TRUE GREATNESS

<u>September 19, 2021</u> 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 21st 6pm + Margo Gagné – Anna McNay Wednesday 22nd 9am + Evelyn Metke – Ian McLennan Thursday 23rd Rainycrest is open! **10am** + Ilse Willburger – Margrit Schaum & Family Fridav 24th 9am + Almerinda Sampaio – Queenie Saturday 25th (9am Healing Mass) 9am + John Lesczynski Sr. - Queenie **5pm +** Robert McNay - Anna (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes) Sunday 26th 9am + Glenn Jourdain – Bruce & Norma Calder **11am +** Amanda Boon – The Rodrigues Family And Intentions of Ellen Thompson -Bryan & Johanna Strahl

September 19, 2021 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st reading: (Wisdom 2.12, 17-20) 2nd reading: (James 3.16-4.3)

Gospel: (Mark 9.30-37**)** The Son of Man will be betrayed. Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.



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. 21 – CWL International Day of Peace Prayer Service – 6:30pm – Parish Council meeting – 6:30pm

Sept. 27 – Blessed is She – 6:30pm (meeting room)



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Corey and Morgan Smith, who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on September 11th. May you enjoy a lifetime of blessings and happiness!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A Year of Support and Growth

"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." — Marcel Proust

Last Tuesday, September 14 on the Feast of the Holy Cross, I completed my first year at St. Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes, Fort Frances. I thank our Almighty God for the grace, mercy and peace he showers upon me every moment of my life through each one of you, my dear parishioners. The support and encouragement I received from all of you has been inspirational. Your spirituality and prayer life has personally changed me and helped me to grow.

The unending pandemic has somewhat blocked all of us getting together and knowing each other in a better way. Hopefully, things will get better in the near future.

I've really enjoyed being a pastor for you and slowly getting to know all of you better. Thanks for making me feel better. You're a great parish of wonderful people. I would like to thank you for your continued support. I'm so grateful that you are thinking about my well-being and ministry. I will always remember everything you've done for me. My primary ministry is to pray for all of you. I assure you that I will continue to do that with the grace of God in the coming years.

Please remember me in your daily prayers. In Love and Truth, Fr. Gino Mathias



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/UCulVPZ4nSYab UU6FxwO_jnw or https://m.facebook.com/Thunder-Bay-Street-Gospel-1121471084600328/ 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!! Sold tickets can be returned to the parish office or put in the collection basket.



International Day of Peace 2021

Theme: Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world. Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21st of

September. The rosary will be prayed for peace following the 6pm mass on Tuesday, September 21. Think of all those who are suffering from the violence of conflict and, please, join in prayer. CWL Memberships 2021: Diane Lovisa is still working on the membership for 2021. 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. 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! We have received \$275 so far!! Please drop off donations ASAP at the Parish Office.

From the Bishop's Office:

Unless there is a medical reason to prevent vaccination, it is considered ethical and morally acceptable to use the available vaccines in the context of a global pandemic. In fact, there is a positive duty to save lives whenever we are able to do so. Pope Francis and Cardinal Collins have both publicly communicated the importance of vaccination as an act of charity and love. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has declared the COVID-19 vaccines to be morally licit and has said they can be used in good conscience. We must strive to do all that we can to minimize the potential transmission of COVID-19.

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 <u>Weekend Of</u> Sept. 12 – \$1873.00



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 <u>Weekend Of</u> Sept. 12 - \$529.00

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 has collected \$6,732.50 of \$25,000.00. OLOL has collected \$450.00 of \$4,000.00.

The campaign ends of December 31, 2021. The funds must be at the Diocese Office by Jan. 4, 2022. This funds from this campaign continue to bring hope and assurance to our parish and the parishes in our diocese.

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.

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

