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 6:20 - 7:00 pm

Holy Hour 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.



And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and

<u>October 3, 2021</u> 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

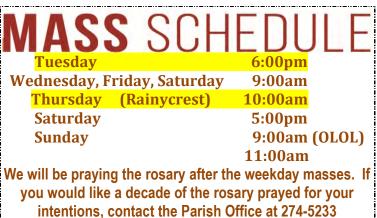


Tuesday 5th 6pm Intentions of Jake Becker - Louella Wednesday 6th 9am + George Paulenko - Nora Thursday 7th Rainycrest is open! 10am + Dr. Jon Fryer – Rita Moorhouse Friday 8th 9am + Deceased Loved Ones – Bereavement Group Saturday 9th (9am Sacrament of the Sick) 9am + Armand Lambert - Bruce & Norma Carter **5pm +** Stella Struck – Lillian & Anita Bodnar & Families (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes) Sunday 10th 9am + Lorna Baker – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Women's League 11am + Frank, + Fern, + Linda & + Janet – Lori & Jim

October 3, 2021 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Genesis 2.7ab, 15, 18-24) **2nd reading:** (Hebrews 2.9-11) **Gospel:** (Mark 10.2-16)

What God has joined together, let no man separate.



LIFE CHAIN 2021

Pope Francis said, "Every human being is called by God to enjoy the fullness of life."

The annual LIFE CHAIN event will be held Sunday – OCTOBER 3rd – 2PM – 3PM – Scott Street.

We will begin with the rosary at the church at 2pm. Please pray for the sanctity of life. Signs may be picked up at the church or at the corner of Victoria & Scott St.

(signs will be returned at a later date). We will spend an hour of silent reflection on the harmful effects of both abortion and euthanasia. Please remember that SOCIAL DISTANCING is a must in taking part in this event!



All parishioners are urged to make an effort to attend.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Original Earth Day Advocate

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received--only what you have given." — Francis of Assisi

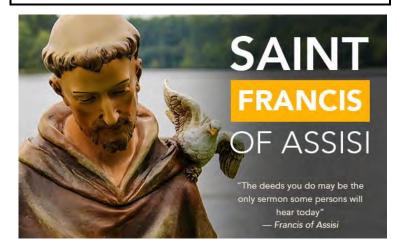
October 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and environment. He could be viewed as the original Earth Day advocate. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation.

Today, over three million people a year make a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Francis, revealing him to be one of the most popular and beloved saints of all time. Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of: Animals, Archaeologists, Ecology, Italy, Merchants, Messengers, Metal Workers. In 1979, Pope John Paul II paid tribute to Francis' love for creation by declaring him the patron saint of ecologists.

Francis of Assisi offers Christians an example of genuine and deep respect for the integrity of creation. Saint Francis invited all of creation animals, plants, natural forces, even Brother Sun and Sister Moon—to give honour and praise to the Lord.

"Preach the Gospels everyday & only if you have to...use words." — St. Francis of Assisi

In love & truth Fr. Gino Mathias



What's going on?!

- Oct. 3 Life Chain Event 2:00 3:00pm
- Oct. 6 CWL Thanksgiving Prayer Service 6:00pm
- (Followed by a short meeting)
- Oct. 11 Thanksgiving Parish Office Closed
- Oct. 12 Bereavement Group 1:00pm
- Oct. 19 Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 1:00pm



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Please join in thanksgiving at the CWL prayer service on

Wednesday, October 6 at 6pm. A meeting will follow in the church hall. **Reminder:** to those who have address labels – thank you for sending Thanksgiving Day cards out to members!

The CWL 50/50 tickets are available at the parish office or from CWL members. 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.

The CWL is raising money to address the needs of the pregnant women in our community. They will match donations up to a total of \$400. October is

ProLife month and we will run this drive through the end of October. Please drop donations off at the Parish Office marked Baby Project. Thank you for your generosity!!



(They were able to give \$760 to the gentleman with the trailer damage!! Thanks to everyone who donated!!)



We would like to get some volunteers to help out with our ministries. We need additional Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. We also want to start our Hospitality Ministry back up. We are working on figuring out how to run our Youth Ministry starting from the ground up! If you would like more information or are interested in joining or helping out with any of these ministries, please contact the Parish Office at 274-5233 or talk to Father Gino.

National CatholicOctoberHealth Care Week3 – 9, 2021

We pray for health care teams who have given much over the past year and continue to walk with all those who are ill, deeply troubled, weary and struggling. You are encouraged to mark National Catholic Health Care Week with daily reflections and prayers.

<u>ST. MARY'S</u> 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

Offertory Collection for St. Mary's <u>Weekend Of</u> Sept. 26 – \$1490.00



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. 26 - \$457.00

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN 2021



