

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary
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Mr. Gerald Cousineau, Custodian

Join Us!

To become a parishioner, please
complete a Parish Registration form
at the entrance of the church.

(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

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Process begins in September,
please call at any time

Children's Liturgy

During Sunday Masses
September thru May

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*****

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.





October 31, 2021
31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 2nd

6pm ALL SOUL'S DAY MEMORIAL MASS

Wednesday 3rd

9am + Harold Kellar – Margrit Schaum

6pm CWL MEMORIAL MASS

Thursday 4th Rainycrest

10am + Florence Lerman – St. Mary's Church

Friday 5th

9am We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Saturday 6th

9am Intentions of Joey & Jennifer Payeur's marriage
– The Staff of St. Mary School

5pm + Robert Morgan – Anne & Alan Zucchiatti

Sunday 7th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9am + Bessie Mainville – Margrit Schaum

11am + Helen, & + Claude & + Claude DeBenedet Jr.
– The Family

October 31, 2021

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Deuteronomy 6.2-6)

2nd reading: (Hebrews 7.23-28)

Gospel: (Mark 12.28-34)

This is the first commandment. And a second is like it.

What's going on?!

Nov. 2 – All Soul's Day Memorial Mass – 6:00pm

Nov. 3 – CWL Memorial Mass- 6:00pm

Nov. 4 – Confirmation Rehearsal – 4:30pm

Nov. 5 – Confirmation – 6:00pm

Nov. 13 – Day of Reflection – 9:00am – 3:00pm



The Memorial Mass is at 6pm on Tuesday, November 2nd – All Souls Day. At this special mass we will remember our deceased parishioners who passed away between November 2020 and October 2021. Due to the pandemic, we may not have all the deceased names. If you have a loved one who passed away during this time, please contact the Parish Office at 274-5233 to be sure we have their name.

**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**



St. Teresa of Ávila Spiritual Reading Room

St. Teresa of Ávila, also called Saint Teresa of Jesus, Spanish nun, was one of the great mystics and religious women of the Roman Catholic Church, and author of spiritual classics. She was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, the first woman to be so honoured.

To her, spiritual life was an attitude of love, not a rule. Although she proclaimed poverty, she believed in work, not in begging. She believed in obedience to God more than penance. **If you do something wrong, don't punish yourself -- change.** When someone felt depressed, her advice was that she go some place where she could see the sky and take a walk.

She wrote many masterpieces on the progress of the Christian soul toward God through prayer and contemplation. St. Teresa is the patron saint of Headache sufferers. Her symbol is a heart, an arrow, and a book.

We have named our spiritual reading room as “**St. Teresa of Ávila Spiritual Reading Room**” to honor the first ever woman doctor of the Church. This spiritual reading room will be blessed by our Bishop Colli on November 5, Friday evening at 6 pm.

You are welcome to come, read, reflect and pray in the spiritual reading room. I like to thank Gina Sigurdson and Maria Slusarchuk, who organised the books and helped the place look like a reading room. Come and spiritually nourish yourself.

In love and truth,
Rev. Gino Mathias



All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding His life we find that He is the best example.

— Saint Teresa of Ávila —

Covid-19 Update:

With the Province of Ontario lifting some capacity limits to certain establishments this week, this change does not affect our parish churches. We still remain at our capacity limits, depending on social distancing. To move to full capacity with no distancing would mean that only fully vaccinated people may attend Mass. We cannot move to that situation at this time. We encourage everyone to be vaccinated for their safety and the safety of their families and those around them. Masks are still required to be worn at Mass and hand sanitizing is recommended. There is still no congregational singing, and Communion is to be received in the hand. Social distancing must take place outside of the church also. **Small meetings of up to 25 people may take place in parish halls, as long as everyone is fully vaccinated.** We ask you to continue to follow these safety norms as we move slowly out of this pandemic time. Thank you.

Bishop Fred Colli

CWL Memorial Mass Wednesday, Nov. 3, 6pm



As we gather in remembrance of departed CWL members, let us take the time to hear their names and pray for their souls. May God welcome them into his heavenly kingdom. A short meeting

and presentation of membership pins will take place in the church hall following mass.

Note: proof of 2 vaccinations is now required to attend gatherings in the hall so please bring your documentation and ID. Thank you.

Message from CWL President Diane Revus:

CWL Executive 2022 - 2023 – we need volunteers to sit on the executive for the next term. The executive meets once a month and the day and time can be arranged to suit those who are working. Help is needed to continue the activities of our CWL council. You may be hesitant, but I am sure you will find it a good experience. Give me a call (481-9787) or email me (dunninn@bell.net). I am looking forward to working with you next year.

Please return sold 50/50 tickets to the Parish Office.



The Knights of Columbus would like your support of Coats for Kids. A collection box will be at the rear of the church labelled Coats for Kids. Funds raised will be used to provide

brand-new winter coats to needy children and will be distributed by the children's aid society in Fort Frances. Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser!!



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11am - 3pm daily

Open 7 days a week

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, Lolly Brunetta, Pat Hudson, Nora Paulenko, Frank Strain, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Brian Cawston



Offertory Collection for St. Mary's

Weekend Of

Oct. 24 - \$6771.15



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH NEWS

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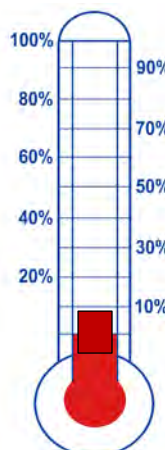
Linda Anderson, Doug Cross, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Mary Lou Parks, Shirley A. Bruyere, Sue Foran-Ross, Dale Krueger, Angela Bruyere, Steven "Beaver" Morrisseau, Janice Parks

Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekend Of

Oct. 24 - \$752.00

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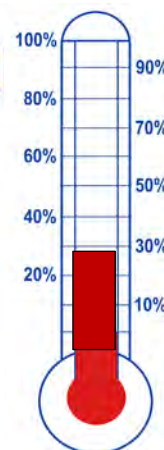


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**Goal:
\$4,000.00**

**Received:
\$700.00**

**THANK
YOU!!**



St. Mary's

**Goal:
\$25,000.00**

**Received:
\$9697.50**

**THANK
YOU!!**

Please help us reach our goal. Funds must be at the Chancery Office before Dec. 31, 2021. The remaining balance will be taken from the Parish General Account.

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