

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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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.





November 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 30th

6pm + Dr. Jon Fryer – Eva Thornton

Wednesday 1st

9am + Valeda Cousineau – Betty Mueller & Family

Thursday 2nd

Rainycrest

10am + Rosina, + Domenico, + Dino and + Teresina Morelli – Francesco & Julian

Friday 3rd

9am Let us pray for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Saturday 4th

9am + Manuel & + Lourdes Peimentel – Queenie

5pm + Bud Lambert – Lillian Bodnar & Family and + Nicholas Delvecchio – The Rodrigues Family

Sunday 5th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9am + James & + Bruce Bruyere – The Krueger Family

11am + Robert Morgan – Ruth Bowiec

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

1st reading: (Jeremiah 33.14-16)

2nd reading: (1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2)

Gospel: (Luke 21.25-28, 34-36)

Your redemption is drawing near.

What's going on?!

Nov. 30 – CWL Executive Meeting – 1:30pm

– First Holy Communion Meeting – 6:30pm

– Confirmation Meeting – 7:00pm

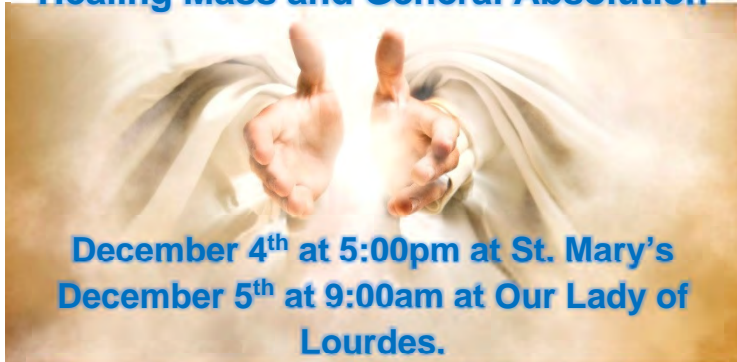
Dec. 4 – Healing Mass & General Absolution – 5:00pm

Dec. 5 – OLOL Healing Mass & General Absolution

– 9:00am

Dec. 7 – CWL Mass & Gathering – 6:00pm **DATE CHANGE**

Healing Mass and General Absolution



December 4th at 5:00pm at St. Mary's

December 5th at 9:00am at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Those who wish to be anointed during those masses kindly contact the parish office and register your names so that the required number of cotton balls for the anointing can be kept ready.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Advent: A time of waiting and preparing

We are in the holy season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Christ. It is an invitation to wait—quietly, patiently, expectantly, joyfully. Advent says, “Wait, slow down! Don’t get entangled in the hustle and the bustle of the season. Get focused instead on what really matters.”

Advent is a time of preparing our hearts to welcome Jesus anew by examining our hearts to see how distant we’ve grown from God, taking stock of how we have failed to live by God’s priorities.

Many families have a tradition of praying around an Advent wreath and reflecting on each day’s Scripture readings. The progression of lighted candles on the wreath each week reminds us that we are called to be ever-brighter lights in the world through our words and actions.

The color purple is used a lot — as part of the Advent wreath, the church’s decorations and the priest’s vestments at Mass. Purple is a penitential color (it’s also used during Lent). We use it during Advent because penance is an important part of our preparation to welcome the coming of Christ.

If we use the time before Dec. 25 to prepare ourselves for Christ’s coming with additional prayer, generous service and participating in the sacrament of reconciliation, we will feel the joy of Christmas even more strongly when it really does arrive.

May we all have a blessed and grace filled Advent season!

In love and truth

Rev. Gino Mathias



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!!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Men's Brunch in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 11th after the 9:00am mass. Proof of vaccination is required. Please sign up at the back of the church. Deadline is December 4th.



St. Mary's CWL is raffling this movie basket. Tickets



are \$1.00. The draw will be Dec. 12th. The basket was donated by Three Sisters. 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, Father Ben Hadrach, Yvette Beck, Lolly Brunetta, Pat Hudson, Nora Paulenko, Frank Strain, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Brian Cawston, Casey Hendrikx, Linda Blanc

*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of
Nov. 21 - \$6061.05*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWS



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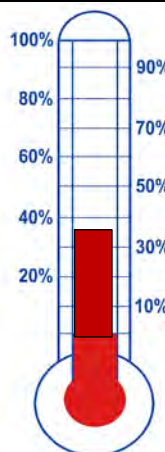
Linda Anderson, Doug Cross, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Mary Lou Parks, Shirley A. Bruyere, Sue Foran-Ross, Dale Krueger, Angela Bruyere, Steven "Beaver" Morrisseau, Janice Parks

*Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes
Weekend Of
Nov. 21 - \$462.00*



Your collection envelopes for 2022 are available for pick up in the lobby!

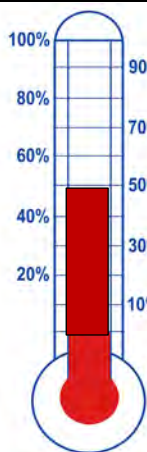
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Goal:
\$4,000.00

Received:
\$1500.00

THANK YOU!!



St. Mary's
Goal:
\$25,000.00

Received:
\$12297.50

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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