

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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## Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor  
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## Parish Staff

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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.





# December 12, 2021

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**6pm + Dr. Jon Fryer – Dan & Kathy Loney**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9am + Bud Lambert – Anna McNay**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Rainycrest**

**10am + Bill Fostey – The Family**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9am + Maria Conceissao - Queenie**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9am + Palmeira Texeira - Queenie**

**5pm + Bud Lambert – Maurice & Patti DeGagné**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)**

**9am + Avis, + George, & + Dan – Jan & Lori**

**11am + Robert Bolen – Tina & Jamie Roth and  
+ Valeda Cousineau – Greg & Kathy Mercure**

**December 12, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**1st reading: (Zephaniah 3.14-18a)**

**2nd reading: (Philippians 4.4-7)**

**Gospel: (Luke 3.10-18)**

*The crowd asked, "What should we do?"*

### Ministry Schedule

Dec. 11 – Gemma (Lector), Lynn (EMHC)

Dec. 12 – Georges (Lector), Gail (EMHC)

Dec. 18 - Anna (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Dec. 19 – Jeremiah (Lector), Gina (EMHC)



**"This Synodal Process seeks to move towards a Church that is more fruitfully at the coming of the kingdom of Heaven," Vademecum for the Synod of Synodality.**

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



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe holds a special place in the religious life of Mexico and is one of the most popular religious devotions. **Her feast day is December 12.** The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century.

Juan Diego was a 57-year-old widower in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531 Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood a maiden dressed like a princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless, the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his cloak in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the cloak where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac. Pope John Paul II canonized Juan Diego and declared Our Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of the Americas.

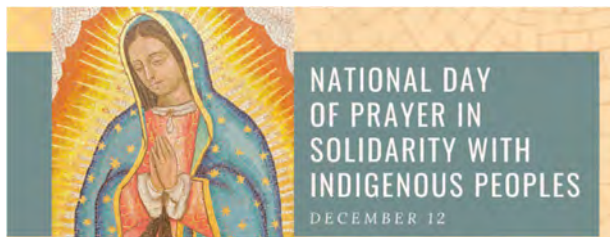
To the present day, Our Lady of Guadalupe remains a powerful symbol of Mexican identity and faith, and her image is associated with everything from motherhood to feminism to social justice.

Our Lady of Guadalupe had this to say to Juan Diego:

"Know for certain that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God through whom everything lives. It is my earnest wish that a temple be built here in my honor. Here I will hear their weeping, their sorrow, and will remedy and alleviate all their multiple sufferings, necessities and misfortunes."

Let us all intercede through our Lady of Guadalupe.

In love and truth,  
Rev. Gino Mathias



The theme this year is "We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation." All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

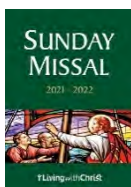
**BIG  
Thank You!**

A big THANK YOU to all who donated to the Baby Project. We were able to give \$487.00 to the Northwestern Health Unit for the Healthy Babies-Healthy Children Program that offers support to expectant & new parents to help them adjust to life with a new baby. We also gave \$487.00 to the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program through the United Native Friendship Centre that offers education & support to expectant & mothers with babies up to 6 months old. Your donations will make a difference to new parents on many levels!!!



*O Come  
Let Us  
Adore  
Thee*

**ST. MARY'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS ARE OFFERING A FREE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO WILL BE ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY - DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**PICK UP STARTS AT 1:00PM**  
**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PICK UP, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**  
**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 274-5233 OR BARB AT 276-1226**  
**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A MEAL!**



The new Missals are available at the back of the church for \$5.00.

## Pray for the sick

If you know people on the prayer list that are doing well, please have them contact the parish office to remove their names.

### 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, Casey Hendrikx, Linda Blanc



Offertory Collection for St. Mary's  
Weekend Of  
 Dec. 5 - \$2327.00

### 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  
 Dec. 5 - \$585.00

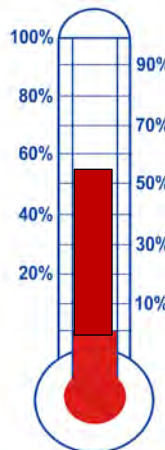


The Knights of Columbus would like your support of Coats for Kids. There is a collection box at the rear of the church labelled Coats for Kids. Funds raised will be used to provide **brand-new** winter coats to needy children and will be distributed by the children's aid society in Fort Frances.

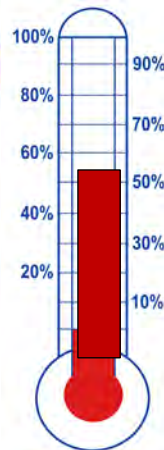
**\$1835.00 has been collected so far!! Thankyou!!**



### ANNUAL DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN 2021



**OLOL**  
**Goal:**  
**\$4,000.00**  
**Received:**  
**\$2150.00**  
**THANK YOU!!**



**St. Mary's**  
**Goal:**  
**\$25,000.00**  
**Received:**  
**\$13947.50**  
**THANK YOU!!**

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