

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.





December 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 21st

6pm + Dennis Huntley - Grace

Wednesday 22nd

9am Intentions of Vince & Barb Godbout - Louella

Thursday 23rd Rainycrest

10am + Margaret Koles – Steve & Shirley Buttner

Friday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm + Linda & + Vivian – Jim

8pm Intentions of All Parishioners (OLOL)

11pm Intentions of All Parishioners

Saturday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

11am Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday 26th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9am + Eugene McPherson – Ria & Family

**11am + Denis DeGagné – Yvette & Ron Beck and
For Special Intentions – Betty Mueller**

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st reading: (Micah 5.2-5a)

2nd reading: (Hebrews 10.5-10)

Gospel: (Luke 1.39-45)

*Why has this happened to me, that the
mother of my Lord comes to me?*

Ministry Schedule

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


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

Dec. 24 (5pm) - Michael (Lector), Lynn/Gina (EMHC)

(11pm) Kim (Lector), Susan (EMHC)

Dec. 25 – Georges (Lector), Gail (EMHC)

Dec. 26 – Marie (Lector), Gina (EMHC)



Synod 2021-2023

For a Synodal Church

- Communion
- Participation
- Mission

St. Mary's & OLOL

"Together We Journey, Listen and Discern"



THANK YOU

**A special thanks to the 4 men who were there for
me when I needed help last weekend. Thanks so
much!
Anna**

**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**



A NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ.

Starting January, 2022, we will
have a novena to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help **every Saturday
evening 5 pm mass in our**

church. In this novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
we pay tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary in asking for
her assistance. This picture of the Blessed Mother
with her Divine Son above has helped her provide
strength, comfort and even miracles to the faithful for
centuries!

The Greek inscriptions read MP-ΘΥ (Mother of God),
OAM (Michael the Archangel), OAG (Gabriel the
Archangel) and IC-XC (Jesus Christ), respectively.
The gold background represents the Kingdom of God.
The veil and her face itself are rounded, indicating
holiness.

Note in this picture how Jesus, while safely cradled in
his mother's arms, looks anxiously at St. Gabriel the
Archangel, who holds the cross and nails for His
Crucifixion. St. Michael the Archangel, at left, holds
the lance, spear, and the vessel of vinegar and gall for
our Lord's Passion as well.

When we pray this novena to our Lady of Perpetual
Help, all the graces Mary gives us come directly from
our Lord. She is always ready to intercede with Him
on our behalf, but never for anything contrary to His
wishes.

As long as we approach her with sincerely humble
and contrite hearts, we can count on her aid and
guidance. Mary's last spoken words in the Gospels
concerned her Son when she said at the wedding
feast at Cana "Do whatever He tells You" (John 2:5).
If we persevere in our intentions to do Christ's will for
us, we are doing hers as well.

May God heal and bless us through Our Lady of
Perpetual Help.

In love and truth,
Rev. Gino Mathias



The winner of the CWL Movie Basket is Sandra Wepruk!
We are happy to say that we raised **\$165.00!** Thank you very much for supporting the Catholic Women's League.



Our Lady of Lourdes CWL wish to congratulate **Taylor Skead McPherson** as the lucky winner of the 50/50 Cash Raffle. A sincere **THANK YOU** to all the generous people who purchased tickets and to our wonderful members who sold the tickets.

Merry Christmas and the Blessings of Our Saviour in the New Year to everyone!

*O Come
Let Us
Adore Him*

ST. MARY'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS ARE OFFERING A FREE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO WILL BE ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY - DECMEBER 25th 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 K.C.'s collected a total of \$1866.00!! Thank you for your support!

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. 12 - \$3290.00

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWS

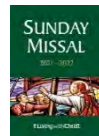
In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

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. 12 - \$567.00

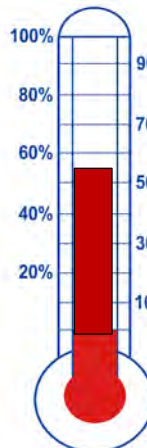
The third Sunday of every month will be Food Box Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items for the needy.

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



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

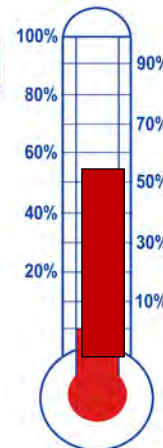
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Goal:
\$4,000.00

Received:
\$2150.00

THANK YOU!!



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

Received:
\$14317.50

THANK YOU!!

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 24 5pm Mass @ St. Mary's
8pm Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes
11pm Mass @ St. Mary's
Saturday, Dec. 25 11am Mass @ St. Mary's
Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022
9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes
11am Mass @ St. Mary's
5pm Mass @ St. Mary's

The office will be closed for the holidays on December 24th and will remain closed until January 3rd. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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