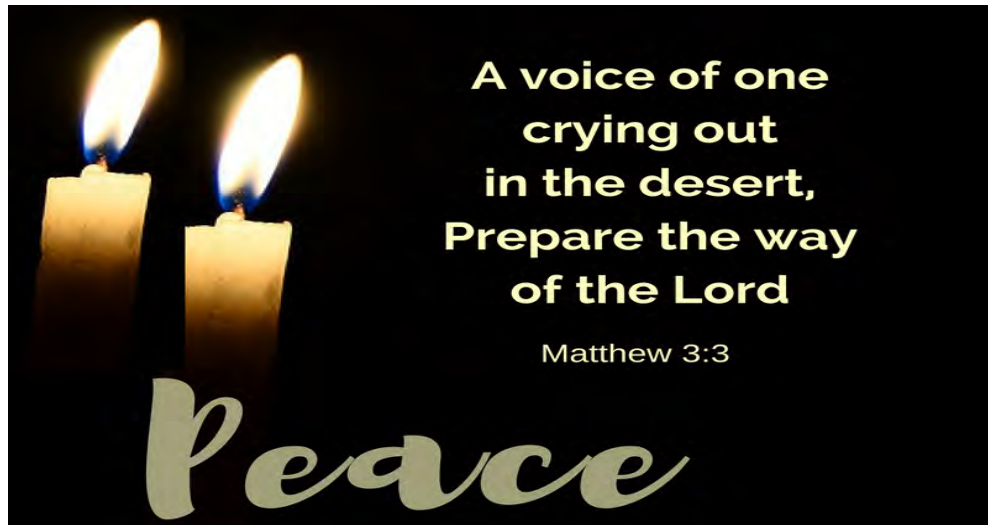


St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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 5, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 7th

6pm + Rosina, + Domenico, + Dino and + Teresina
Morelli – Francesco & Julian

Wednesday 8th

9am + Bud Lambert – Kathy & Dan Loney and for
the Intentions of Margrit Schaum – The Retreat
Group

Thursday 9th **Rainycrest**

10am Intentions of Queenie Leschinski – Paulette
DeVos

Friday 10th

9am + Deceased Loved Ones – The Bereavement
Group

Saturday 11th

9am + Joan McTavish – John & Norma Carter

5pm + Mike Bodnar – Lillian & Family

Sunday 12th **(9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)**

9am + Ryan J. D. Brunetta – Greg & Kathy Mercure

11am + Rommel Blasé – The Family and
+ Jerzy Saciuk – The Family

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

1st reading: (Baruch 5.1-9)

2nd reading: (Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11)

Gospel: (Luke 3.1-6)

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

What's going on?!

Dec. 7 – CWL Mass & Gathering–6:00pm

Dec. 11 – K.C. Men's Brunch – after 9:00am mass



**“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.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Synod and its origin and kinds

The Synod of Bishops is a permanent institution established by Pope Paul VI, 15 September 1965. A Synod is a religious assembly at which bishops, gathered around and with the Holy Father, have the opportunity to interact with each other and to share information and experiences, in the common pursuit of pastoral solutions which have a universal validity and application.

There are three types of synod sessions: 1) ordinary general assemblies, which attend to matters concerning the whole Church; 2) extraordinary general assemblies, which address issues that need rapid resolution; 3) special assemblies, which focus on problems relating directly to specific Churches or regions.

The Holy Father is the president of the synod. There is also a secretary-general, assisted by an ordinary Council of the General Secretariat, composed of bishops.

There have been 19 synods: nine ordinary, two extraordinary and eight special. The last one was a special synod “Synod of Bishops 2nd Special Assembly for Europe: Jesus Christ Living in His Church, Source of Hope for Europe (Oct. 1-23, 1999)”.

In the upcoming synod **Pope Francis wants to hear from all corners of the world and for all of us to listen to each other and the Holy Spirit.** This is the “synodality” Pope Francis said he desires. This is the first time since the Synod of Bishops was established that opening discussions will be decentralized. To achieve this end, the coming synod will take place over a span of three years and in three phases made up of listening, discerning, and consultation.

Let's keep praying for a fruitful synod and let's actively participate and contribute to it with our discussion, discernment and dedication.

In love and truth.
Rev. Gino Mathias

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.



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.

\$1745.00 has been collected so far!! Thankyou!!



"Let us have music for Christmas. Sound the trumpet of joy and rebirth; let each of us try, with a song in our hearts, to bring peace to men on earth." (Mildred Jarrell) Let us rejoice together by attending the CWL Christmas mass and gathering on Tuesday, December 7 at 6pm. Note: proof of vaccination is required for the hall.



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!

CWL NEWS

Saturday night, November 27th after mass, Father Gino drew the winning ticket for our annual CWL 50/50 draw. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Joanne Bliss!! Thank you to everyone involved for selling & buying tickets. A **SPECIAL** thank you to Maria for outstanding ticket sales!

Merry Christmas everyone!

Micaela, Evelyn, Sandy & Mitzi for St. Mary's CWL

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
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH NEWS

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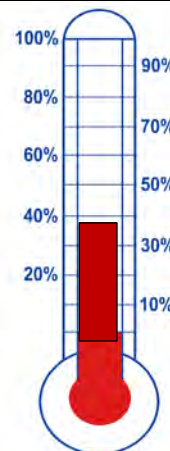
Linda Anderson, Doug Cross, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Mary Lou Parks, Shirley A. Bruyere, Sue Foran-Ross, Dale Krueger, Angela Bruyere, Steven "Beaver" Morrisseau, Janice Parks

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Nov. 28 - \$492.00*



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

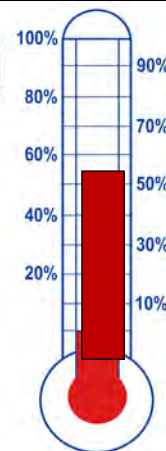
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Received:
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THANK YOU!!



St. Mary's
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\$25,000.00

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