

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 - Saturday - 9:00 am
(Rainycrest closed)

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 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 28th

6pm + Becky Ball – Frank & Family and for the Intentions of Vince Godbout - Louella

Wednesday 29th

9am + Valeda Cousineau – Yvette & Rita

Thursday 30th @ St. Mary's - Rainycrest closed

9am + David Fontana – The Family

Friday 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE

9am + Sister Frances Bonokoski

Saturday 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY

9am Intentions of All Parishioners (OLOL)

11am Intentions of All Parishioners

5pm + Valeda Cousineau – Yvette & Rita

Sunday 2nd (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9am + George, + Dolly & + Chuck McPherson – The Family

11am + Valeda Cousineau – Kathy & Terry Mueller

Tuesday 4th

6pm + Jon Fryer – Kathy & Terry Mueller

Wednesday 5th

9am + Deceased Loved Ones of the Ferguson, Belluz, & DelZotto Families – The Belluz Family

Thursday 6th @ St. Mary's - Rainycrest closed

9am + Madeleine Lindberg – Jerry & Diane Darvell

Friday 7th

9am For unity and support among government and churches to work with Indigenous people towards reconciliation and healing.

Saturday 8th

9am + Pete Boon Jr. & Peter Boon Sr. – Jim & Linda Gill

5pm + Antonia Edgett – Pearl DeGagné & Family

Sunday 9th

9am + Peter Boon Sr. – Margrit Schaum

11am + Woclaw & + Jozefa Zielonko – The Family

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Merry Christmas My Dear Friends


Nothing is more magical than decorated trees, lights, presents, family, and friends to brighten up your life. Give and receive love this holiday season, and you will surely have a joyous Christmas.

Blessed are those who choose to give and share this Christmas. **You have been so generous to our churches.** May your generosity be returned ten-fold this Christmas and throughout the coming year. This Christmas, **I thank you for being our rock of strength in good times and in bad.** You deserve all the goodness and goodwill that the Christmas season brings.

The best present one can hope for this year is to spend time together. This is a joyous season to take a step back from our busy lives and enjoy time with our loved ones. May God's blessing shine down upon you and your family this holiday season.

May the blessings of the season fill your life with joy and hope that happy times and good fortune are headed your way this coming year. May the New Year bring fresh hopes and bright beginnings. Wishing you and your family health, happiness, peace and prosperity this holiday season and in the coming New Year. May the magic of Christmas bring you new inspiration and joy.

In love and truth,
Rev. Gino Mathias



Synod 2021-2023

For a Synodal Church

- Communion
- Participation
- Mission

St. Mary's & OLOL

"Together We Journey, Listen and Discern"

Ministry Schedule

Dec. 26 – Marie (Lector), Gina (EMHC)

Jan. 1 (11am) Micaela (Lector), Bryan (EMHC)

(5pm) Anna (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Jan. 2 – Georges (Lector), Greg (EMHC)



Father Gino, Tina, Gerald, and Brian wish all our parishioners of St. Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with Hope and Health.

December 24, 2021

Christmas

5pm & 8pm masses & Midnight Mass

1st reading: (Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7)

2nd reading: (Titus 2.11-14)

Gospel: (Luke 2.1-16)

To you is born this day a Saviour, who is the Christ.

December 25, 2021

Christmas Day – The Nativity of The Lord.

1st reading: (Isaiah 52.7-10)

2nd reading: (Hebrews 1.1-6)

Gospel: (John 1.1-18)

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1st reading: (Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14)

2nd reading: (Colossians 3.12-21)

Gospel: (Luke 2.41-52)

His parents found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers.

January 1, 2022

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1st reading: (Number 6.22-27)

2nd reading: (Galatians 4.4-7)

Gospel: (Luke 2.16-21)

They found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. After eight days he was named Jesus.

January 2, 2022

Epiphany of The Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 60.1-6)

2nd reading: (Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6)

Gospel: (Matthew 2.1-12)

We have come from the East to pay homage to the King.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

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 re-open on January 3rd.
Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



The Rosary of the Virgin

Mary: How blessed we are to have this rich tradition of prayer. Imagine being in a nursing home and being surrounded by the comforting intoning of the prayers to our

Blessed Mother and the meditation on the mysteries that are the foundation of our faith. Thank you to Margrit Schaum for leading the rosary at Rainycrest ; however, Margrit sometimes is on her own to gather residents and lead the prayers. With 180 members in our CWL council, we should be able to assist with this ministry for the elderly. It takes about an hour out of the day and you reap the benefits of prayer and the gratification that comes from connecting with others who are grateful for your presence. Make it a New Year's resolution to attend Rainycrest rosary at least once a month – Mondays @ 2pm (come at 1:30). Non CWL members, including the men of our parish, are welcome to take part in this rosary service. **May God bless you for joining in prayer with our Rainycrest residents.** 🙏



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. 19 – \$6185.25

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

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Weekend Of

Dec. 19 - \$1042.00



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