

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor  
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Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary  
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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 - Saturday - 9:00 am

(Rainycrest closed)

## Rosary

Weekdays following mass

Sunday 8:40 am OLOL

## Holy Hour

Friday 9:30 - 10:30 am

## 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

## Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Process begins in September,  
please call at any time

\*\*\*\*\**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.



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**6pm** + Murray Hutchins – Tina & Jamie Roth and  
+ Toni Edgett – Pearl DeGagné & Family

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9am** + Clarence Bujold – The Family

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> @ St. Mary's - Rainycrest closed**

**9am** + Madeliene Lindberg – Philip Jarvis

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9am** + Nora Paulenko – Margrit Schaum

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9am** + Madeliene Lindberg – Don & Rachel  
Marquis

**5pm** + Ryan Brunetta – The Toffan Family

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)**

**9am** Intentions for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our  
Lady of Lourdes Catholic Women's League

**11am** + Dr. Jon Fryer – Frank & Monique Strain  
and + Tante Mien Van Delft – Greg  
& Kathy Mercure

**January 16, 2022**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st reading:** (Isaiah 62.1-5)

**2nd reading:** (1 Corinthians 12.4-11)

**Gospel:** (John 2.1-12)

*Jesus did the first of His signs in Cana of Galilee.*

**Ministry Schedule**

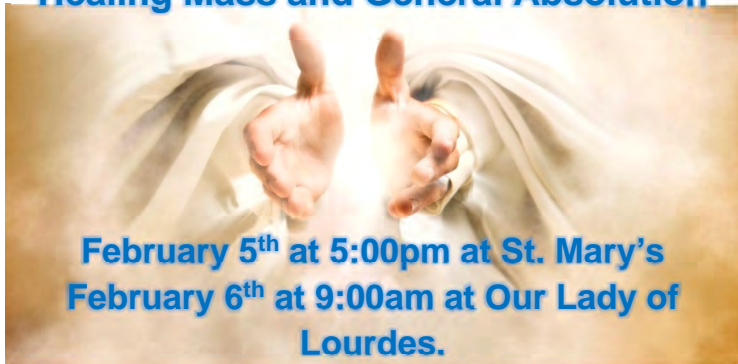
Jan. 15 – Gemma (Lector), Susan (EMHC)

Jan. 16 - Marie (Lector), Gina (EMHC)

Jan. 22 - Kim (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Jan. 23 – Jeremiah (Lector), Bryan (EMHC)

**Healing Mass and General Absolution**



**February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at St. Mary's**  
**February 6<sup>th</sup> 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**



**Wedding at Cana: A Significant Lesson**

The wedding at Cana is important because it was the first miraculous sign that Jesus gave. Jesus and his mother were invited to that wedding. During the celebration, when the hosts ran out of wine to serve the guests, Mary had total confidence that her son, Jesus, would take care of the situation. He miraculously turned plain water into excellent wine.

This story has many lessons for us. The lesson about effective methods of praying is remarkable. Prayer is not an occasion of rhetoric. Prayer is not a stage to exhibit one's theology of spirituality. Prayer is simply an art of letting God know your situation.

Taking our requests to Jesus but humbly accepting his answer is the key to prayer. Mary let Jesus know of the situation at the wedding at Cana. She humbly accepted the answer from Jesus. Her response to the servants was, "Do whatever he tells you." John 2:5

That does not imply God is oblivious of the situations in our lives. God is all-knowing and all-powerful. It's to fully know ourselves and humbly accept our unworthiness before God. With this disposition, miracles happen every moment. Praise the Lord.

In love and truth,  
Rev. Gino Mathias



Wedding at Cana  
John 2:1-11



# Pray More Novenas

**NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA** – Tuesdays at the 6:00pm mass.

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP** – Wednesdays at the 9:00am mass



**Congratulations to Michelle & Zachary, who had their daughter, Addilyn Rose McCool, baptized on January 11th.**

## 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, Lolly Brunetta, Pat Hudson, Frank Strain, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Brian Cawston, Casey Hendrikx, Linda Blanc, Terri Revus



*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's  
Weekend Of  
Jan. 1-9 – \$2240.10*

### 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" Morrissette, Janice Parks


*Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes  
Weekend Of  
Jan. 1-9 – \$962.75*



**The Revus family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers for Terri. She has gone from "fighting for her**

**life" to "holding her own" as she slowly recovers. We appreciate all the support and prayers!**

Due to the ongoing pandemic and restrictions, all CWL meetings and events are cancelled until further notice.

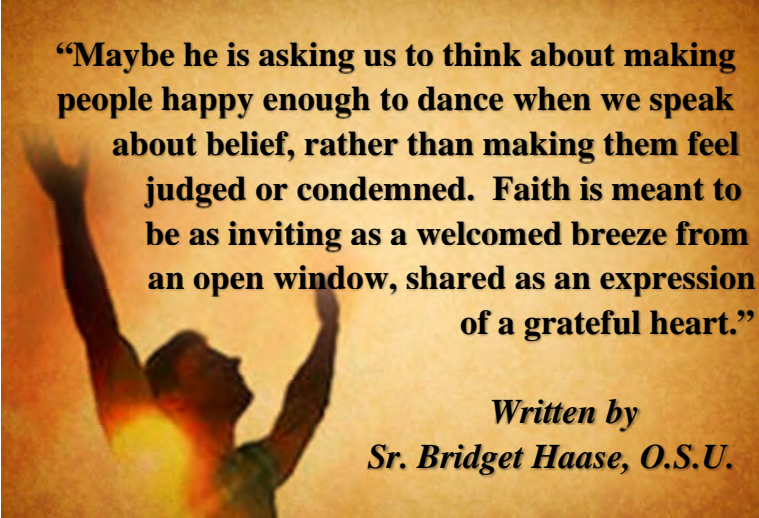



**Synod 2021-2023**  
For a Synodal Church

- Communion
- Participation
- Mission

St. Mary's & OLOL

**"Together We Journey, Listen and Discern"**



**"Maybe he is asking us to think about making people happy enough to dance when we speak about belief, rather than making them feel judged or condemned. Faith is meant to be as inviting as a welcomed breeze from an open window, shared as an expression of a grateful heart."**

*Written by  
Sr. Bridget Haase, O.S.U.*

**January 18 - 25**

**WEEK of PRAYER**  
for CHRISTIAN UNITY  
**2022**

*"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him"*  
(Mt 2:2)

[weekofprayer.ca](http://weekofprayer.ca)



**The worldwide celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is both the seed and the fruit of striving for 'unity in diversity'. This time of shared prayer, reflection, and fellowship invites Christians of different traditions to deepen our relationships and to live and witness together throughout the year.**

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

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*Regular Meeting:*  
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 6:30pm at St. Mary's

  
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