

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

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.





January 9, 2022 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 11th

6pm + Bessie Mainville – The Associates of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville

Wednesday 12th

9am + Joan McTavish – John & Norma Oster

Thursday 13th @ St. Mary's - Rainycrest closed

9am + Gus MacKintosh – Pat Hudson

Friday 14th

9am + Deceased Loved Ones – Bereavement Group

Saturday 15th

9am + Pete Boon Jr. – Paul & Terry Swart

5pm + Armand Lambert – Pearl DeGagné & Family

Sunday 16th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9am + Bobby Ash – Frank & Nina Ball

11am + Valeda Cousineau – Kathy & Terry Mueller

January 9, 2022

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

1st reading: (Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11)

2nd reading: (Titus 2.11-14, 3.4-7)

Gospel: (Luke 3.15-16, 21-22)

When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him.

Ministry Schedule

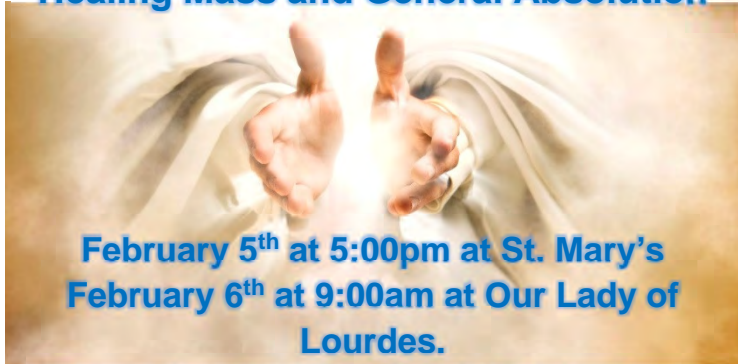
Jan. 8 - Kim (Lector), Lynn (EMHC)

Jan. 9 - Jeremiah (Lector), Bryan (EMHC)

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

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

Healing Mass and General Absolution



February 5th at 5:00pm at St. Mary's

February 6th 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



Baptism: Belonging To The Catholic Church

The Christmas season comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of His Church, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

Every validly baptized person belongs to the Catholic Church no matter how unaware the person may be of belonging to the Mystical Body of Christ. To be an actual member of the Catholic Church, the baptized person must also be ready to profess what the Catholic Church teaches, and accept her laws and obligations with an open heart.

It's unfortunate that many baptized Catholics have started to critically and cynically look down on our Catholic church. The right attitude might be to have a strong sense of belonging and take responsibility to change it. Grace Lee Boggs reminds us that you cannot change any society unless you take responsibility for it, unless you see yourself as belonging to it, and responsible for changing it.

Let's belong, participate and change the church as a better place for everyone to experience the presence of God. **The ongoing Synod** is a perfect opportunity to do this.

As William Arthur Ward would say *"Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice"*.

In love and truth,
Rev. Gino Mathias

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

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



We would like to acknowledge all the effort that was put into getting the church ready and festive for the Christmas season. Thanks to Anna Pierroz, Kathy Mueller, and crew (Terry, Jeannie, Darlene & Julianna) for all the hard work and time they took to create the beautiful swags for the pews. Thanks to Susan Chiasson and crew (Miranda & Gina) for the flowers and other special touches and decorations! Also, thanks to all the Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for their assistance & dedication.

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, Terri Revus



Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of
Dec. 24-26 - \$8052.20

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. 24-26 - \$1487.90

Important Update on Covid-19 Covid-Omicron Update - January 4, 2022

The Ontario Government has implemented new directives due to the Covid-Omicron variant spread. These directives begin on Wednesday January 5 and run for 21 days. These new updates do not change our present status in churches. We are still at 50% capacity (every second pew) with social distancing required. Family units can sit together. Masks must be worn and hand sanitizing is recommended. Holy Communion is to be distributed in the hand and there is no congregational singing at this time. Parish meetings, if necessary, are limited to 5 persons, and funeral services are maintained following the BAO directives. We recommend that parish offices be 'closed to the public' at this time, but this is at the discretion of the pastor. Secretaries and bookkeepers can still be working and social distancing and masking are required.

If you are still uncomfortable about attending Mass in person please check for on-line celebrations. You are encouraged to get your vaccination and booster when you can for your safety and the safety of your family and those around you. Let us continue to work together creating a safe environment for our parishioners and their families as we pray for an end to this pandemic.

Sincerely,
Bishop Fred Colli

A logo for the Synod 2021-2023. It features a stylized sun or bird-like figure with arms raised, and the text "Synod 2021 2023" and "For a synodal Church communion | participation | mission".

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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.

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