

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 is 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

Tuesdays - 5:30 pm

Wednesdays - Saturdays - 8:30 am

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Sunday 10:00 - 10:40 am

8:20 - 8:50 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 1st

6pm + Rommel Blasé – The Family

Wednesday 2nd **Ash Wednesday**

6pm + Nora Paulenko – Sandra & Jim McKinnon
and + Conrad Landry – Reina Landry-Hogue

Thursday 3rd @ St. Mary's (Rainycrest closed)

9am + Nora Paulenko – The LePine Family

Friday 4th **World Day of Prayer**

9am For spiritual growth in our parish
Community.

Saturday 5th

9am + Leo Hogue – Reina Landry-Hogue

5pm Intentions of Gemma Lamonato – Margrit
Schaum

Sunday 6th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9am Intentions of Danielle Halliday & for Her
+ Deceased Family – Ingrid Carlson

11am + Ryan Brunetta – Bruce & Evelyn Rawn

February 27, 2022

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Sirach 27.4-7)

2nd reading: (1 Corinthians 15.54-58)

Gospel: (Luke 6.39-45)

From what is in the heart, the mouth speaks.

Ministry Schedule

Feb. 26 – Anna (Lector), Susan (EMHC)

Feb. 27 - Jeremiah (Lector), Gail (EMHC)

Mar. 5 – Kim (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Mar. 6 – Micaela (Lector), Gina (EMHC)

Importance of Lent

Although these dates are important to remember, the most important thing you must not forget is the true meaning of Lent and the reason why we Catholics recognize the Lenten season. Lent is a time to foster and strengthen our relationship with Jesus, our Faith, and a time to ponder and reflect on Jesus' love through His sufferings. It is also a time to make our own personal reflection and how we can better live our lives in the image and likeness of God.

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



Ash Wednesday

"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return"

Coming Wednesday (03/02/22) is Ash Wednesday. It points to the beginning of the Lenten season. Are you feeling cut off from God? Do you need to draw closer to Him? This Lent, God invites us to come home to Him—to receive His restoring grace and feel His loving embrace. The choice is yours.

We have the **forty days of Lent to be honest with ourselves**, to be real with God and not afraid of our shortcomings. By God's grace we can learn to live more honestly, more fully by acknowledging our sinfulness and allowing God who loves us to forgive and transform us.

Lent is a time for personal house cleaning and recommitment to the new life in Christ. It is a time for asking ourselves if we are becoming the person we want to be and, more importantly, are we becoming the person God wants us to be?

At all times, and especially during the season of Lent, when winter and spring struggle with each other for dominance, we are challenged to reflect on what is of most value in our lives. As Jesus says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"

May all of us have a fruitful Lenten season!

In love and truth,
Rev. Gino Mathias

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

FRIDAY 4 MARCH

*'For I know the plans I have for you',
declares the LORD*

*'Plans to prosper you and not harm you,
Plans to give you hope and a future.'*

In the midst of all the uncertainties we are living under this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the WDP 2022 theme emerges like a balm of confidence. It is an invitation to place our trust in God in times of suffering.

We are given a seed of hope to ponder where it needs to be planted in our lives and in our communities. Take this opportunity, to raise awareness on the needs of your community and offer the gifts of prayers and commitment. A seed, nourished by prayers of intercession and actions of love, bind us together around the world.



"Together We Journey, Listen and Discern"

There is an online survey on our website with the Synod questions and you are welcome to provide answer and comments. This is the link and QR code.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/synod2022>



Lent 2022 Timeline

Important dates for this year's Lenten season.

First Sunday of Lent – March 6th

March 2	Ash Wednesday (mass at 6pm)
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 14	Maundy Thursday
April 15	Good Friday
April 16	Holy Saturday
April 17	Easter Sunday

THE ELEVATOR IS NOT WORKING AND WILL BE INOPERABLE UNTIL AT LEAST THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE!

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, Keagan Evans, Julie Halvorsen, Patrick McColeman, Bridger Hands, Mary Kolynchuk, Lori Woodgate, Ewan MacKintosh, Father Ben Hadrich, Lolly Brunetta, Pat Hudson, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Brian Cawston, Casey Hendrixx, Linda Blanc



*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of
Feb. 20 – \$4464.15*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH NEWS

**In your prayers, please
remember those who are sick:**

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

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Weekend Of
Feb. 20 – \$626.54*

WEEKLY INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

“Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.”

– *St. John Chrysostom*

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