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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)

Confessions

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

Eucharist Adoration

Friday 9:30 - 10:30 am

Baptisms

Please call 3 months in advance
Baptism Preparation Class every 2nd
Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Children's Liturgy

During Sunday Masses
September thru May

Rosary

Weekdays following mass
Sunday 8:40 am OLOL

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.



This is my Son,
the Chosen one.
Listen to him.

March 13, 2022
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 15th

6pm + Josie Ireland – Bob & Paulette DeVos and
+ Jim Maxey – Gemma Lamonato

Wednesday 16th

9am + Joan McTavish – John & Norma Oster

Thursday 17th @ St. Mary's (Rainycrest closed)

9am + Gus & + Jean Desaulniers – Deloras Chabot

Friday 18th

9am + Valeriano Lamonato – Margit Schaum

Saturday 19th

9am + John Fedoruk – Marg Rousseau

5pm + Valeda Cousineau – Bruce & Evelyn Rawn and
+ Marie Byrnes - Plum

Sunday 20th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9am + Joan Mainville – Grace Huntley

11am + Nora Paulenko and + Joan McTavish – Larry
& Diane Senger, Brad & Lorna Oster & Family

March 13, 2022

2nd Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18)

2nd reading: (Philippians 3.17-4.1)

Gospel: (Luke 9.28b-36)

*While Jesus prayed, the appearance of
His face changed.*

Ministry Schedule

Mar. 12 – Anna (Lector), Susan (EMHC)

Mar. 13 - Miranda (Lector), Bryan (EMHC)

Mar. 19 – Gemma (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Mar. 20 – Jeremiah (Lector), Noble (EMHC)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6 :00pm

March 11 Knights of Columbus

March 18 TBD

March 25 Bereavement Group

April 1 Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite

April 8 TBD

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lobby. Thank you for your generosity!**

**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**



Lenten Practice: Praying

*If my people, who are called by my name, will
humble themselves and pray and seek my face and
turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from
heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their
land. 2 Chronicles 7:14*

Prayer is not a multiplication of words. In prayer **it is better to have a heart without words than words without heart.** Prayer is not a monologue. Prayer is a conversation with God. Prayer is not just a mental or vocal exercise. It is a spiritual transaction with God. It's about spending time with God. It is our love and desire to know more of God that leads us to pray. It's about growing in relationship with God.

Pope Francis said, "Lent is a privileged time for prayer." Prayer is the cornerstone of our Lenten journey and is vital to all of our actions in life. In our busy world, Prayer provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns and sins. We should pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do.

Worry never changes anything, but prayer can change things. **Stop worrying about things and start praying about things that bother us.** Let this Lenten season be a transformative time which will move us to pray constantly.

In love and truth,
Rev. Gino Mathias

Lent 2022 Timeline

Important dates for this year's Lenten season.

First Sunday of Lent – March 6th

April 10 Palm Sunday

April 14 Maundy Thursday

April 15 Good Friday

April 16 Holy Saturday

April 17 Easter Sunday

The Synod Group would like to sincerely thank everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaires and participate in the discussions.

We appreciate your input!



"Together We Journey, Listen and Discern"

Anyone who would still like to contribute input may do so until the end of March. You may request a personal



interview by calling the parish office or by filling out the questionnaire (in full or in part) on line on the parish website or using one of the paper copies available at the back of the church.

This is the link and QR code.

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



TUESDAYS

5:30pm

WEDNESDAYS - SATURDAYS

8:30am

SATURDAYS

4:00 – 4:40pm

SUNDAYS

8:20 – 8:50am (Our Lady of Lourdes)

10:00 – 10:40am

Or call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

THE ELEVATOR IS NOT WORKING AND WILL BE INOPERABLE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. 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 Hendrikx, Linda Blanc, Nathan Galusha

Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of
March 6 – \$3664.00

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

Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes
Weekend Of
March 6 – \$568.00

Invitation to the "12th Annual DAY OF REFLECTION"

'Change and Growth' is this year's theme.

As God's people we need to take time periodically to look at the direction our life is taking. If our formerly vibrant faith is now on life-support, we will probably be ready to revive it.

Jesus, in His busy schedule, told His Disciples:

"Come away with me by yourselves to a quiet place to get some rest."

And "Blessed are those who hunger after life in all its fullness."

**Saturday, March 19th at St. Mary's Parish Hall
9am to 3pm**

To register call Margrit Schaum @ 274-6149 or Tina @ parish office @274-5233.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.

Pope Francis

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