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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 - 9:30 am

(Rainycrest is closed)

Confessions

Tuesdays - 5:30 pm

Wednesdays - Saturdays - 9:00 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 10:00 - 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 **before** 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.



Unless you turn to God,
you too will perish.

March 20, 2022
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

MASSES FOR THE WEEK Please note time change

Tuesday 22nd

6:00pm + Dennis Huntley - Grace

Wednesday 23rd

9:30am + Josh Sigurdson - Gina, Greg & Miranda

Thursday 24th @ St. Mary's (Rainycrest closed)

9:30am + Joan Anderson - Marg Rousseau

Friday 25th

9:30am + Robert McNay - Anna

Saturday 26th

9:30am + Anibal Rodrigues - The Family

5:00pm + Josie Ireland - The Armstrong Family

Sunday 27th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + Joan Mainville - Jamie & Tina Roth

11:00am + Jim Oster - Diane Senger, Brad & Lorna Oster & Family

ROSARY WILL NOW BE AT 9:00AM

March 20, 2022

3rd Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15)

2nd reading: (1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12)

Gospel: (Luke 13.1-9)

*Unless you turn back to God, you will
perish as they did.*

Ministry Schedule

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

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

Mar. 26 - Kim (Lector), Sandy (EMHC)

Mar. 27 - Michael (Lector), Gina (EMHC)



STATIONS of the CROSS

6:00pm

March 25 Bereavement Group

April 1 Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite

April 8 TBD

Lent 2022 Timeline

April 10 Palm Sunday

April 14 Maundy Thursday

April 15 Good Friday

April 16 Holy Saturday

April 17 Easter Sunday



Lenten Practices: Almsgiving

"Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving... Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life" (Tobit 12:8-9).

Fasting helps us get in touch with our own limitedness and deepest need for God. Prayer draws us closer into intimacy with Him. The third weapon in making a good Lent is almsgiving, which focuses on others.

In sharing our gifts with others, we experience the truth of what Christ taught: That it is better to give than to receive. Generous giving frees us from the slavery of attachment, where greed thrives. Charity is the path to true freedom. Detachment from this world allows one to focus on receiving the higher gifts and ultimately to experience the world to come: heaven.

Greatness of a person is defined through charitable service to the least of our brothers and sisters. When we give to them, we give to Jesus. Saint Cyprian wrote that "Our prayers become effective through almsgiving, life is redeemed from dangers by almsgiving, and souls are delivered from death by almsgiving."

The best use of Time is time spent with God. The best use Talent is to serve others. The best use of our Treasure is to give Alms in love to those in need. Let us make a difference by being a good steward of our gifts and a faithful disciple of Christ's teachings.

In love and truth,
Rev. Gino Mathias

2021 Donation Tax receipts are in the lobby. They will be put in the mail next week. Thank you for your generosity!

THE ELEVATOR IS NOT WORKING AND WILL BE INOPERABLE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

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>

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 13 - \$2965.00*

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

*Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes
Weekend Of
March 13 - \$1098.00*



LENTEN FISH FRY

FRIDAY, MARCH 25th & APRIL 1st & 8th
PICK-UP STARTS AT 3:30PM,
DELIVERY 4:00PM

Deadline for orders is 3:00pm the Thursday before.
For more information contact Barb @276-1226
PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE
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\$15.00 (Price includes walleye and all the fixings!)

Christians have observed Lent for roughly 2,000 years as a way to praise and memorialize Jesus's death and burial before glorifying His resurrection. One of the central traditions of Lent is fasting, the discipline of abstaining from specific foods or something you enjoy for a set amount of time. The custom of fasting during Lent has long been embraced by the Roman Catholic Church.

The rules are very distinct and include fasting on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent.



TUESDAYS

5:30pm

WEDNESDAYS - SATURDAYS

9:00am

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.

"Lent is not something we do for God - Lent is something we do with God."

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