

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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

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40 Days
of
Renewal

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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.



...this son of mine was dead
and is alive again;
he was lost and is found!

March 27, 2022 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

L E N T
Pray + Fast + Give

MASSES FOR THE WEEK Please note time change

Tuesday 29th

6:00pm + Valeriano Lamonato – The LePine Family

Wednesday 30th

9:30am + Cecil Ogden – George & Bev Mylenchuk

Thursday 31st @ St. Mary's (Rainycrest closed)

9:30am + Tom Nelson – Frank & Nina Ball

Friday 1st

9:30am That leaders in all countries work cooperatively to address the climate changes that are creating havoc in our beautiful world.

Saturday 2nd

9:30am + Joan Anderson – George & Bev Mylenchuk

5:00pm + Doreen Bodnar – Gerald & Peggy Armstrong & Family

Sunday 3rd (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + Terri Ashworth – Mom

11:00am + Rommel Blasé – The Family and
+ Dennis Huntley - Grace

ROSARY WILL NOW BE AT 9:00AM

March 27, 2022

4th Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (Joshua 5.9a, 10-12)

2nd reading: (2 Corinthians 5.17 - 21)

Gospel: (Luke 15.1-3, 11-32)

***This brother of yours was dead, and has
come to life.***

Ministry Schedule

Mar. 26 – Gemma (Lector), Sandy (EMHC)

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

Apr. 2 – Anna (Lector), Susan (EMHC)

Apr. 3 – Miranda (Lector), Greg (EMHC)

Covid-Omicron Update - March 21, 2022

With the government of Ontario lifting the Mandatory Masking Policy today, the policy direction for the Diocese of Thunder Bay will be that wearing a Mask in our churches for Mass/services or at other parish meetings or gatherings will be OPTIONAL, and will be the personal choice of each parishioner. We will respect whatever decisions are taken by our parishioners, and we will recognize everyone's right to wear or not to wear a mask. However, we encourage some social distancing to continue.

Thank you for your continued support of our diocesan policies. These are important for the safety of everyone. We encourage those who can, to once again attend Mass at their parish church, especially as we approach the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter.

Sincerely,

Bishop Fred Colli

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lenten Spiritual Journey

"Lent is a time of returning to God. It is a time to confess how we keep looking for joy, peace, and satisfaction in the many people and things surrounding us without really finding what we desire. Only God can give us what we want. So we must be reconciled with God ... The season of Lent helps us in a special way to cry out for God's mercy." – Henri Nouwen

Lent is a journey to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday. It is essentially an act of renewed prayer life. As we pray, we are travelling on a 'spiritual' journey, one that hopefully will bring us ever closer to Jesus and help us to be changed by this encounter with him.

The Lenten Pathway is a spiritual guide to help us make the journey to the Resurrection our own. This is the objective of our life-long spiritual journey, a journey from death to life, from darkness to light. Ultimately, as we travel with him, we are invited to ask his help, join in his suffering and, most importantly, to learn to love as he loves us.

May we each experience that grace this Lent, so that we may truly be prepared to celebrate with renewed zeal the Resurrection and Triumph of Jesus this Easter.

In love and truth,
Rev. Gino Mathias



6:00pm

April 1 Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite

April 8 TBD

April 15@OLOL at 7:00pm

Lent 2022 Timeline

April 10

Palm Sunday

April 14

Maundy Thursday

April 15

Good Friday

April 16

Holy Saturday

April 17

Easter Sunday



"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>



Thank you for the beautiful farewell gathering that was organized for our family. We are so grateful for the time we have had in Fort Frances and especially for our St. Mary's community. Thank you for all of your kind words, encouragement, and prayers for us. We will miss you all so much!

Love Bryan, Johanna, and Michael ❤️

CWL members are invited to join in prayer to install our executive for 2022 - 2023 on Wednesday, April 6 at 6pm in the church followed by a general meeting in the hall. We are so fortunate to have members willing to take part in organizing and carrying out the events of our council. Hopefully, you will attend to show your support. **Note:** If you are interested in being on the executive this year, let me know ASAP (481-9787 or email dunninn@bell.net). Positions are open on standing committees which work as a team and we are in need of a Vice President, which is a learning placement so you are capable of serving in this position. Love to hear from you!



The Blessed Is She Women's group gathering is Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30pm in the meeting room. If you are interested in joining, contact Jessica at jessicahazel@me.com

2021 Donation Tax receipts are in the mail. Thank you for your generosity!



LENTEN FISH FRY

FRIDAY, 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
PARISH OFFICE

\$15.00 (Price includes walleye and all the fixings!)

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



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, Dave Egan



*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of
March 20 - \$5585.00*



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 20 - \$831.00*



**Please see the front of the bulletin for
confession times.**

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

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