St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



Parish Office

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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.



April 3, 2022 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

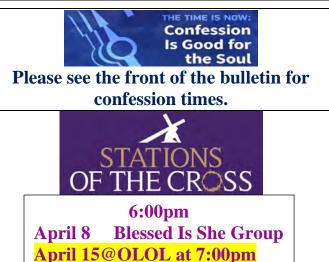


MASSES FOR THE WEEK Please note time change Tuesday 5th 6:00pm + Morris Begin – Diane Revus & Linda Fleming Wednesday 6th 9:30am + Faith Adair – Susan Hunking & Family and For the Intentions of Margrit Schaum - The Day of Reflection Group Thursday 7th @ St. Mary's 9:30am + David Brown – David Sharp & Family Friday 8th 9:30am + Deceased Loved Ones – The Bereavement Group Saturday 9th 9:30am + John Fedoruk – Barb & Don Koczkur **Mylenchuk** 5:00pm + Joan Anderson – Larry & Mitzi Armstrong & Family Sunday 10th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes) 9:00am + Joan Mainville – Bernice Kempf 11:00am + Joan McTavish – John & Norma Oster and For the Intentions of Carey LeBlanc - Greg & Kathy Mercure ROSARY WILL NOW BE AT 9:00AM April 3, 2022

5th Sunday of Lent 1st reading: (Isaiah 43.16-21) 2nd reading: (Philippians 3.8-14) **Gospel:** (John 8.1-11) Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Ministry Schedule

Apr. 2 – Anna (Lector), Susan (EMHC) Apr. 3 – Miranda (Lector), Greg (EMHC) Apr. 9 – Gemma (Lector), Lynn (EMHC) Apr. 10 - Micaela (Lector), Noble (EMHC)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Sacrament of Reconciliation with General Absolution

As per your written request, I grant you permission to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with General Absolution for your parish community, on April 9-10, 2022 at the masses - according to Canon 961#1&2.

I grant this permission based on the following pastoral reasons:

- for the spiritual good of your parishioners during this time of pandemic:

- due to the lack of priests or availability of priests in our diocese:

- for the spiritual welfare of our diocesan family and for the redemption of their souls:

- during the pandemic, individual confessions are troubling for many:

- so that the maximum number of the faithful can enjoy the mercy and forgiveness of the Lord in this sacrament:

Please note: this communal celebration with general absolution must be a dignified service of prayer, scripture, a homily, with a good examination of conscience, an act of contrition and a penance. If during Mass it must be clearly noted that General Absolution is taking place at the time.

You are required to indicate to the faithful that if they receive forgiveness for serious or mortal sins, they must take the next opportune time to go to individual confession, for any counsel they might require. Canon 963. Dated in Thunder Bay

this 30th of March 2022

Most Rev. Fred Colli **Bishop of Thunder Bay**



Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 9, 5:00 pm Sunday, April 10, 9:00 am OLOL Sunday, April 10, 11:00 am

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm

> **Good Friday Solemn Service** Friday, April 15, 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross Friday, April 15, 7:00 pm OLOL

Solemn Easter Vigil Saturday, April 16, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Sunday, April 17, 9:00 am OLOL Sunday, April 17, 11:00 am



The Spirit of Share Lent

Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, Christians express their desire to turn toward God and to all God's children in preparation for Easter. Inspired by our Christian faith, we see Share Lent as providing a special occasion to contribute to the work of justice and creation of the God of Life we believe in. For the last couple years, we have not been able to hold our Annual Soup & Bun fundraiser for **Development & Peace.** Please consider making a monetary donation to this worthy collection.

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



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!



FINAL FRIDAY, APRIL 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 walleve 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 27 - \$1807.00



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 27 - \$362.00

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

