

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

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Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary
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Mr. Gerald Cousineau, Custodian

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 - 5:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am OLOL, 11:00am

Tuesday - 6:00pm

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 9:20am

Thursday (Rainycrest) - 10:00am

Rosary

Tuesday - 5:40pm

Wednesday - Saturday - 9:00am

Sunday 8:40am OLOL

Confessions

Tuesday - Saturday - 9:00am

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm

Sunday 10:00 - 10:40am

8:20 - 8:50am OLOL

or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 10:00 - 10:30am

Baptisms

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

Children's Liturgy

11:00-11:30am during Sunday
Masses at St. Mary's
September thru May

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.





November 27, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1ST WEEK OF ADVENT:

Hope

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 29th

6:00pm + Dick Botsford – Bob & Paulette DeVos

Wednesday 30th

9:20am + Joe & + MaryNell Gust – Frank Ball

Thursday 1st @ Raincrest

10:00am + Deidre Strain – David, Terril, Jeremy,
Joshua, Mary & Sarah Strain

Friday 2nd

9:20am For peace and love in families all over the world.

Saturday 3rd

9:20am + Deceased Family – The Koreman Family

5:00pm + Dorleen & + Allan Toffan – The Family

Sunday 4th (9am @ Our Lady Of Lourdes)

9:00am + Becky Ball – Leanne & Bob Crompton

11:00am + Lolly Brunetta – Greg & Kathy Mercure
and + Dino & + Margaret Morelli
– Francesco & Julian

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

1st reading: (Isaiah 2.1-5)

2nd reading: (Romans 13.11-14)

Gospel: (Matthew 24.37-44)

Keep awake, you must be ready.

Ministry Schedule

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

Nov. 27 – Michael (Lector), Greg (EMHC)

Dec. 3 – Riley (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Dec. 4 – Miranda (Lector), Gina (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Nov. 29 – CWL Executive Meeting

Dec. 4 – First Holy Communion Information Meeting – after 11:00am mass

Dec. 7 – CWL Christmas Mass & Supper – 6:00pm

Dec. 11 – Confirmation Information Meeting – after 11:00am mass

– Church Family Christmas Dinner–4:30pm

Dec. 17 & 18 – Healing Mass with General Absolution

Our Lady of Lourdes CWL 50/50 tickets are

on sale from members.

Tickets are \$1.00. The

draw date is December

11th at 4:00pm.



Advent Means...Journeying Towards Our Destination

Dear Friends,

Advent presents us the perfect opportunity to change our focus and to change. As we journey through these four weeks, we are presented with wake-up calls to make room and time for the Lord. Advent is a time for renewing our lives. We are invited to “make straight the way of the Lord” in our hearts and in our lives.

Throughout Advent, the prayers of the Church, the Scripture readings, and our celebration of Eucharist hold before us our destination. It is not a geographical location, but a person: **Jesus Christ**. Advent enables the faithful to enter more deeply into the mystery of our destination by celebrating the Christ who strengthens our steps. Jesus is the one we have come to know by His presence among us two thousand years ago and His continued presence among us through the power of the Holy Spirit. He is our final destination because He will present us to the Father at the end of time.

Let this advent be a time of journeying towards Jesus, ourselves and others.

In love and truth,

Fr. Gino Mathias



Please join Father Gino for 'coffee & conversation' on Wednesday, Nov. 30th after mass.



Donations for Christmas Flowers are being accepted. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please be sure to put your intention on an envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers'.

Nativity Trail

An
Advent
Journey



Copies available at the back of the church.

ST. MARY'S

In your prayers, please
remember those who are sick:



Shirley Fraser, Queenie Leschinski,
Maurice DeGagné, Noella & Rick Hamilton, David
Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Julie Halvorsen, Patrick
McColeman, Frank Strain, Bridger Hands, Ewan
MacKintosh, Father Ben Hadrich, Kathleen
DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Brian Cawston, Casey
Hendrikx, Linda Blanc, Dave Egan, Pearl DeGagné,
Rosanna Tweedie

Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of
Nov. 20 - \$1898.05

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

In your prayers, please
remember those who are sick:

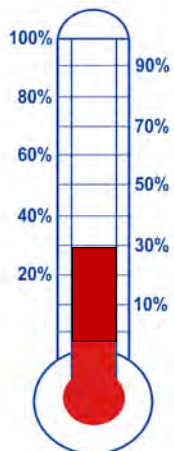


Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Shirley A.
Bruyere, Sue Foran-Ross, Dale Krueger, Angela
Bruyere, Steven "Beaver" Morrissette

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Weekend Of
Nov. 20 - \$301.00

Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign 2022

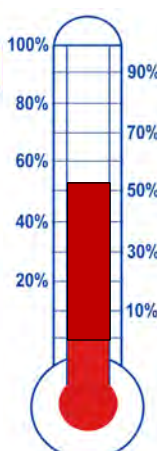
Remembering the Past with
our Eyes on the Future



OLOL
Goal:
\$4,000.00

Received:
\$1200.00

THANK YOU!!



St. Mary's
Goal:
\$25,000.00

Received:
\$12680.00

THANK YOU!!



Church Family Christmas Dinner

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th

Cocktails: 4:30 – 5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30pm (approximately)

(Delivery available – call the Parish Office @274-5233)

Starter: Carrot ginger soup

**Main: Tri coloured baby potatoes, chicken breast
with cranberry jus, vegetable medley**

**Dessert: Chocolate log with salted caramel
mousse**

Gluten free dessert available

Coffee, tea, juice wine and beer available

Tickets: \$20.00 5-12 yrs: \$10.00 under 4: Free

GAMES – PRIZES – SINGING



Advent has begun! If
you and your family or
friends would like to
light the Advent
candles, please contact
the Parish Office. You are welcome to
notify Father before the mass as well.



There will be an information
meeting for parents and
children after the 11am mass
on December 4th. Please try
to attend if your child should be receiving
their First Holy Communion.

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meeting for parents and
children after the 11am mass on
December 11th. Please try to
attend if your child should be
receiving their Confirmation.



Living with Christ

**The NEW 2022-2023
Sunday Missals are
here! They are \$5.00.**

**They are available at the back of the church or
at the Parish Office.**

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