

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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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 - 5:00pm
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.





December 11, 2022 GUADETE SUNDAY



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 13th

9:30am – St. Mary School Christmas Mass

6:00pm + Shannon Jackson – Sandra & Jim McKinnon

Wednesday 14th

9:20am + Jose & + Angelina Rocha & + Maria Assis Rocha – Queenie Leshinski

Thursday 15th @ Rainycrest

10:00am + Germaine Stevens – Frank & Monique Strain

Friday 16th

9:20am + Peter Boon Sr. – The Family

Saturday 17th

9:20am + Gloria Wood – St. Mary's Catholic Women's League

5:00pm + Joan Anderson – Mitzi & Larry Armstrong

Sunday 18th (9am @ Our Lady Of Lourdes)

9:00am + Annabelle Saquet – Betty Mueller

11:00am + William Kempf – Bernice and + Marvel & + Rick Ricard – The Family

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

1st reading: (Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10)

2nd reading: (James 5.7-10)

Gospel: (Matthew 11.2-11)

Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?

Ministry Schedule

Dec. 10 – Anna (Lector), Lynn (EMHC)

Dec. 11 – Jeremiah (Lector), Noble (EMHC)

Dec. 17 – Gemma (Lector), Sandy (EMHC)

Dec. 18 – Marie (Lector), Kathy (EMHC)

Dec. 18 – Sacrament of Reconciliation with General Absolution – 9am OLOL/11am St. Mary's

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'.



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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Advent is the Season of Joy

We all long for joy. A basic principle about joy is that it is not acquired, but experienced. Joy, unlike happiness which ebbs and flows depending on the occasion, is an abiding delight in someone or something you love.

Advent is a journey to joy, but it is not we who are traveling. Joy is coming to us. Advent beckons us to slow down and to look to Jesus. Our focus is the true meaning of the season. We are invited to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord – to wait in joyful hope for His return in glory at the end of time and to prepare for the annual celebration of His Birth.

This advent, let us to slow down, to listen to God's voice and to focus on what is really important in our lives. May our celebration of the birth of Jesus be a time of great joy. May each of us be the instruments who bring this joy to others so they may find comfort and light in Jesus Christ.

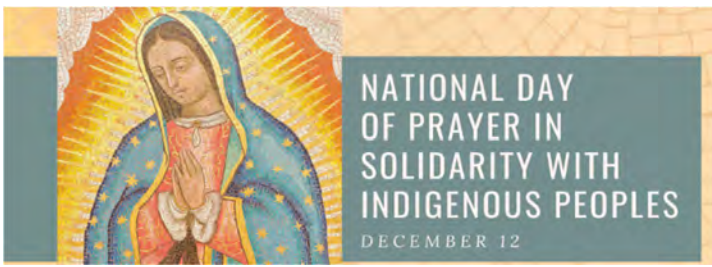
In Love and Truth,
Fr. Gino Jose Prakash Mathew, Mathias



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WITH GENERAL ABSOLUTION
Dec. 18, 2022
9am @ OLOL
11am @ St. Mary's

CONFESSION is GOOD for the SOUL

Father Gino is available for confessions between 10am-12pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday.



All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.



The White Elephant Table will resume in the New Year (time and location to be advised). Please continue to drop off your items to Tina at the office. We will accumulate them and depending on volume, we will attempt to have a sale possibly once a month. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 24

- 5pm Mass@ St. Mary's
- 8pm Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes
- 11pm Mass @ St. Mary's

Sunday, Dec. 25

- 11am Mass @ St. Mary's

Saturday, Dec. 31

- 5pm Mass@ St. Mary's

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023

- 9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes
- 11am Mass @ St. Mary's

The office will be closed for the holidays on December 24th and will remain closed until January 3rd. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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
 Dec. 4 - \$3608.00*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:
 Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Shirley A. Bruyere, Dale Krueger, Angela Bruyere, Steven "Beaver" Morrisseau

*Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes
 Weekend Of
 Dec. 4 - \$824.00*

Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign 2022
Remembering the Past with our Eyes on the Future



We are approaching the end of the Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign with only a couple weeks left. The campaign ends on December 31st. All money must be received at the Chancery Office by Friday, January 6, 2023. Please get your donation in soon! The outstanding balance will be taken out of our general account. Thank you for all your support! **The money raised for this campaign is very important and was instrumental in keeping us going during the past couple of years of Covid.**

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