

# 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

## Parish Staff

Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary  
[stmarys@tbaytel.net](mailto:stmarys@tbaytel.net)

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.





# December 18, 2022

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm** + Walter Hartnell – The Rodrigues Family and the Intentions of Linda Blanc – Jim & Sandra McKinnon

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9:20am** + Dennis Huntley – The Koreman Family

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Rainycrest**

**10:00am** Intentions of Deloras Chabot

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:20am** + Scott Miller – Kristan Del Zotto

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> (8pm @ Our Lady Of Lourdes)**

**5:00pm** + Don & + Eileen & + Eloise McGee – Lynn & Phyllis Kellar

**8:00pm** Intentions of all Parishioners

**11:00pm** Intentions of all Parishioners

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00am** Intentions of all Parishioners

**December 18, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**1st reading:** (Isaiah 7.10-14)

**2nd reading:** (Romans 1.1-7)

**Gospel:** (Matthew 1.18-24)

*Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David.*

### Ministry Schedule

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

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

Dec. 24 – 5pm - Miranda (Lector),  
Greg & Lynn (EMHC)

11pm – Kim (Lector), Noble (EMHC)

Dec. 25 – Georges (Lector), Gail (EMHC)



**THANK YOU** 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.**



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

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### **Advent: A Season of Renewal!**

Advent is a time to change. We are invited to change our lives and our hearts. God wants us to prepare for His coming by doing good. Each day we should look at our faults and weaknesses and ask our Father to help us to follow Jesus more closely.

Advent is not a time of penance like Lent. It is a season of renewal, when God invites us to let Jesus come into our hearts and make us more like Him. It is a time for renewing our lives as followers of Jesus. We are invited to “make straight the way of the Lord” in our hearts and in our lives.

We pray to our loving God to prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus, so that like the angels who announced His birth, we too might greet His coming with joy.

In love and Truth,  
Fr. Gino Mathew

#### **Fr. Gino Goes to India for his holidays.**

Fr. Gino will be leaving for his home country, India after Christmas to be with his mother. He will visit his family and friends for a month and will be back in the second week of February 2023. Meanwhile, Fr. Varghese Devos will be filling in at our Parishes in his absence.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent Love



Let us pray as Advent draws to a close, that Christ will truly come into our hearts. Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection. Amen.



**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. 11 - \$1915.00*

**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" Morrissette

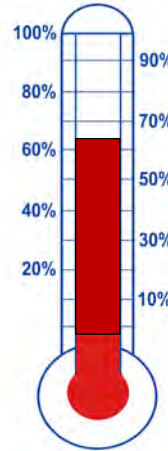
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**thankful  
grateful  
and so  
blessed**

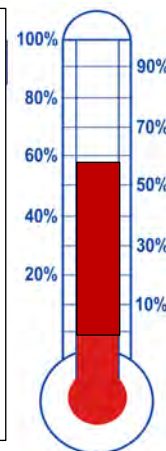
We would like to thank everyone who came out to our Church Family Christmas Dinner. The volunteers stepped up again with a delicious meal and festive atmosphere. It was a wonderful evening of community and family and we are so grateful for your ongoing support.

**Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign 2022**

**Remembering the Past with  
our Eyes on the Future**



**OLOL**  
**Goal:**  
**\$4,000.00**  
  
**Received:**  
**\$2450.00**  
  
**THANK YOU!!**



**St. Mary's**  
**Goal:**  
**\$25,000.00**  
  
**Received:**  
**\$14630.00**  
  
**THANK YOU!!**

some people don't have families to be with on holidays. reach out to someone who may be feeling alone.

We are approaching the end of the Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign with only a couple weeks left. The campaign ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.**

December 2022.

**Community Christmas  
Dinner**

Traditional Holiday meal available to anyone and everyone

Sit down dinner at Knox United Church 3-5

Pick-up and delivery at Flint House 3-4

All meals must be pre-ordered by December 22nd.

Call 276-6425 to order or volunteer.



Look at a candy cane,  
What do you see?  
Stripes that are Red,  
Like the blood shed for me!  
White for my saviour,  
Who's sinless and pure!  
"J" is for Jesus,  
My Lord that's for sure!  
Turn it around  
And a staff you will see.  
Jesus, my shepherd,  
Is coming for me!

~Unknown

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