

# 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  
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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.





**December 25, 2022**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm** + Shannon Jackson – St. Mary’s Catholic Women’s League and + Raul Couto – The Family

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Gerard Lambert – Beatrice Lambert

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> @ Rainycrest**

**10:00am** + David Fontana – The Family

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

**9:20am** + Becky Ball – Diane, Adele, Jeannette & Melody

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> NEW YEAR’S EVE**

**9:20am** + Bud Lambert – Marg Rousseau

**5:00pm** + Eloise Camirand – Smoking Bear Teammates and + Lena Mercure – The Hebert Family

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> NEW YEAR’S DAY (9am at OLOL)**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**9:00am** Intentions of all Parishioners

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

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:00pm** + Deceased Loved Ones – Belluz Family

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Isabelle Young – Staff of St. Mary School

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> @ Rainycrest**

**10:00am** Intentions of Eileen Klymko – M. Mathews

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** For unity of Christians throughout the world, may they work together bringing about God’s Kingdom on earth.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Shannon Jackson – Marg Rousseau

**5:00pm** + Bud & + Betty Kellar – Lynn & Phyllis Kellar

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**9:00am** For our parents + George & + Dolly & our brother + Chuck McPherson – Donna, Janice & Kathy

**11:00am** + Dick Botsford – Greg & Kathy Mercure



**Dear Friends in Jesus,**

**Greetings of hope, joy, peace and love to you.**

I wish all my dear parishioners a Joyful Christmas and Peaceful New Year. I sincerely thank all of our parishioners for your commitment to our parish this past year. I extend my gratitude to all who worked hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly glorious. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating our churches and setting up for the different liturgies, this season and throughout the liturgical year. And a special note of thanks to the dedicated members of the various ministries in our parishes and especially to those who work quietly, behind the scenes.

**My prayer in this festive season is that your family and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Joy and Love.** At the same time, I thank you all sincerely for your thoughtful prayers, Christmas greetings and gifts. May all our parishioners be abundantly blessed with happiness and good health and peace of heart.

In love and Truth,

Fr. Gino Jose Prakash Mathew, Mathias

**Ministry Schedule**

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

11pm – Kim (Lector), Noble (EMHC)

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

Dec. 31 – Kim (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Jan. 1 – Miranda (Lector), Gina (EMHC)

Jan. 7 – Anna (Lector), Susan (EMHC)

Jan. 8 – Marie (Lector), Gina (EMHC)

**Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign 2022**

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

**Last chance to get your donation in for 2022!** All money must be received at the Chancery Office by Friday, January 6, 2023. **Our Lady of Lourdes needs to collect \$1,250.00 and St. Mary’s needs to collect \$10,220.00.**

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.



**Father Gino, Tina, Gerald, and Brian wish all our parishioners of St. Mary’s and Our Lady of Lourdes a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with Hope and Health.**

**December 25, 2022**

**Christmas Day – The Nativity of The Lord**

**1st reading:** (Isaiah 62.11-12)

**2nd reading:** (Titus 3.4-7)

**Gospel:** (Luke 2.15-20)

*The shepherds found Mary & Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.*

**January 1, 2023**

**The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**1st reading:** (Number 6.22-27)

**2nd reading:** (Galatians 4.4-7)

**Gospel:** (Luke 2.16-21)

*They found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. After eight days He was named Jesus.*

**January 8, 2023**

**The Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord**

**1st reading:** (Isaiah 60.1-6)

**2nd reading:** (Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6)

**Gospel:** (Matthew 2.1-12)

*We have come from the East to pay homage to the King.*

**Congratulations to Andrew & Jessica who had their son, Matthew Grant McComb, baptized on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to our Parish Family!**



**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. 18 - \$1915.00*

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

**In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:**

Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Dale Krueger, Angela Bruyere, Steven "Beaver" Morrisseau



*Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes  
Weekend Of  
Dec. 18 - \$897.00*

**Today A Light Will Shine Upon Us – Christmas 2022**

One might ask what is happening to our world? Is there no peace and calm anywhere? Will this turmoil ever cease?

We seek some peace and comfort in our lives and yet we are surrounded by upset and noise. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we ask the Lord to instil some sense of peace and calm within us even in the midst of all the turmoil and busyness that mark this time of the year. Today a light will shine upon us, says the prophet Isaiah. A light that is unlike the light of this world. This light comes from above and it is the light of God in Jesus Christ His Son. This light will not only bring some peace within our hearts but it will also help us to see the way for our daily living. Our openness to this light, is a sign of our willingness to see this season and this feast in its true light. This is not just a holiday or a time for gift giving and fancy meals or decorations, it is a time for us to examine our hearts and to discover if we have allowed the light of Jesus to touch us and to guide us especially in our relations with each other.

If our heart is open to this light and peace, then our relationships will change. There will be a greater sense of love and respect for one another. There will exist a greater sense of appreciation and gratitude for the abundance that we have. There will be a true sense of compassion and concern for others manifest in our outreach to help, especially those who are less fortunate in our society. There will exist within us a sense of reconciliation and forgiveness, to re-establish bonds and relationships, especially in our families.

May these days that lead us to Christmas and may the celebration of this great feast with our families and friends, be a time for us to allow the light of the Lord to shine in us and to help us bring some peace and goodness to the world around us. A Merry and Holy Christmas to all.

**+Fred J. Colli, Bishop of Thunder Bay**



World Day of Peace, celebrated on January 1 every year, is primarily a Catholic feast day dedicated to universal peace on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The theme of the feast has always been about creating a culture of care. The Pope and the Vatican Church stress the need to care and share tolerance for each other, and to create a society that focuses on good moral values and does not yield to the temptation to disregard others. The benefits of a peaceful society have been the emphasis of every year's World Day of Peace.

**The winner of the Our Lady of Lourdes CWL 50/50 draw was Anne Deschamps. Congratulations! Anne won a total of \$1025.00.**

**Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and to all who purchased them!**



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