St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

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Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary stmarys@tbaytel.net
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Join Us!

To become a parishioner, please complete a Parish Registration form at the entrance of the church.

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00pm Sunday - 9:00am OLOL, 11:00am Tuesday - 6:00pm Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 9:20am Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

Rosary

Tuesday - 5:40pm Wednesday - Saturday - 9:00am Sunday 8:40am OLOL

Confessions

Tuesdays - Saturdays - 9:00am Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm Sunday 10:00 - 10:40am 8:20 - 8:50am OLOL or by appointment

Eucharist Adoration

Friday 10:00 - 10:30am

(Events celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish are denoted by OLOL)

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 Mass 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.





February 26, 2023 1st SUNDAY OF LENT



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 28th

6:00pm + Rosina Morelli – Gina Sigurdson

Wednesday 1st

9:20am + Paul Ducharme - The Family

Thursday 2nd @ Rainycrest

10:00am + Luke Schill – Barb & Gerry Rousseau Friday 3rd

9:20am For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Saturday 4th

9:20am + Pearl DeGagné - Monique DeGagné

5:00pm + Shannon Jackson – Tammy & John Riordon and + Mary Kolynchuk

- The Family

Sunday 5th

9:00am + Len Glueheisen – Jim & Lori Pochailo & Family

11:00am + Shayanne Holden - The Roth Family and

+ Rommel Blasé – The Family and for the Intentions of Renée DeGagné

- The Brady Family

February 26, 2023 1st Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7)

2nd reading: (Romans 5.12-19**) Gospel: (**Matthew 4.1-11**)**

Jesus fasted forty days, and was put to the test.

Ministry Schedule

Feb. 25 – Gemma (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Feb. 26 – Jeremiah (Lector), Kathy (EMHC)

Mar. 4 – Riley (Lector), Lynn (EMHC)

Mar. 5 – Jeremiah (Lector), Greg (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Feb. 28 – Parish Council – 6:30pm

Mar. 3 – World Day of Prayer – 2:00pm @ Zion Lutheran Church (1105 Scott St.)

Mar. 5 – First Reconciliation – after 11am mass

Mar. 14 – Bereavement Group Mtg. – 1:00pm

Mar. 21 – Associates of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Mtg. – 1:00pm

2022 Donation Tax receipts are in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity!

Lent 2023 - Our Journey with Jesus

We journey with Jesus during these 40 days of prayer and penance. Pope Francis says: "Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace."

The Lenten journey offers us many options. Holy Eucharist, Confession, Rosary, the Stations of the Cross. We can pray the Scriptures and engage in helping the poor by acts of charity, at food kitchens, supporting food banks, helping in missionary appeals. There are many ways to make this Lenten journey one of growth and grace.

We deepen our prayer life especially during this holy time, we share in some self-sacrifice through our fasting, and we reach out to our sisters and brothers in need.

May our journey with Jesus be a special time for a deepening of our personal relationship with Jesus.

Bishop Fred Colli



Fridays at 6:00 pm

March 3 TBD

March 10 Bereavement Group

March 17 Knights of Columbus

March 24 Catholic Women's League

March 31 Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville

Children that are to receive their First Holy Communion in June are asked to come to mass on Sunday, March 5th. This will be their last lesson and they will receive First



Reconciliation after mass. Please bring the appropriate book and a pencil.



Our Lady of Lourdes is appealing to the congregation to put their talents to good use and become a lector (reader) at Sunday mass.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH



FRIDAYS, March 3rd - 31st PICK-UP STARTS AT 4:00PM, DELIVERY 4:30PM

Deadline for orders is 3:00pm the Thursday before.

For more information contact Barb @276-1226

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\$20.00 (Price includes walleye and all the fixings!)

ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: D&P

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Development and Peace — Caritas Canada was established in **1967** by the <u>Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops</u> in response to Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter *Populorum Progressio*, which says that **Development is the new word for Peace**. Peace cannot be seen simply as the absence of war. It must be built daily, and it must strive towards a more perfect justice among human beings (*Populorum Progressio*, 76). That founding principle of Development and Peace is still maintained today.



The next choir practice will be Monday, February 27th at 6:30pm. We will be singing at mass on March 25th. New members are welcome!

The CWL annual general meeting is on Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30 with the "wearing of the green" in honour of St. Patrick! The rosary will be prayed prior to the meeting for those who wish to participate. The 70th anniversary gathering will take place on Saturday, April 22 with mass at 5:00 followed by dinner in the church hall. Tickets (\$30) will be sold beginning at the weekend masses on March 4 & 5 and will be available at the church office. Come, let us join in celebration!



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will take place on Friday, March 3 at 2:00 at the Zion Lutheran Church on Scott St. The women of Taiwan have prepared the

service based on the theme "I have heard about your Faith" from Ephesians 1:15-19. A collection will be taken to go towards missions in Taiwan to help the poor. May our parish women be among the Christian women gathered in prayer.

Our Lady of Lourdes CWL is now reaching out to members to renew their membership for 2023. Due to the declining membership & Nationals increasing expenses, we are now increasing our dues to \$33.00. Please contact Marie or drop your fees in the collection basket marked CWL dues. We are also reaching out to the ladies of our parish to consider joining our CWL.

St. Mary's CWL Membership fees for 2023 can be paid at your earliest convenience. The Catholic Women's League of Canada has increased the portion we contribute to them to reflect the rising costs of ministry and service. To cover this increase, our renewal fee is now \$35. Thank you for continuing to support our league. We welcome all new members. Please consider joining if you have not already. Forms are available in the church foyer. Payment can be made by cash, cheque and dropped off at the Parish office or put in the collection basket. You can also e-transfer to diane58@tbaytel.net.

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, Rosanna Tweedie, Kerry Zucchiatti, Allison George, Joan Bolzan

Offertory Collection for St. Mary's <u>Weekend Of</u> Feb. 19 - \$6023.05

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

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

Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes

<u>Weekend Of</u>

Feb. 19 - \$637.15

Nicole D.S. Miller

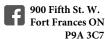
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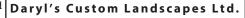
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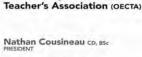
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