

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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

LENT

40 Days of Renewal

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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

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

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!



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

PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE
PARISH OFFICE:

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

ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: D&P

supports women in
their search for social
and economic justice.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada was
established in **1967** by the [Canadian Conference of
Catholic Bishops](#) 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
Weekend Of
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
Weekend Of
Feb. 19 - \$637.15*



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