

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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

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40 Days of Renewal

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Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

Parish Staff

Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary
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.

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*****

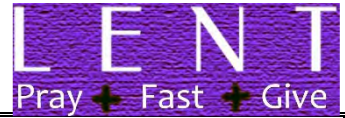


We are bonded together by a deep, personal faith in Jesus Christ,
and called to the fullness of Christian life by virtue of
Baptism and Confirmation and the perfection of love.





March 12, 2023 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 14th

6:00pm + Bill Saranchuk – The Family

Wednesday 15th

9:20am + Dorleen Godbout – Brian A. Trump

Thursday 16th @ Raincrest

10:00am + Maria Palmira Texeira - Queenie

Friday 17th

9:20am + Dorleen Godbout – Bruce & Evelyn Rawn

Saturday 18th

9:20am + Luke Schill – Barb & Gerry Rousseau

5:00pm + Dick Botsford – Tammy & John Riordon and
+ Marj Torinato – Bev & George Mylynchuk

Sunday 19th

9:00am + Len Glueheisen – Cindy & Hugh McKinnon
and + George Supinski – The Family

11:00am + Walter Hartnell – Jamie & Tina Roth and
+ Rommel Blasé – The Family

March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (Exodus 17.3-7)

2nd reading: (Romans 5.1-2, 5-8)

Gospel: (John 4.5-42)

The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

Ministry Schedule

Mar. 11 – Kim (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Mar. 12 – Georges (Lector), Gail (EMHC)

Mar. 18 – Anne (Lector), Sandy (EMHC)

Mar. 19 – Miranda (Lector), Gina (EMHC)

What's going on?!

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

Mar. 18 – Men's Brunch – after 11am mass

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

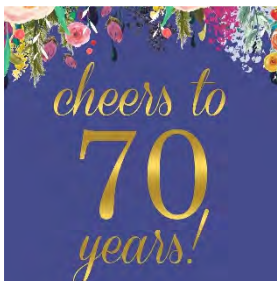
Mar. 28 – Dementia Friendly Communities
Presentation – 6:30pm

St. Mary's CWL 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!



Liturgy Committee

We are in the process of forming the liturgy committee in our parishes. The liturgy committee provides shape and vision for liturgical celebrations in our churches.

The Role of the Liturgy Committee

• The committee assesses the prayer and worship life of the entire community with the focus on its members developing a **deeper relationship with God**. It considers the **full, conscious, and active participation of all the faithful in worship**.

*The parish liturgy committee ensures the proper celebration of the liturgy. Generally speaking, the committee's three functions are education, planning, and evaluation.

Members of the committee

The coordinator or a representative from the following groups will be ex officio members of the committee. Choir, Spiritual Environment Group, Lectors, EMHC, Altar Servers, Weekday Warriors, RCV (Rainy Crest volunteers), School Masses In-charge, CWL, KoC etc...

The committee will be equipped with the tools they need to pray, study, and prepare the liturgy.

Let us hope that this Liturgy Committee will be a help for all to pray fully, actively, and consciously!

In love and truth,
Fr. Gino Mathias



**Fridays at
6:00 pm**

March 17 Knights of Columbus

March 24 Catholic Women's League

March 31 Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville

ABOUT DEVELOPMENT

AND PEACE: Lent is a time of conversion and preparation for Easter. It is a time to draw closer to God, to Jesus, and to our sisters and brothers, both here and in the Global South. This Lenten season, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the official international solidarity organization of the Canadian Catholic Church, is inviting us to Create Hope and to Stand for the Land.



LENTEN FISH FRY

FRIDAYS, March 17th - 31st
 PICK-UP STARTS AT 4:00PM
 DELIVERY 4:30PM

Deadline for orders is 3:00pm the Thursday before. We have sold out every week.

Please order early!!

For more information contact
 Barb @276-1226

PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE:

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



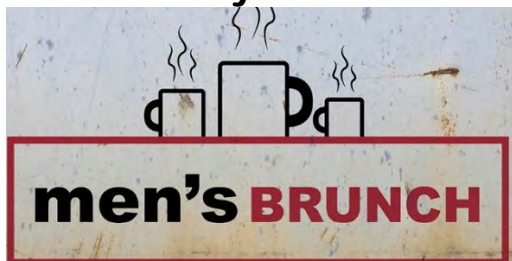
A Dementia Friendly Community is a place where people living with dementia and their care partners are welcomed, included and supported. It is a community

that pays attention to the social and physical needs of the person living with dementia.

Many people living with dementia, as well as their care partners, report barriers to feeling included in their communities. The stigma of dementia often causes them to withdraw from community interaction, resulting in a diminished quality of life and loss of personal connections.

To learn more about how your business, organization or group can join the dementia friendly movement, please join us on March 28th at 6:30pm (after 6pm mass) for a presentation by **Mary O'Connor DSW | Client Services Coordinator, Alzheimer Society of Kenora/Rainy River Districts**

St. Mary's Parish



Sunday March 19th from 12-2pm

Open to all men of the parish young and old. Minimum donation of \$5 to help cover costs

If you would like to help, please contact
 Kenny Desjardins 807-276-4079.

RSVP by March 17th on the form at the back of the church.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 1, 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 2, 9:00 am OLOL

Sunday, April 2, 11:00 am

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Parishioners are encouraged to bring gifts for the poor, which will be presented with the bread & wine.

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Solemn Service

Friday, April 7, 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm OLOL

Solemn Easter Vigil

Parishioners are encouraged to bring bells to the Vigil to ring during the Gloria! We will also light candles.

Saturday, April 8, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9, 9:00 am OLOL

Sunday, April 9, 11:00 am

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

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 Hadrach, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Brian Cawston, Casey Hendrikx, Linda Blanc, Dave Egan, Rosanna Tweedie, Kerry Zucchiatti, Allison George, Lillian Bodnar



*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
 Weekend Of
 Mar. 5 - \$1635.68*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

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



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 Weekend Of
 Mar. 5 - \$726.48*

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