

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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

## LENT

## 40 Days of Renewal

## PRAY - FAST - GIVE ALMS

### Parish Office

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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.

### 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 9:45 - 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.



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm** + Luke Schill – Grace Huntley

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Ron Johnson – Jeannie & Bob

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> @ Raincrest**

**10:00am** + Faye Trihey – Margrit Schaum and  
+ Marg Haley – Marie Bock

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**9:20am NO MASS**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:20am NO MASS**

**5:00pm** + Luke Schill – Steve & Shirley Buttner and  
+ Jamie Dempsey Rittau – The LePine Family  
And + Eloise Camirand – The Family

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00am** + Charlene Bruyere – The Family

**11:00am** + Rommel Blasé – The Family and + Waclaw  
& + Josefa Zielonko – The Family

**March 26, 2023**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**1st reading:** (Ezekiel 37.12-14)

**2nd reading:** (Romans 8.8-11)

**Gospel:** (John 11.1-45)

***I am the resurrection and the life.***

**Ministry Schedule**

Mar. 25 – Gemma (Lector), Gina (EMHC)

Mar. 26 – Marie (Lector), Noble (EMHC)

April 1 – Kim/Micaela (Lector), Lynn (EMHC)

April 2 – Georges/Jeremiah (Lector), Kathy (EMHC)

**What's going on?!**

Mar. 28 – Dementia Friendly Communities

Presentation – 6:30pm

Mar. 29 – CWL General Meeting – 6:30pm

Apr. 11 – Bereavement Group Mtg – 1:00pm

Apr. 18 – Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Mtg.  
– 1:00pm

Apr. 22 – St. Mary's CWL 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass &  
Dinner – 5:00pm



**Fridays at  
6:00 pm**

**March 31 Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville**

**April 7 @ Our Lady of Lourdes at 7:00pm**

**Chrism Mass**

The Chrism Mass is where the bishop will consecrate the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders. Each parish receives these oils at the Chrism Mass. There are three oils that are consecrated: The Oil of Catechumens, The Oil of the Infirm and The Holy Chrism.

The blessing of the Holy Chrism is different from that of the other two. Symbolizing the Holy Spirit descending, the bishop breathes over the vessel of chrism. At this time, the con-celebrants at the Chrism Mass extend their right hands toward the chrism as the bishop says the Consecration Prayer.

Chrism Mass is also the time of the **annual renewal of priestly promises**. With all the priests of the diocese present before the bishop, they renew their fidelity to Jesus Christ and the local Bishop.

Traditionally Chrism Mass was celebrated on Holy Thursday, though for pastoral reasons it is celebrated on a different day during Lent. **(2023 March 30, Thursday, 5 pm @ St. Patrick's Cathedral, Thunder Bay.)**

Let us also pray for our bishop and the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish, that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord.

**DEVELOPMENT AND  
PEACE: The theme  
this year is CREATE  
HOPE - STAND FOR  
THE LAND**



D&P focuses on gender equality, mental health issues, & other humanitarian crises caused by natural disasters & conflicts. Membership in Development & Peace - \$10 and free for persons under 35. Enrollment cards available in the church foyer.

**On March 26<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent or Solidarity Sunday. This is our major outreach as a Catholic church community to the people in the developing countries of the South. Please show your support for this important cause.**

**There are extra donation envelopes at the back of the church.**



**Sincere gratitude for St. Mary's parish family. Your prayers, love, support, encouragement and countless acts of kindness shown during Luke's illness, at his celebration of life and days of sadness that**

**followed his passing are so appreciated, heartfelt and will be forever cherished.**

**The "Prayer of St Francis" was Luke's daily ritual trying each day to make a better place to live for all.**

**Thank You & God Bless You..Josie Schill**



**LAST FRIDAY- March 31<sup>st</sup>  
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.**

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

### **CWL NEWS**

**CWL Reminder:** The next general meeting will **not** be held on the first Wednesday of April as it is Holy Week. Instead, it will be on

**Wednesday, March 29** at 6:30. The meeting will open with a short Lenten retreat focused on the life of St. Joseph. The rosary will be prayed prior to the meeting for those who wish to participate. The support of your presence is appreciated! Thank you!



**Father Laurent Alarie, OMI**, passed away on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at Actionmarguerite Saint-Boniface, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was 98 years old.

Father Alarie was our parish priest from 1974-1987. Some of you may have fond memories of this gentle, caring man.

**May God bless him on his journey home.**

### **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*

### **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, Randi Roth



*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's  
Weekend Of  
Mar. 19 - \$6854.66*

### **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  
Mar. 19 - \$628.51*





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