

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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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 9:45 - 10:30am

Holy Hour

First Friday 9:45 - 10:45am

(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.



The PASSION of our LORD

April 2, 2023 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 4th

6:00pm + Faye Trihey – Margrit Schaum

Wednesday 5th

9:20am + Luke Schill – Marg Rousseau & Family
and + Gertie Bujold – The Family

Thursday 6th @ Raincrest

10:00am Intentions of All Parishioners

Holy Week and Easter Services

**ALL MASSES DURING THE TRIDUUM ARE FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PARISHIONERS.**

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm

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

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

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 50.4-7)

2nd reading: (Philippians 2.6-11)

Gospel: (Matthew 26.14-27.66)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ministry Schedule

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

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

April 6 – Miranda (Lector), Lynn (EMHC)

April 7 – Kim/Miranda (Lector), Gina (EMHC)

April 8 – Anna/Marie (Lector), Greg (EMHC)

April 9 – Miranda (Lector), Gina (EMHC)

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

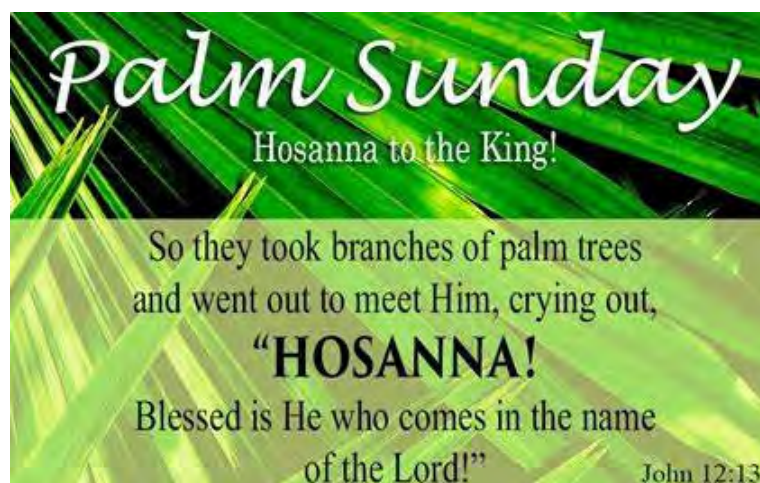
Palm Sunday, the final Sunday of Lent, marks the beginning of the 'Holy Week', in which we celebrate the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. The liturgy of Palm Sunday has two emphases: the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and the Passion as a whole. Hence, Passion Sunday.

Prior to Vatican II, Passion Sunday was the 5th Sunday of Lent and Palm Sunday was observed on the subsequent Sunday.

After Vatican II, the Church decided to combine the two Sundays. This puts a greater emphasis on Palm Sunday and also reinforces the Passion narrative that is proclaimed on that day.

Riding a donkey from the Mount of Olives to the acclaim of the crowds with palm branches, Jesus fulfilled messianic prophecies. The palm branch is a symbol of victory, triumph, peace and eternal life. The donkey represents the humble arrival of someone in peace.

Palm Sunday is a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and of our willingness to follow him. The Passion Sunday reminds us that we follow the crucified Messiah, the one who gained victory precisely in defeat.



**Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Women's League
will be leading the
Stations of the Cross on
Good Friday, April 7th at
7:00 pm at OLOL.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

GOOD FRIDAY

A collection to support
Christians in the Holy Land



The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution.

This collection is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

Saint Paul VI

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

What's going on?!

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

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

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



**The Knights of
Columbus and
The Thunder Bay
Diocesan Council
of the Catholic Women's League**



**invite you to join with them for a
Special Presentation by**

Alex Schadenberg

**Executive Director of Euthanasia
Prevention Coalition**

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

**Monday, April 24th at 7 p.m.
St. Patrick's Cathedral Auditorium**

Please use the Donald Street Entrance

**For those not able to attend in person
a live stream will be available.**

**The link is posted on the
Thunder Bay Diocesan CWL
website...(cwlthunderbay.org)**



**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 at the weekend masses
and will be available at the church
office.



Come, let us join in celebration!

Lent is the time for greater love,
listen to Jesus' thirst...

'Repent and believe'

What are we to repent?
Our indifference, our hardness of heart.

What are we to believe?
Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart
and in the poor - He knows your weakness.

He wants only your love,
wants only the chance to love you.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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, Lillian
Bodnar, Randi Roth



*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of
Mar. 26 - \$1967.14*























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. 26 - \$941.00*



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