

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 @ Raincrest

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

8:30 - 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.**



**"If you love me, you will
keep my commandments."**

May 14, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 16th

6:00pm + Joan Bolzan – Ray Coran

Wednesday 17th

9:20am + Lyle Hudson – Pat and the Intentions of
Margit Schaum – Sandra Wepruk

Thursday 18th @ St. Mary's (Rainycrest closed)

9:20am + Pat Mosley – Marg Rousseau

Friday 19th

9:20am + Bert O'Donnell – Anna McNay

Saturday 20th

9:20am + Jason Vien – Deloras & Lance Chabot

5:00pm + Luke Schill – Larry & Mitzi Armstrong
and the Intentions of Jan Glueheisen
– Anne Zucchiatti

Sunday 21st

9:00am + Dick Botsford – Jim & Lori Pochailo

11:00am + Don DeBenedet – The Family and
+ Al Kennett – Ray Coran

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st reading: (Acts 8.5-8, 14-17)

2nd reading: (1 Peter 3.15-18)

Gospel: (John 14.15-21)

***If you love Me, you will keep My
commandments.***

Ministry Schedule

May 13 – Gemma (Lector), Sandy (EMHC)

May 14 – Kayden (Lector), Kathy (EMHC)

May 20 – Anna (Lector), Sandy (EMHC)

May 21 – Miranda (Lector), Noble (EMHC)

What's going on?!

May 16 – Parish Council Mtg. – 6:30pm

May 17 – CWL Month of Mary Prayer Service
– 6:30pm

May 27 – First Holy Communion Spiritual Retreat
– 2:30pm

May 31 – Rosary Procession & Solemn Mass in
Honour of Our Blessed Virgin Mary
– 9:00am

**The First Holy Communion
retreat is on May 27th at
2:30pm. The Celebration
has been changed to
Sunday, June 4th at the 11:00am mass.**



Returning to Sunday Mass:

With many of the restrictions for Covid now over, we are encouraging everyone to once again return to Sunday Mass with their communities.

Our sharing of Sunday Mass together is very important for our faith life and the life of our parishes. All our facilities are safe places, and masks are still optional. People feeling unwell or uncomfortable are asked to remain home until they are better. **Your Sunday presence at Mass with your family is a most important part of being a Catholic in our world today** and in order to be nourished by God's Word and the Holy Eucharist.

Serving the Lord: Our new diocesan campaign stresses how we can assist one another by sharing our gifts and talents in the name of the Lord Jesus. He came "to serve and not to be served" and through His example we respond to our call to help one another. It is the Holy Spirit who prompts us to serve. As many young people are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation these days, let us pray for them, so that the Holy Spirit will prompt them to share their talents and gifts generously in service to others.

May is the month of Mary: Our Lady of Charity is the patron of our diocese. We ask Mary to join her prayers with ours, as we honour her this month through the praying of the rosary and litanies. May Mary, Our Lady of Charity, watch over our diocesan church in northwestern Ontario.

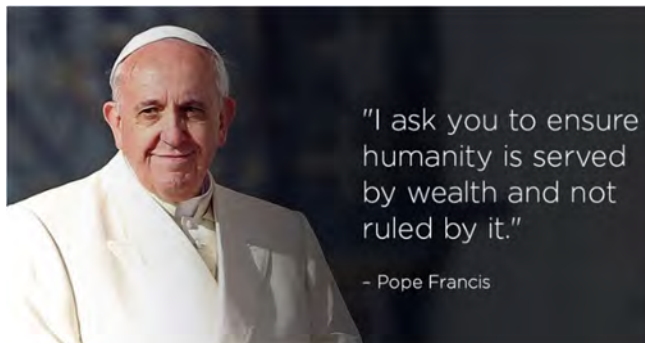
Bishop Colli
Diocese of Thunder Bay



Starting the first week of June, Tuesday mass will be at 9:20am. The first 9:20am Tuesday mass will be June 13th and will continue until the end of August.



We are looking for monetary donations to purchase flowers for the flowerbeds and pots outside the church. Please consider helping with the beautification of our church grounds. Thank you!



The **Pope's Pastoral Works Collection (May 21st)** allows the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly in aiding victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity. Please consider donating to this special collection. There will be extra envelopes at the back of the church.

We will begin mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel on Friday, June 2nd at 7pm. Mass will be held there each Friday during the summer at 7pm.



Every Saturday morning mass in May will be dedicated to Our Mother Mary.

The month of May is connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our Saviour Jesus Christ. We honour Mary during the month of May. Pope Francis said, "Devotion to Mary is not spiritual etiquette; it is a requirement of the Christian life." Please join in devotion to Mary on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 in the church. A gathering will follow in the church hall.

SUNDAY BULLETINS

If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin by email, contact the parish office at stmarys@tbaytel.net or 274-5233.

For your convenience, we will also have a QR code posted on the bulletin board and the outside window. You will be able to scan that code and access our bulletin directly.

St. Mary's Parish Family Fun Day



Sunday, June 11th

2:00 - 6:00 pm

**Movies – Games
– Pizza Making!**

Open to all parishioners, young and old. See the

poster on the bulletin board for details.

Deadline is June 7th. We need a minimum of 12 families to hold the event.

Come for the fellowship!

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

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 Hendriks, Linda Blanc, Dave Egan, Rosanna Tweedie, Allison George, Lillian Bodnar, Kathie Sawada, Sue Sivonen



*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of
May 7 - \$1897.00*

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
May 7 - \$561.83*



The third Sunday of every month will be Food Box Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items for the needy.

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