

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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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

8:30 - 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.



**"I am with  
you always!"**

**May 21, 2023**

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:00pm** + Tony Edgett – Ray Coran

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** Intentions of Father Gino – St. Mary's  
Catholic Women's League

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> @ St. Mary's (Rainycrest closed)**

**9:20am** + Maria Alfredina Neves & Joao Goncalves  
– Queenie Leschinski

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Luke Schill – Marie Bock

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Bill Saranchuk – The Family

**5:00pm** + Luke Schill – Diane, Linda, Micaela  
& Families

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** + Becky Ball – Bob & Leanne Crompton

**11:00am** + Dick Botsford – Terry & Kathy Mueller

**May 21, 2023**

### The Ascension of the Lord

**1st reading:** (Acts 1.1-11)

**2nd reading:** (Ephesians 1.17-23)

**Gospel:** (Matthew 28.16-20)

*All authority in heaven and on earth has  
been given to Me.*

### Ministry Schedule

May 20 – Anna (Lector), Sandy (EMHC)  
May 21 – Miranda (Lector), Noble (EMHC)  
May 27 – Kim (Lector), Monique (EMHC)  
May 28 – Jeremiah (Lector), Greg (EMHC)

### What's going on?!

May 27 – First Holy Communion Spiritual Retreat  
– 2:30pm  
May 31 – Rosary Procession & Solemn Mass in  
Honour of Our Blessed Virgin Mary  
– 9:00am  
June 1 – First Holy Communion Rehearsal – 6:00pm  
June 2 – Prayer for Vocations Holy Hour  
– 9:45 - 10:45am  
June 4 – First Holy Communion Ceremony  
– 11:00am



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

### **Month of May - Mother Mary and Moms**

May is devoted in a special way to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary. Mary is the patron of our churches in Fort Frances. Hence, we celebrate her all this month.

Mother Mary rejoiced in the presence of God and she taught us the way of holiness. As Pope Benedict XVI reflected on Mary as "outstanding among the saints and mirror of all holiness. Mary's greatness consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself."

Mary, more than anyone, can show us Jesus, lead us to him and teach us to know and love him, "so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world."

### **Celebrating motherhood in May**

May is also dedicated to recognizing moms, grandmothers, stepmoms, mothers-to-be and all women who in and through their lives encompass the qualities of motherhood. It's also important to realize that Mother's Day can be difficult or painful for women who struggle with infertility, the loss of a child or children, or who are estranged from their own mothers.

We remember, honor, salute and pray for every mother in the world.

In love and Truth  
Fr. Gino Mathias

**The First Holy Communion retreat is on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. The final lesson is at St. Mary's on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> during the 11am mass. Please bring the appropriate book and a pencil. There will be a rehearsal on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm. The Celebration has been changed to Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00am mass.**



**Our Confirmation ceremony is on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00pm mass.**

## Spiritual Environment

Our Spiritual Environment team is looking for 2 or 3 people to join their ministry. They are responsible for the decoration of the church for the various seasons & celebrations throughout the year, in order to create a prayerful place of worship. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in helping.

Money has to serve,  
not to rule.  
- Pope Francis



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 are extra envelopes at the back of the church.

## St. Mary's Parish Family Fun Day



**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

## SUNDAY BULLETINS

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

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



**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 a Rosary procession & Solemn mass in honour of Mary on Wednesday, May 31 at 9:00am in the church.**



**Starting the first week of June, Tuesday mass will be at 9:20am. The first Tuesday morning mass will be June 13<sup>th</sup> and will continue until the end of August. We will also have morning masses on Thursdays at 8:00am beginning on June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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, Allison George, Lillian Bodnar, Sue Sivonen, Anna Busch

*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's  
Weekend Of  
May 14 - \$1992.25*

### 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  
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May 14 - \$536.00*

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