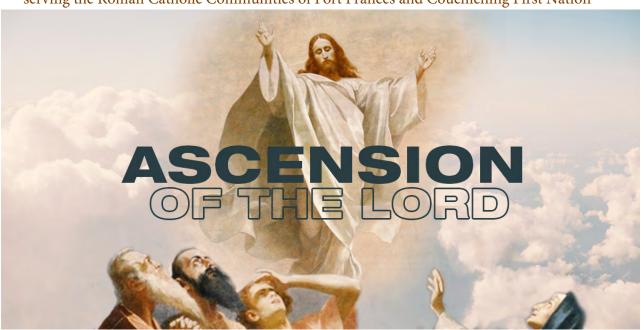
St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

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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 8:30 - 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 23rd

6:00pm + Tony Edgett - Ray Coran

Wednesday 24th

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

Thursday 25th @ St. Mary's (Rainycrest closed)

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

Friday 26th

9:20am + Luke Schill - Marie Bock

Saturday 27th

9:20am + Bill Saranchuk - The Family

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

& Families

Sunday 28th

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 2nd 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 27th at 2:30pm. The final lesson is at St. Mary's on Sunday, May 28th



during the 11am mass. Please bring the appropriate book and a pencil. There will be a rehearsal on Thursday, June 1st at 6:00pm. The Celebration has been changed to Sunday, June 4th at the 11:00am mass.



Our Confirmation ceremony is on Saturday, June 10th at the 5:00pm mass.

Sniritual 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.



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 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.

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 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. SUMMER The first Tuesday morning mass WORSHIP SCHEDULE will be June 13th and will continue until the end of August. We will also have morning masses on Thursdays at 8:00am beginning on June 15th.

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, 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 Weekend Of May 14 - \$536.00

Nicole D.S. Miller

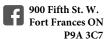
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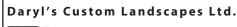
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