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 8:30 - 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.





May 7, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 9th

6:00pm + Ken Payne - Anna McNay

Wednesday 10th

9:20am + Norm Johnston - Anna McNay

Thursday 11th @ St. Mary's (Rainycrest closed)

9:00am + Marg Haley - Marie Bock

Friday 12th

9:20am + Deceased Loved Ones – The Bereavement Group

Saturday 13th

9:20am Intentions of Margrit Schaum - A Friend

5:00pm + Luke Schill – Anna McNay

Sunday 14th

9:00am Intentions of Gilles & Sheila Quesnel

- Bernice Kempf

11:00am + Dorleen Godbout – Jamie & Tina Roth and + Luke Schill – Nikki, Callahan, Christian & Cassandra

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st reading: (Acts 6.1-7) **2nd reading:** (1 Peter 2.4-9)

Gospel: (John 14.1-12)

I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

Ministry Schedule

May 6 - Kim (Lector), Lynn (EMHC)

May 7 - Georges (Lector), Gail (EMHC)

May 13 - Gemma (Lector), Sandy (EMHC)

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

What's going on?!

May 11 – Finance Council Mtg. – 4:00pm

May 13 – Day of Reflection – 9:00am-3:00pm

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

Please note:





The First Holy Communion Celebration has been changed to Sunday, June 4th at the 11:00am mass.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Vocation: Grace and Mission

We are called to a faith that bears witness, one that closely connects the life of grace, as experienced in the sacraments, to our apostolate in the world.

Vocation is a dynamic and exciting relationship between God and the human heart. The gift of vocation is like a divine seed that springs up in the soil of our existence, opens our hearts to God and to others, so that we can share with them the treasure we ourselves have found. This is the fundamental structure vocation: God calls us in love and we, in gratitude, respond to him in love.

God's call, includes a "sending". There is no vacation without a mission. There is no happiness and full self-realization unless we offer others the new life that we have found. Each and every one of us is able to say: "I am on a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world."

Dear brothers and sisters, vocation is a gift and a task, a source of new life and true joy. May the initiatives of prayer and of activity associated with this Day strengthen an awareness of vocation within our families, our parish communities, our communities of consecrated life, and our ecclesial associations and movements. May the Virgin Mary watch over you and protect you.

With my blessing. Rome, Saint John Lateran, 30 April 2023, Fourth Sunday of Easter.





When we think of our Blessed Mother, we recognize that she is indeed *blessed*, not only because she was the Mother of Jesus, but because she believed in the Lord's words. She believed with all her heart and said "yes" to become the Mother of the Messiah and Son of God. She allowed herself to be led by God's grace throughout her life, a life rooted in a deep faith in God. She became her Son's first and most perfect disciple.

In our pilgrimage of faith, we walk always with Mary at our side. She is our model of faith and she helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed.

CALENDAR CALENDAR

Day of Reflection

May 13th, 2023 at St Mary's Parish Hall Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

It is good now and then for God's people to slow down, to look at the direction our lives are taking, to ask ourselves some questions, questions that invite reflection.

Jesus, in His busy schedule, said to His disciples:

"Come away with me by yourselves to a quiet place to get some rest." Mark 6:31

We would like to take the opportunity to invite you to:

"Come away with Him to a quiet place" And refresh your spirit.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For registration call Tina at the office@274-5233 or Margrit Schaum @274-6149





St. Mary's Parish Family
Fun Day
Sunday, June 11th
2:00 - 6:00 pm
Movies – Games
– Pizza Making!

Open to all parisihoners, 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
Hendrikx, Linda Blanc, Dave Egan, Rosanna
Tweedie, Allison George, Lillian Bodnar

Offertory Collection for St. Mary's <u>Weekend Of</u> Apr. 30 - \$1752.14

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

<u>Weekend Of</u>

Apr. 30 - \$701.46



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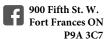
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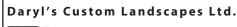
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