

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



ST. MARY'S



OUR LADY OF LOURDES



SACRED HEART CHAPEL

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Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

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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.

Summer Mass Schedule

Saturday
5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am@OLOL, 11:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
9:20am

Thursday 8:00am
10:00am @ Rainycrest

Confessions

Tuesday - Saturday 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

During Sunday Masses
September thru May

Rosary

Weekdays **before** mass
Sunday 8:40am OLOL

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.



*"Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst."*

September 10, 2023
23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 12th

9:20am + Craig Towne – Margrit Schaum

Wednesday 13th

9:20am + Becky Ball – Rose Scheuer

Thursday 14th (10am @ Rainycrest)

8:00am + Dennis DeGagne – Wendy & Leroy Carpenter

10:00am + Anne Turgeon – Gloria & Ken

Friday 15th

9:20am + Rob Morgan – Ruth Bowiec

Saturday 16th

9:20am NO MASS

5:00pm NO MASS

Sunday 17th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + Greg Perreault – The Family

11:00am + Lolly Brunetta – Margrit Schaum and
+ Bert Hanzuk – Jack & Lynn Armstrong

September 10, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Ezekiel 33.7-9)

2nd reading: (Romans 13.8-10)

Gospel: (Matthew 18.15-20)

***If the member listens to you, you have
regained that one.***

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 9 – Kim/Anne (Lector), Karen (EMHC)

Sept. 10 – Marie/Michael (Lector), Greg (EMHC)

Sept. 16 – Anna/Kim (Lector), Sandy (EMHC)

Sept. 17 – Miranda/Dale (Lector), Noble (EMHC)



**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MEMBERS**

A very important meeting is
scheduled for **Tuesday,**

October 3, 2023. Our council is at a position
where discussions and a decision on the
continued viability of the council must be
made. **ALL** members of Council 2766 are
strongly urged to attend. The Council's future
is to be determined. Mass at 6 pm, meeting to
follow at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Church.

**"For where two or three are gathered in my
name, I am there among them."**

(Matthew 18:20)

My dear Friends,

We journey together as Christians in Jesus' name. We come together, pray, worship, and support one another in our faith. When we gather in His name, we create a sacred space where His presence dwells among us.

It's not about the size of the group; it's about the sincerity of our hearts and our intention to gather in His name. Whether it's a small home prayer meeting, a Bible study group, or a simple conversation with a fellow believer, Jesus assures us that He is there when we seek Him with pure hearts.

Jesus' promise reminds us of the importance of invoking His name in our gatherings. His name represents His character, His teachings, and His redemptive power. When we gather in His name, we acknowledge His lordship over our lives and invite His guidance, wisdom, and grace into our midst.

May we continue to gather in His name, knowing that in our unity and community, we find His abiding presence, His love, and His peace and His strength to live as His disciples.

In love and truth,

Rev. Gino Jose Prakash Mathew



Every 3rd Saturday morning mass @ 9:20am will be a "Reconciliation Mass".

Every 4th Saturday morning mass @ 9:20am will be a "Group Mass" in the meeting room.



Father Gino will be in the meeting room between 10:00-11:00am for personal prayer, counselling, confession, talk and dialogue, coffee or tea.

We are inviting children who are interested in becoming altar servers in our churches to kindly contact the parish office, Father Gino or Herman Rodrigues.



Altar Servers



CWL 50/50 tickets are now available! This is a major fundraising activity for the CWL. Anyone wanting to assist us in selling them, books are available at the parish office or by calling Diane @ 274-7682. Thank you for your assistance. It is greatly appreciated!



A date has been set for the CWL Christmas Tea & Bazaar - November 19th. The convenors are Evelyn Rawn (276-8507) & Mitzi Armstrong (275-9905), Gemma Lamonato & Jeannette DeGagné (274-7973) for the kitchen. The convenors have accepted their previous positions and we are very grateful for their continued support. If anyone would like to participate, your help is always welcome. We can find a place for you at one of the tables or more hands are always welcome in the kitchen.

Ladies, when doing your fall cleaning and you come across items you no longer need, please consider donating them to the bazaar (i.e. Silent Auction, prize tables, Jewellery table, scarfs, belts, hats, purses, Christmas table and Sewing table (sewing, knitting, etc.). Please contact Denise Bliss @ 807-274-9534 if you have any questions about the Sewing Table. You are welcome to drop donations off at the parish office.

Your donations ensure a successful bazaar.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**We look forward to another
SUCCESSFUL Tea & Bazaar!**

We have a special collection for Father Gino's home diocese, the Diocese of Kottar. **To date we have collected \$6,785.00.** We will continue to collect donations. Please make cheques payable to St. Mary's Church. There are envelopes available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!



MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

St. Mary's:

Completed - replaced railing on steps on North side of building

Ongoing repairs - refinishing of pews

Upcoming - remove tripping hazard wires by piano & laptop

- Category 5 testing on elevator (\$10,000)

Our Lady of Lourdes:

In process – replace main front doors

Rectory:

Ongoing repairs – basement

ST. MARY'S

**In your prayers, please
remember those who are sick:**

Shirley Fraser, Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Noella 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 Hendriks, Linda Blanc, Dave Egan, Rosanna Tweedie, Allison George, Lillian Bodnar, Sue Sivonen, Anna Busch, Murray Gibson, Lorraine Smith



*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of
Sept. 3 - \$1835.45*

*Offertory Collection for Sacred Heart
Sept. 3 - \$374.60*







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**In your prayers, please
remember those who are sick:**

Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Dale Krueger, Steven "Beaver" Morrisseau, Roger Fillion, Gwen Beadle

*Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes
Weekend Of
Sept. 3 - \$643.97*

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