

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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ST. MARY'S



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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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, 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.



FORGIVE

September 17, 2023

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 19th

6:00pm + Luke Schill – Plum and + Dennis Huntley
– Grace

Wednesday 20th

9:20am + Margo Gagne – Anna McNay and for the
Intentions of Marie Bock–St. Mary’s Family

Thursday 21st (10am @ Rainycrest)

8:00am + John Hemstock – Barb Turgeon

10:00am + Joan McTavish – Marg Rousseau

Friday 22nd

9:20am + Craig Towne – Margrit Schaum

Saturday 23rd

9:20am + Becky Ball – The Family of Melvin Ball

5:00pm + Luke Schill – Don & Rachel Marquis and
+ Bennie Beck – Susan, George & Kyleigh
Ossachuk

Sunday 24th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + Ryan Brunetta – Marg Rousseau

11:00am + Robert Morgan – Ian McLennan and
+ Rommel Blasé – The Family

September 17, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Sirach 27.30-28.7)

2nd reading: (Romans 14.7-9)

Gospel: (Matthew 18.21-35)

*I tell you, you should forgive not seven
times, but seventy-seven times.*

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 17 – Miranda/Dale (Lector), Noble (EMHC)
Sept. 23 – George/Kayden (Lector), Monique (EMHC)
Sept. 24 – Gilles/Miranda (Lector), Gail (EMHC)



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS

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

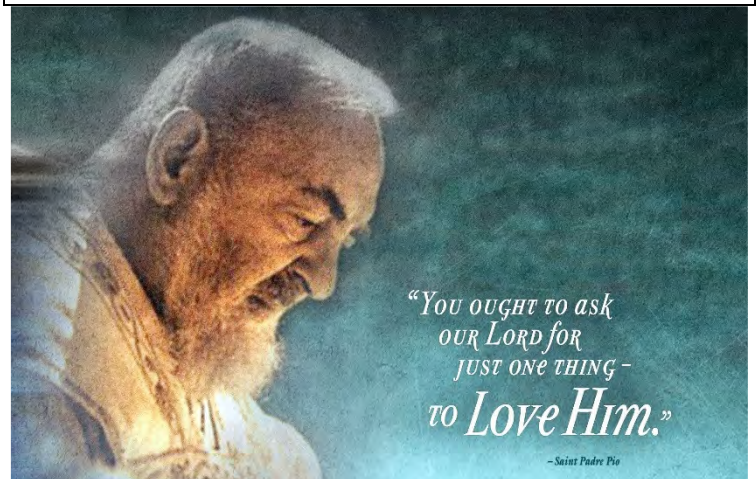
3, 2023. Our council is at a position where
discussions and a decision on the continued
viability of the council must be made. **ALL**
members of Council 2766 are strongly urged to
attend. The Council’s future is to be determined.
Mass at 6 pm, meeting to follow at 6:30 pm at St.
Mary’s Church.

St. Padre Pio, Feast Day: September 23

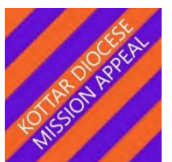
Padre Pio was a revered Italian Catholic friar and mystic. One of the most remarkable aspects of Padre Pio's life was his experience of the stigmata, which are the wounds of Christ's crucifixion appearing on a person's body. He reportedly bore these wounds for over 50 years, from 1918 until his death in 1968.

Padre Pio became known for his gifts of spiritual insight, prophecy, and healing. Numerous reports of miraculous healings and conversions are associated with Padre Pio's intercession. Padre Pio was canonized as a saint by Pope John Paul II on June 16, 2002. He is considered one of the most popular and beloved saints of the 20th century.

He encouraged people to pray fervently, trust in God's mercy, and maintain a deep devotion to the Eucharist. Padre Pio's life is a testament to the power of faith, prayer, and devotion in the Catholic tradition.



We have a special collection for Father Gino’s home diocese, the Diocese of Kottar. **To date we have collected \$6,885.00.** 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!



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.



Catholic Women's League

Christmas BAZAAR

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!

MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

St. Mary's:

- Ongoing repairs - refinishing of pews
- Upcoming - remove tripping hazard wires by piano & laptop
- Category 5 testing on elevator (\$10,000)

Our Lady of Lourdes:

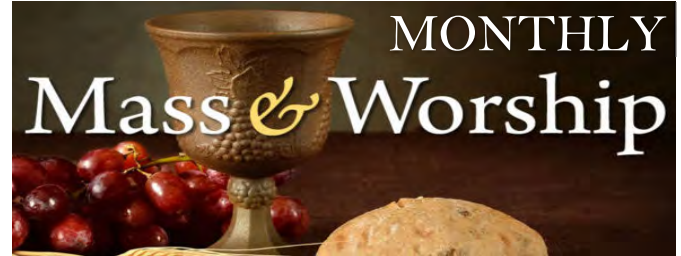
In process – replace main front doors

Rectory:

Ongoing repairs – weeping tile



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!



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 and tea.

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 Hendrikx, 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. 10 - \$1581.88



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In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

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

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Weekend Of
Sept. 10 - \$697.16

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