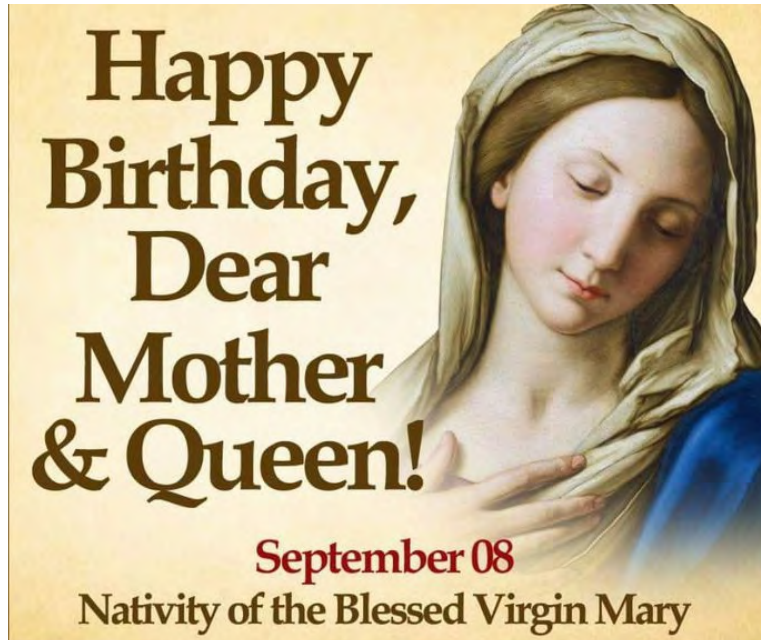


# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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.

## Summer Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am@OLOL, 11:00am  
Tuesday - Saturday 9:20am  
Thursday 8:00am  
10:00am @ Raincrest

## Sacred Heart Chapel

Friday 7:00pm (June-Sept.)

## 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.



### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** Special Intentions St. Anthony

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Raymond Cop – Grace Huntley

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> (10am @ Raincrest)**

**8:00am** + Special Intentions - Sylvia Coelho

**10:00am** + Michael Klymko – M. Mathews

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**9:00am** + Dorleen Godbout – The Family and  
+ Deceased Loved Ones – The  
Bereavement Group

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Becky Ball – Diane, Adele, Jeannette  
& Melody

**5:00pm** + Bert Hanzuk – Bill O'Leary and  
+ Joan Krukoski – Larry & Mitzi  
Armstrong & Family

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)**

**9:00am** + Rose Bird – Grace Huntley

**11:00am** + Luke Schill – Jim & Linda Gill and  
+ Kathie Sawada – Josie Schill

**September 3, 2023**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st reading:** (Jeremiah 20.7-9)

**2nd reading:** (Romans 12.1-2)

**Gospel:** (Matthew 16.21-27)

*If any want to become My followers, let  
them deny themselves.*

### Ministry Schedule

Sept. 2 – Kim/Anna (Lector), Sandy (EMHC)

Sept. 3 –Jeremiah/Ingrid (Lector), Gina (EMHC)

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

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



**All volunteers  
are welcome to  
join us at a  
special Mass and  
Social in their  
honour on  
Sunday,**

**September 10<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments and cake  
will be served after mass. We look  
forward to seeing you there!**

### A Magnificent Birthday!

We all love to celebrate birthdays. Coming Friday, September 8, is the birthday celebration of our dear Mother Mary. On December 8<sup>th</sup> we honor her Immaculate Conception. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate her as the Mother of God. On 15<sup>th</sup> of August, we celebrate her Assumption into heaven and there are many other days throughout the year where we honor a unique aspect of her life. But September 8<sup>th</sup> is simply her birthday celebration!

The birth of Mother Mary is one of the three birthdays celebrated by our Catholic Church, with the other two being Jesus Christ and St. John the Baptist.

We celebrate our Blessed Mother because she was created and brought into this world by God and that alone is worth celebrating. We honor her simply because we love her and we celebrate her birthday as we would celebrate the birthday of anyone we love and care for.

Our honoring of Mother Mary on September 8<sup>th</sup> is a way of solidifying our bond with her and assuring her that we desire her to be an important part of our life.

**Happy birthday, Blessed Mother!  
We love you dearly!**

*"You shall go out with joy!"*

Isaiah 55:12

Let's put on our happy faces and join our League sisters in the general meeting on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30. **Note:** the rosary for world peace will be prayed prior to the meeting for those who wish to participate.



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!





## 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.

**"SERVING THE LORD":** Our Diocesan Ministry Campaign is in full swing as we begin our fall season. I want to thank all those who have already given to my annual ministry campaign this year, and I ask others to also be generous in responding to our diocesan needs. Your donation assists me in making sure the needs of families, parishes and clergy are met in our diocesan family. We reach out in service in the name of Jesus and we make Him present through our generosity and concern for others. I ask parishes to please remind your parishioners of our annual campaign and seek their support. Information is available at the Pastoral Centre and donations can be made in person at the Center, through your parish or on-line at [www.dotb.ca](http://www.dotb.ca). Thank You.

Bishop Fred Colli

**Unlocked Thunder Bay:** If you are searching for inspiration and encouragement, this event is for you! Hosted by the Divine Renovation Ministry and St. Agnes Parish. Parishioners throughout our Diocese are invited to an engaging event about Parish renewal. Saturday September 16, 2023, 8:00am to 4:00pm. Register through this quick and easy link. <https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationcanada/drunlockedthunderbay/555474>

Special Room Rates available through the registration site. Exploring Keys to Unlocking Your Parish – **The Power of the Holy Spirit – The Primary of Evangelization – The Best of Parish Leadership**

We have a special collection for Father Gino's home diocese, the Diocese of Kottar. **To date we have collected \$6,410.00**. 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!



## What's going on?!

Sept. 6 – CWL General Meeting 6:30pm (rosary for World Peace prior to meeting)

**Sept. 8 – Special Rosary & Mass in Celebration of our Mother Mary's birthday–9:00am**

Sept. 9 – Healing Mass & Anointing of the Sick – 9:20am

Sept. 10 – Volunteer Appreciation mass & social

## Maintenance and Projects

### St. Mary's:

In process - replace 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



*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's*

Weekend Of

*Aug. 27 - \$8484.50*

*Offertory Collection for Sacred Heart*

*Aug. 25 - \$290.00*

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**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

*Aug. 27 - \$1088.11*



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