

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

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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
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 9:20am
Tuesday 6:00pm
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.



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 31st

6:00pm + Dorleen Godbout – Marg Rousseau

Wednesday 1st

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

6:00pm + CWL Memorial Mass

Thursday 2nd

9:20am NO MASS

10:00am NO MASS

Friday 3rd

9:20am NO MASS

Saturday 4th

9:20am NO MASS

5:00pm + Mary Kolynchuk – The Family

Sunday 5th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + Helene & + Kay Sofronuk – Jan Glueheisen

11:00am + Robert Morgan – Barb Morgan and + Bert Hanzuk – Michael

Thursday masses will be at 9:20am. There will not be masses at 8am or at 10am @ Rainycrest until December.

October 29, 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Exodus 22.21-27)

2nd reading: (1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10)

Gospel: (Matthew 22.34-40)

You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.

Ministry Schedule

Oct. 28 – Kim/Gilles (Lector), Lynn (EMHC)

Oct. 29 – Marie/Michael (Lector), Kathy (EMHC)

Nov. 4 – Anna/Meagan (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Nov. 5 – Dale/Anne (Lector), Greg (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Oct. 28 – Memorial Mass – 5:00pm @ St. Mary's

Oct. 29 – Memorial Mass – 9:00am @ OLOL

– Social in Honour of Glenn Jourdain – 2-4pm

– OLOL Deacon Elmer Mainville Hall

Nov. 1 – CWL Memorial mass, gathering & meeting

– 6:00pm

Confessions and General Absolutions

Dear Friends in Christ,

We will have a reconciliation mass with General Absolution on December 17, Sunday. At the same time, it's my duty to clarify that **General Absolution is not a fill-in for personal confession.** Here are the church laws regarding confessions and General Absolution.

Can. 988 #1. A member of the Christian faithful is obliged to confess in kind and number all grave sins committed after baptism #2. It is recommended to the Christian faithful that they also confess venial sins.

Can. 989 After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year.

Can. 961 #1. Absolution cannot be imparted in a general manner to many penitents at once without previous individual confession unless there is grave necessity, that is, when in view of the number of penitents, there are not enough confessors available to hear the confessions of individuals properly within a suitable period of time in such a way that the penitents are forced to be deprived for a long while of sacramental grace or holy communion through no fault of their own.

Can. 963 Without prejudice to the obligation mentioned in can. 989, a person whose grave sins are remitted by general absolution is to **approach individual confession as soon as possible**, given the opportunity, before receiving another general absolution, unless a just cause intervenes.

Please remember confession is an obligation. In no way General Absolution is a cover for confession. Hope that gives you some kind of clarity and helps everyone to understand the significance of confession.

In love and truth,

Fr. Gino Mathias

**CONFESSION IS AN ACT OF HONESTY AND COURAGE.
IT'S AN ACT OF ENTRUSTING OURSELVES
BEYOND THE SIN TO THE MERCY
OF A LOVING AND FORGIVING GOD.**

BLESSED JOHN PAUL II



CWL 50/50 tickets are available at the parish office and CWL members. Thank you for your support!! Please return all sold tickets to the parish office.

Join us as we gather to honour the hard work, dedication and memories of
Glenn Jean-Baptiste Jourdain
Sunday, October 29, 2023 from 2-4pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
(Deacon Elmer Mainville Hall)

We will celebrate Glenn's hard work in documenting the families & genealogy of Couchiching First Nation with cake & refreshments.

To be inspired
 is great,
 but to inspire
 is an honour.

Time to recharge... Father Gino will be away on holiday from Oct. 27th – Dec. 10th. We wish him a wonderful, relaxing time with his family and friends. Father Biju will be here while Father Gino is away. We are thankful to Father Biju for coming to share his time with us.

The C.W.L. of St. Mary's Parish
CHRISTMAS TEA & BAZAAR

Sunday, November 19, 2023

2:00 - 4:00pm.

Admission - \$5.00 Adults \$2.00 Children (under 7)

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



We're excited to announce that we will be starting the Youth Group

for students in grades 7-8! The first night of the year is Saturday, Nov. 4th. All are welcome! For more information contact Barb @ 807-276-1226 or Nathan @ 807-276-7142.

**ENVELOPES FOR THE
 ROOF!**



Take an envelope from the board in the lobby. The number on the envelope is the amount to donate. (You may donate more!) Return envelope in collection basket or to the parish office. You will receive a tax receipt if you include your name. Thank you!!



All are invited to join in prayer as we remember those members who are no long with us at our **CWL Memorial mass is on Wednesday, November 1st at 6:00pm.** We will sit in their places in our church and pray for them. It is because they came before us as CWL members that we are able to call ourselves League Sisters. Refreshments will follow in the church hall. Our General meeting will follow the mass & gathering.



Serving the Lord

Our Diocesan Ministry Campaign is in full swing. Thanks to all

those who have already given to our annual ministry campaign this year, and we ask others to also be generous in responding to our diocesan needs.

St. Mary's - goal \$25,000, collected so far \$8,890.00
OLOL - goal \$4,000, collected so far \$350.00

TEAM MEATBALL

Planning meeting for meatball and sauce fundraiser will be **Thursday, Nov. 9 at 1 pm** in church meeting room. Anyone interested in assisting with this fundraiser please attend!

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
 Oct. 22 - \$6194.90*
























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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

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 Weekend Of
 Oct. 22 - \$758.57*

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