

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

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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, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
9:20am

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.





December 10, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREPARE THE WAY

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 12th

6:00pm + Betty Ann Alexander Campeau
– St. Mary's Parish

Wednesday 13th

9:20am The Intentions of Dan Klymko
– M. Mathews

Thursday 14th St. Mary School Mass @ St. Mary's

9:30am The Intentions of the Teachers, Staff &
Students of St. Mary School

Friday 15th

9:20am Intentions of Eileen Klymko – M. Mathews

Saturday 16th

9:20am + Michael Klymko – M. Mathews

5:00pm The intentions of Don Marquis – A Friend

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

9:00am + Eugene McPherson – The Family

11:00am + Robert Morgan – Ruth Bowic

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

1st reading: (Isaiah 40.1-2, 9-11)

2nd reading: (2 Peter 3.8-14)

Gospel: (Mark 1.1-8)

Ministry Schedule

Dec. 9 –Ingrid/Gilles (Lector), Lynn (EMHC)

Dec. 10 –Miranda/Jeremiah(Lector), Greg(EMHC)

Dec. 16 – Gilles/Kim (Lector), Karen (EMHC)

Dec. 17 –Kayden/Georges(Lector), Noble (EMHC)

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 24 (no morning mass)

5pm Mass@ St. Mary's

8pm Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes

11pm Mass @ St. Mary's

Monday, Dec. 25

11am Mass @ St. Mary's

Sunday, Dec. 31

9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes

11am Mass @ St. Mary's

Monday, Jan. 1, 2024

10am Mass @ St. Mary's

The office will be closed for the holidays on
December 24th and will remain closed until January
2nd. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us
with the irresistible power of a baby,
requiring both our hands
and captivating our whole hearts.
Help us to cast aside the sin
and brokenness that we cling to,
so we might be ready to hold you
when you come again.
Amen.



Serving the Lord

Thank you to
those who have
already donated to

the Diocesan Ministry Campaign for their
ongoing generosity. For those still deciding if
you are going to donate, please consider the
importance of this campaign. It is essential for
the growth of our parish to have these funds
available if or when we need them.

Thank you for your support of our parish.

**St. Mary's - goal \$23,000, collected so far
\$12,240.00**

**OLOL - goal \$3,500, collected so far
\$2,100.00**

This campaign is over December 31, 2023



**Food
Collection**

Next Sunday, December 17th,
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will
be doing a non-perishable food
collection. This is our monthly collection to
assist those in need.

**Donations for Christmas Flowers are being
accepted. If you would like to donate in
memory of a loved one, please be sure to
put your intention on an envelope marked
'Christmas Flowers'. Deadline is December 21st.**



Add your voice

**The choir welcomes new
members (18 & older). We play
once a month. Practice is at
3:50pm on the Saturday that we
play. Contact Debbie Jean @274-4054 for more
info.**

Dec. 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

National Day of Prayer in

Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

Diocesan Prayer

We give thanks for the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples of Canada, and for the blessing of cultures and traditions, as well as for the gifts of creation that we share. Creator God, please walk with us and help us to embrace our mutual journey toward truth and reconciliation. Guide us to healing and peace, and awaken in all a spirit of compassion, justice, community and friendship.



St. Mary's CWL Executive 2024 - 2025: Nominations or volunteers are needed!

A list of CWL members has been posted on the church bulletin board to assist with considering members to encourage and nominate. Members must agree to be nominated for the executive. To nominate or volunteer, call Linda Fleming 481-9997 or email - llpflem1@gmail.com. *"Do not be afraid", Pope Francis urged ... "volunteers are the strength of the Church" as they are "a dimension of the Church's mission because you go there with your volunteering and maintain so many actions of the Church."*

Dear Ladies, thank you for attending the CWL Christmas mass and supper. So nice to see your smiling faces! Thank you once again for your generous contributions to the Santa prizes and to the donation gift, but most of all for your ongoing support of our council's projects and gatherings throughout the year! Well done, Everyone! May you all have a peaceful Christmas and a healthy and happy new year!



Advent has begun! If you and your family or friends would like to light the Advent candles, please contact the Parish Office. You are welcome to notify Father before the mass as well.



**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION WITH
GENERAL ABSOLUTION**

Saturday, Dec. 16
5pm @ St. Mary's

Sunday, Dec. 17th
9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes
11am @ St. Mary's

ST. MARY'S

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



Shirley Fraser, Maurice DeGagné, Noella Hamilton, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Julie Halvorsen, Patrick McColeman, Frank Strain, Bridger Hands, Ewan MacKintosh, Father Ben Hadrich, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, 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
Dec. 3 - \$1719.30*



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, Melvina Morrisseau

*Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes
Weekend Of
Dec. 3 - \$626.00*

Advent Prayer

God of Love, Father of all
the darkness that covered the earth
has given way to the bright
dawn of your Word made Flesh.
Make us a people of this light
Make us faithful to your Word.
that we may bring your life to the waiting world.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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