### St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



### Parish Office

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### Pastoral Team

Reverand Gino Mathias, Pastor

#### **Parish Staff**

Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary stmarys@tbaytel.net
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 6:00pm

Wednesay, 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

### 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 <mark>St. Mary School Mass @ St. Mary's</mark>

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

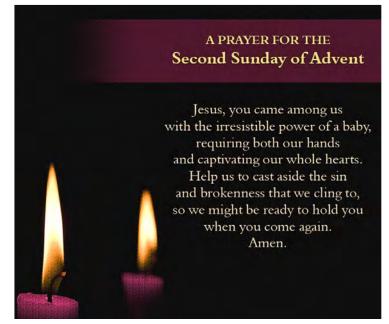
11am Mass @ St. Mary's

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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!** 



# serving the Sord

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

Next Sunday, December 17th, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will Collection 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.



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 - Ilpflem1@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.



# 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 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 <u>Weekend Of</u> 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

<u>Weekend Of</u>

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

### Nicole D.S. Miller

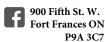
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