

# 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

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

## Parish Staff

Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary  
[stmarys@tbaytel.net](mailto: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  
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 3, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Stay Awake

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

**6:00pm +** Dagmar Plumhoff – Ingrid Carlson

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

**9:20am +** Josie Korchak – Anita Artyszuk

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am +** Denis DeGagné – Yvette & Ron Beck and  
The Intentions of Father Biju – Queenie

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am +** Deceased Loved Ones – The  
Bereavement Group

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

**9:20am +** Patricia Anne Odgen – Staff of St. Mary  
School

**5:00pm +** Karen Johnson – The Hebert Family

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

**9:00am +** Rosie Bird – Our Lady of Lourdes  
Catholic Women's League

**11:00am +** Mary Kolynchuk – The Family and  
+ Brian Cawston – Staff of St. Mary School

**December 3, 2023**

**First Week of Advent**

**1st reading:** (Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8)

**2nd reading:** (1 Corinthians 1.3-9)

**Gospel:** (Mark 13.33-37)

### Ministry Schedule

Dec. 2 – Kim/Gemma (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Dec. 3 – Marie/Michael (Lector), Gina (EMHC)

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

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

### What's going on?!

Dec. 6 – CWL Christmas Mass & Potluck – 6pm

Dec. 12 – Bereavement Group Mtg. – 1pm

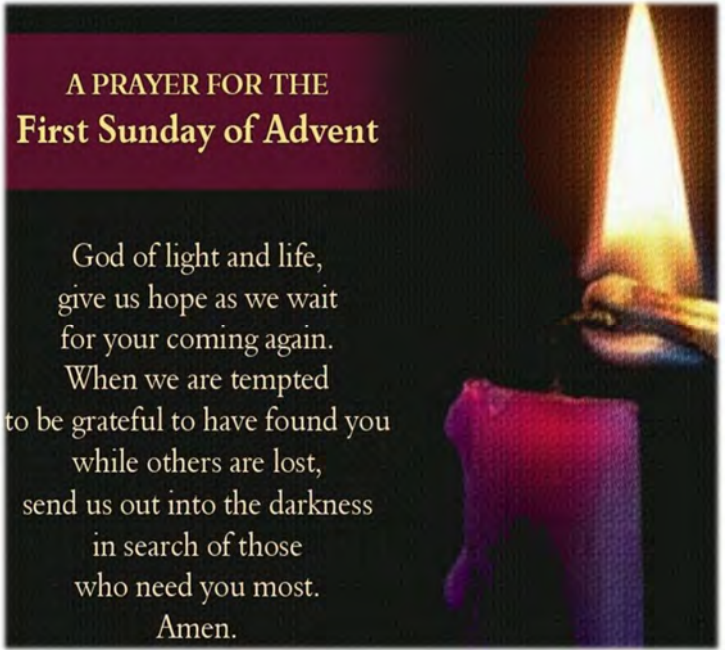
Dec. 19 – Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville  
– 1:00pm



## 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. The next time the choir will play is  
on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Debbie Jean  
@274-4054 for more info.**



### A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,  
give us hope as we wait  
for your coming again.  
When we are tempted  
to be grateful to have found you  
while others are lost,  
send us out into the darkness  
in search of those  
who need you most.  
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.**



**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."



# CHRISTMAS MASS & POTLUCK

CWL Christmas mass and potluck supper will be held on **Wednesday, December 6 at 6pm**. The turnout for this event was poor last year so it is hoped that members will make an effort to attend. Your presence is a great way to support those who prepare the mass and the gathering as a special event. Some members have never come out to a supper so why not this year? Hoping to see many of you then! Note: Group 1 surnames A to J) hosting. Santa prizes for the activities will be appreciated.

We plan to have monthly cookies & coffee after the weekend masses.

We would like to have different people volunteer to help with these events, please sign up at the back of the church or contact the parish office at 274-5233.



**Lakehead Choral Group**  
PRESENTS

**Ring those Christmas Bells**

MUSIC DIRECTOR: DIANA HANNAFORD-WILCOX  
ACCOMPANIST: SEAN KIM

Special Guest:  
**St. Paul's United Church Handbell Choir**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**  
**St. Agnes Church**  
(corner of Brown & Mary Streets)  
**7 p.m.**

Adult/\$20, Student/\$10  
Tickets available:  
Rollason Flowers at 128 Frederica St. E.  
The Finnish Book Store, corner of Bay and Algoma Streets  
Choral Group Members - At the Door - or by Calling 807-632-4683

  
For the comfort of all, please attend fragrance free.

## TEAM MEATBALL

Team meatball would like to thank everyone who supported the meatball and sauce fundraiser. We exceeded our expectations for sales of meatballs and sauce! Special thanks to everyone who came out to plan, make and deliver. Your hard work is appreciated more than you know!

### 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 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  
Nov. 26 - \$7104.00*


























### 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, Melvina Morrisseau

*Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes  
Weekend Of  
Nov. 26 - \$556.83*



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