

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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

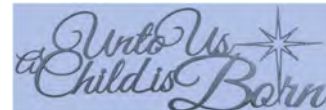
We are bonded together by a deep, personal faith in Jesus
Christ, and called to the fullness of Christian life by virtue of
Baptism and Confirmation and the perfection of love.





December 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday 25th Christmas Day

11:00am Intentions of All Parishioners

Tuesday 26th

6:00pm + Brian Cawston – Neil & Shirley
Whitefield

Wednesday 27th

9:20am + Marie Stetsko – Cindy & Hugh McKinnon

Thursday 28th @ Raincrest

10:00am + Queenie Leschinski – Eileen Klymko

Friday 29th

9:20am + Raymond Joly – Frank & Monique Strain

Saturday 30th

9:20am + Denis DeGagné – Wendy & Leroy
Carpenter

5:00pm + Brian Cawston – Clint & Karen Papineau

Sunday 31st New Year's Eve

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

9:00am + Billy & + Rosie Bird, & + Rainy Loyie
– The Family

11:00am + Jean Baptiste & + Marie Antoinette
DeGagné & + Deceased Siblings
– Rita & Yvette

Monday 1st New Year's Day

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10:00am Intentions of All Parishioners

Tuesday 2nd

6:00pm + Queenie Leschinski – Margrit Schaum

Wednesday 3rd

9:20am Special Intentions – Betty Mueller

Thursday 4th @ Raincrest

10:00am + Queenie Leschinski – Anna McNay

Friday 5th

9:20am We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Saturday 6th

9:20am + Charon Allen – Anna McNay

5:00pm + Mary Kolynchuk – The Family

Sunday 7th THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00am + Dan, + Avis, & + George – Lori, Jim &
Family and + Len Glueheisen - Jan

11:00am + Queenie Leschinski – M. Mathews



Betty McLeod won \$1025.00 as the winner of Our Lady of Lourdes CWL 50/50 draw. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and to all who purchased them!

From the Pastor's Desk

Merry Christmas!

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you. May your hearts be filled with the true spirit of Christmas!

As we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, may His blessings be abundant in your lives. Wishing you a Christmas filled with the beauty of the season, the love of family and friends, and the grace of our Lord.

May this festive season bring peace, joy, love, hope and happiness to you and your families. May the coming year be one of renewed faith, abundant blessings, and boundless opportunities to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

May the spirit of Christmas be with you today and throughout the coming year.

Merry Christmas!

With love and blessings,

Rev. Gino JPM Mathias

A PRAYER FOR THE Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people,
even when we fail to see you.
In each and every moment that we are blessed
to recognize you here and now,
give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.
Amen.



Ministry Schedule

Dec. 25 – 11am – Anne/Georges (Lectors),
Gayle(EMHC)

Dec. 30 – 5pm – Kim (Lector), Monique (EMHC)

Dec. 31 – 11am – Miranda/Marie (Lectors),
Kathy (EMHC)

Jan. 1 – 10am – Anne/Ingrid (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Jan. 6 – Anna/Gemma (Lectors), (EMHC)

Jan. 7 – Marie/Michael (Lectors (EMHC) Greg (EMHC)



May Christian believers, followers of various religions and men and women of good will work together in harmony to embrace the opportunities and confront the challenges posed by the digital revolution and thus hand on to future generations a world of greater solidarity, justice and peace.

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!

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st reading: (2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16)

2nd reading: (Romans 16.25-27)

Gospel: (Luke 1.26-38)

December 25, 2023

Christmas Day - The Nativity of The Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 62.11-12)

2nd reading: (Titus 3.4-7)

Gospel: (Luke 2.15-20)

January 1, 2024

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1st reading: (Number 6.22-27)

2nd reading: (Galatians 4.4-7)

Gospel: (Luke 2.16-21)

January 7, 2024

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 60.1-6)

2nd reading: (Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6)

Gospel: (Matthew 2.1-12)



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



Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign 2023

The campaign ends on December 31st. All money must be received at the Chancery Office by Friday, January 5, 2024. Please get your donation in now!

St. Mary's - still need to collect \$8,860.00

Of our goal \$23,000.

Our Lady of Lourdes has reached their goal of \$3,500.00!!

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, Diane Gibson



Offertory Collection for St. Mary's

Weekend Of

Dec. 17 - \$2330.70



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. 17 - \$574.76

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