

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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**ST. MARY'S**



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

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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  
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.



Come  
and See

January 14, 2024

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm** + Pat Smearer–Neil & Shirley Whitefield

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** Intentions of Beatrice Lambert  
– A Friend

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> @ Rainycrest**

**10:00am** + Madeline Martin – Marg Rousseau

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Madeline Martin – Grace Huntley and  
+ Mary Harris – Neil & Shirley Whitefield

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Denis Huntley – Mel & Jeannette  
DeGagné

**5:00pm** + Queenie Leschinski – M. Mathews

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00am** + Greg Perreault – The Family and for  
the Intentions of Our Lady of Lourdes  
Catholic Women's League's 62<sup>nd</sup>  
Anniversary

**11:00am** + Mary Saranchuk – The Family and

+ Patti Christian – Vince & Barb Godbout

**January 14, 2024**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st reading:** (1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19)

**2nd reading:** (1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20)

**Gospel:** (John 1.35-42)

**Ministry Schedule**

Jan. 13 – Kim/Gilles (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Jan. 14 – Dale/Marie (Lectors), Noble (EMHC)

Jan. 20 – Ingrid/Meagan(Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Jan. 21-Miranda/Jeremiah (Lectors), Gina(EMHC)



CWL Membership Drive for 2024 will take place at this weekend's masses on January 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. The membership fee is **\$35**. Payment can be made on those

days by cash or cheque. You can also e-transfer to [diane58@tbaytel.net](mailto:diane58@tbaytel.net). Forms will also be available in the church foyer and can be dropped off at the Parish office or put in the collection basket. Thank you for continuing to support our league. We welcome all new members. Please consider joining if you have not already.

**From the Pastor's Desk**

**Heartfelt Thanks for Your Generosity**

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

I am writing this note to express my deepest gratitude for your incredible generosity and support to our churches (St. Mary's & OLOL). Be it your weekly donations or diocesan ministry campaign, or even the Indian mission (Kottar Diocese) your mindset is magnanimous.

Your selfless contribution has made a significant impact on our churches. Thanks to your unwavering commitment to making a positive difference, we are now one step closer to achieving our goals. (**Goals: Diocesan ministry Campaign and the church Roof Debt**) Your belief in the power of giving is truly commendable.

Please accept this note as a small token of my appreciation. Your generosity has made a lasting impact, and I am incredibly grateful for your support. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness. Wishing you continued success and fulfillment in all your endeavors.

With sincere gratitude,

Fr. Gino Mathias

**GENEROSITY**

the most *natural* outward expression  
of an inner attitude of *compassion*





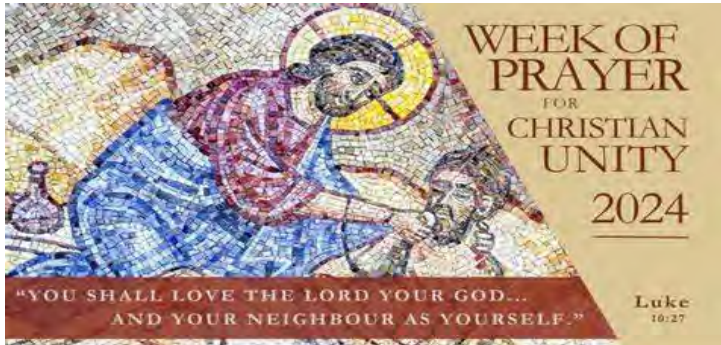
Soup and Bun Fundraiser  
- Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>  
@ 6pm and Sunday,  
January 21<sup>st</sup> @ noon with  
seating in the church hall.  
Free will offering! If you

prefer to have take out - you can by pre-order only. To pre-order contact Shirley at 807-275-5566 or whitefield2001@hotmail.com. Pick up for take out will be 4 pm Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> at the church. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help, come to the church Friday after mass (10am) to set up and prep for the soup or come after mass Jan 20 or 21 to help serve and clean up. Thank you!

January 27 and 28 there will be a cookie bake sale after each mass. All funds from both fundraisers will be matched by a generous benefactor. Thank you all for your generosity!

The final balance that St. Mary's owes for this 2023 Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign is \$8,365.62.

Our Lady of Lourdes exceeded their goal by \$450!



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

Information and prayers can be found at:

[2024 WPCU Resources | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)



Father Gino is available in the office or the church: **Tuesdays from 2:00pm-6:30pm, Wednesdays – Fridays from 9:00am-3:00pm, and Saturdays from 9:00am-noon,** for one-on-one visits for personal prayer, counselling, confession, talk and dialogue.

**What's going on?!**

**Jan. 13 – Healing Mass – 9:20am**

Jan. 13/14 – CWL Membership Drive @ masses

Jan. 18 – Finance Council Meeting – 2:00pm

Jan. 20/21 – Soup & Bun Fundraiser – after masses

Jan. 24 – Parish Council Meeting – 4:30pm

Jan. 27/28 – Cookie Bake Sale – after masses

**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  
Jan. 7 - \$1507.61*



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

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

Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Dale Krueger, Steven "Beaver" Morrissette, Roger Fillion, Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes

*Weekend Of  
Jan. 7 – \$485.86*



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