

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

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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.



REPENT AND BELIEVE

January 21, 2024

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 23rd

6:00pm + Becky Ball - Frank

Wednesday 24th

9:20am Intentions of Grace Huntley – A Friend

Thursday 25th @ Rainycrest

10:00am + Ernie McColeman – Betty Mueller

Friday 26th

9:20am + Denis DeGagné – Yvette & Ron Beck

Saturday 27th

9:20am + Gertie Bujold – Lucille Botsford

5:00pm + Therese King – Carole MacKintosh
and Intentions of Deb Kempf – Jim &
Sandra McKinnon

Sunday 28th

9:00am Intentions of Pat & Janet Cain – The
Jourdain Family

11:00am + Brian Cawston – Ian McLennan

January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Jonah 3.1-5, 10)

2nd reading: (1 Corinthians 7.29-31)

Gospel: (Mark 1.14-20)

Ministry Schedule

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

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

Jan. 27 – Kim/Anne Z. (Lectors), Karen (EMHC)

Jan. 28 – Kayden/Georges(Lectors),Kathy(EMHC)



CWL Membership fees for 2024 are due. 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. Forms are 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

Saul to Saint Paul (January 25)

“you encounter Jesus, you change your life”

The conversion of Saint Paul, one of the great events of the early Church, is celebrated as a powerful example of divine intervention.

Saul, who was on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians, experienced a dramatic encounter. A bright light from heaven blinded him, and he heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Saul asked who was speaking, and the voice identified itself as Jesus, whom Saul was persecuting. This encounter led to Saul's conversion to Christianity.

After his conversion, Saul changed his name to Paul. He embarked on missionary journeys, wrote several letters (Epistles). Of the 27 books in the New Testament, 13 are attributed to Paul. Today, Paul's epistles continue to be the roots of theology, worship and pastoral life.

Paul's conversion symbolizes that even those vehemently opposed to Christianity can experience a profound change of heart and purpose through a direct encounter with the divine. **This feast is celebrated on January 25.** Praise the Lord!

In love and truth,
Fr. Gino Mathias



of His word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.”

- Pope Francis, *Aperuit illis*, 2

Next weekend, January 27 and 28 there will be a cookie bake sale at St. Mary's after each mass. All funds from this fundraiser will be matched by a generous benefactor to offset our outstanding balance for the 2023 Diocesan Ministry Campaign. Thank you all for your generosity!



ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP GR.7-12 PIZZA AND MOVIE NIGHT!

SATURDAY
FEB 3 2024

5 PM MASS FOLLOWED BY PIZZA AND MOVIE
DONE AROUND 8:30PM

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AND EAT

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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. This year's theme is **"You shall love the Lord you God ...and your neighbour as yourself"** Lk 10:27) Information and prayers can be found at: [2024 WPCU Resources | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)

Thank you to the youth who were able to join us bowling in December. Thank you to Barb G, Kenny D and Nikki A for helping us set everything up and provide supervision to our young people that night.



For families who have not yet paid registration fees for 2024 Youth Group or who have yet to sign the waivers, we ask that we have those forms filled out when possible. They will be available on Feb 3rd during drop off and if they can be filled out when you pick your youth up that would be great. The fees are \$120 for the year. Due to scheduling conflicts we were not able to plan for a January Youth Group activity. We will make up for this lost month in the future.

Activity nights will resume Saturday Feb 3, 2024. We will start at 5PM at St Mary's Church with a Mass followed by homemade pizza making in the kitchen and a movie. We should be wrapped up no later than 8:30 PM. **"Come and See a movie / Take and Eat some pizza"**. In order to plan accordingly we ask that families fill out the survey.

Please feel free to share the link and this email with other interested families so that they can register online. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffC1_PgzK4lSkk9xeWPqPmxbxM4fObsVxmUJfFzDXE6uvV3Q/viewform?usp=sf_link



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. 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 Hendriks, 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. 14 - \$2012.40*



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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. 14 - \$861.05*

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