

# 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  
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

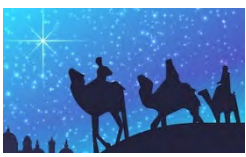
## Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

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.**





**January 7, 2024**

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm** + Queenie Leschinski – Margrit Schaum

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Ed McLeod – Betty & Family

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> @ Raincrest**

**10:00am** Intentions of Kerry Zucchiatti  
– M. Mathews

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** Intentions of Wyatt – Grandma Grace

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Clementina & + Andrew Fontana – The Family

**5:00pm** + Bert Hanzuk - Michael

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** + Frank, + Fern, + Linda & + Janet – Lori, Jim & Family

**11:00am** + Mavis Dick – St. Mary's Catholic Women's League

**January 7, 2024**

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

**1st reading:** (Isaiah 60.1-6)

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

**Gospel:** (Matthew 2.1-12)

### **Ministry Schedule**

Jan. 6 – Anna/Gemma (Lectors), Karen (EMHC)

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

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

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



CWL Membership Drive for 2024 will take place at the weekend 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

### **The Journey of the Magi**

*"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."* –Matthew 2:2

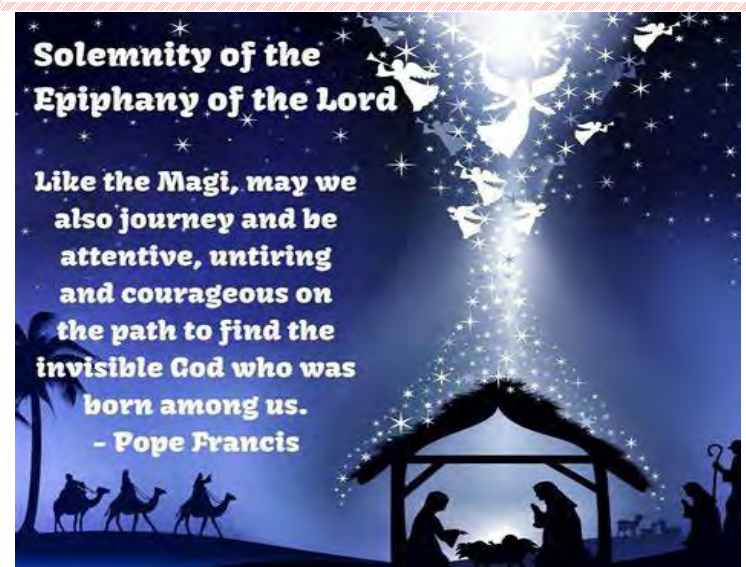
Dear Friends in Christ...

The journey of the Magi teaches us valuable lessons about faith, perseverance, and the importance of seeking the divine presence in our lives. We are called to follow the light of Christ, even when the path seems uncertain or challenging. The star that led them serves as a symbol of hope and guidance, reminding us that God's light will always lead us to Him.

As we celebrate the Epiphany, let us reflect on the ways in which we can manifest the light of Christ in our own lives. Are we willing to follow divine guidance, even when faced with challenges? Do we recognize Jesus as the true King, offering Him the gift of our complete surrender?

May the Epiphany of the Lord be a source of inspiration for us to be beacons of God's light in the world. Let us share the love and salvation found in Jesus Christ with all people. May our lives be a testament to the universal message of hope, peace, and redemption that the Epiphany brings.

In love and truth,  
Fr. Gino Mathias







The weekend of January 20/21 we will be holding a Soup & Bun fundraiser to

offset the balance owing for the 2023 Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign. There will be a good will offering. A benefactor has come forward and offered to match whatever we can raise! We will have wild rice and chicken rice soup and buns.

There will be a planning meeting on

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.**

Please join us if you would like help with this fundraiser.



While Fr. Gino was home visiting his family & friends, he was able to hand over a cheque to Bishop Nazarene of Kottar Diocese. The total Canadian funds we

raised were \$ 7,260.00. Bishop Nazarene was very thankful and overwhelmed by our generosity!



### **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. 24/25 - \$16944.25*

*Dec. 31 - \$2745.00*

*Jan. 1, 2024 - \$692.00*



### **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*

*Dec. 24 - \$1285.00*

*Dec. 31 - \$1035.75*



The third Sunday of every month will be Food Box Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items for the needy.

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