

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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

LENT

40 Days
of
Renewal

PRAY - FAST - GIVE ALMS

Parish Office

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Hours: Monday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm
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Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

Parish Staff

Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary
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, Friday, Saturday - 9:20am
Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

Confessions

Tuesdays - Saturdays - 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.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 27th

6:00pm + Becky Ball – St. Mary's Church

Wednesday 28th

9:20am + Greg Gothard – Deloras Chabot

Thursday 29th @ Rainycrest

10:00am Intentions of Rose Mary Mallory
– Marg Rousseau

Friday 1st

9:20am That those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage & missionary drive.

Saturday 2nd

9:20am + Denis DeGagné – Frank Ball Sr.

5:00pm + Madeline Martin – St. Mary's Catholic Women's League
+ Peter Boon Sr. – The Family

Sunday 3rd

9:00am Intentions of the family of Duane Cridland – Maria S.

11:00am + Rommel Blasé – The Family and Intentions of Barb Morgan – Sandra & Jim McKinnon

February 25, 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18)

2nd reading: (Romans 8.31b-35, 37++)

Gospel: (Mark 9.2-10)

Ministry Schedule

Feb. 24 – Gemma/Kim (Lectors), Karen (EMHC)

Feb. 25 – Michael/Marie (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Mar. 2 – Anna/Gemma (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Mar. 3 – Miranda/Jeremiah (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Feb. 16 – March 22 – Lenten Fish Fry Fridays

Feb. 24/25 – Development & Peace Info Meeting
– After the weekend masses

Mar. 1 – World Day of Prayer – 2:00pm

Mar. 6 – CWL General Meeting – 6:30pm



The CWL 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 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

A Time for Reflection, Repentance, and Renewal

"Come near to God and he will come near to you"
– James 4:8

As we enter into the second week of Lent, it is a time for us to pause, reflect, and journey inward, examining our lives in the light of our faith.

Reflection prompts us to look honestly at our actions, thoughts, and attitudes, discerning where we may have strayed from the path of God, our father. It is an opportunity to confront our shortcomings with humility and openness, seeking forgiveness from God and reconciliation with others.

Repentance is the courageous act of turning away from sin and towards God's mercy and grace. It involves not only acknowledging our faults but also committing to transformation, embracing the call to live more fully in accordance with God's will.

Renewal emerges from this process of reflection and repentance, as we allow God's love to cleanse and renew our hearts. Lent invites us to recommit ourselves to the journey of faith, to deepen our relationship with God, and to strive for holiness in all aspects of our lives.

May this Lenten season be a time of profound spiritual awakening and renewal for all of us.

With blessings and prayers,
Fr. Gino Mathias

ST. MARY'S CHURCH



FRIDAYS, Feb. 16 – Mar. 22, 2024

PICK-UP STARTS AT 4:00PM,

DELIVERY 4:30PM

Deadline for orders is 3:00pm the Thursday before.

For more information contact Barb @807-276-1226

PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE

AT THE PARISH OFFICE:

\$20.00 - Price includes walleye & all the fixings!

St. Mary's Fish Fry dinners will once again be available on the 6 Fridays during Lent – Feb. 16 & 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15 & 22. Included with each dinner will be two muffins. We are looking for volunteers to donate 2 dozen muffins on a Friday of their choosing. Please contact Tina Gurski at 807-271-5234 (text or call) to donate or for more information. Thank you for your open-handedness. We are so fortunate to have such a generous and dedicated church community!



2023 Donation Tax receipts are in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity



Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South

and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

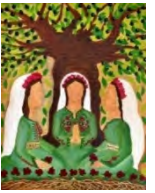
Our transformative work is possible **thanks to the generosity and support of our members** and Canadians who stand by us.

Join the movement of over 12,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community. Visit devp.org/membership.

For more information, contact Marie Brady at 807-274-5105 or mabradyff@gmail.com. We welcome you to join the D&P parish team anytime! An information session will be held after the weekend masses of February 24-25.



World Day of Prayer
March 1, 2024
2:00pm @ St. Mary's



"I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love" **Ephesians 4:1-3**

Since 1812 women have had a strong sense of identification with the needs of women & children & have encouraged one another to participate in personal prayer & take leadership in communal prayer. The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many races, cultures, traditions & denominations who come together to observe a common day of prayer. It is a movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries & regions. Through the World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer & action are inseparable & have untold influences in the world.

For more information, please contact Karen @807-274-6321 or Tina @807-274-5233



March 1 Blessed is She
March 8 Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite
March 15 Weekday Warriors
March 22 Lectors

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
Feb. 18 – \$1763.35

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Dale Krueger, Roger Fillion, Gwen Beadle

Offertory Collection for Our Lady Of Lourdes
Weekend Of
Feb. 18 - \$506.07

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