

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



**"REJOICE, JERUSALEM, AND
ALL WHO LOVE HER.
BE JOYFUL, ALL WHO WERE
IN MOURNING."**

Parish Office

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

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Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

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Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary
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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.**



For God so loved the world that
He gave His only-begotten Son

March 10, 2024
4th SUNDAY OF LENT

LAETARE SUNDAY

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 12th

6:00pm + Zetella Pope Joy – Betty Meuller

Wednesday 13th

9:20am + Becky Ball – Melvin Ball Family

Thursday 14th @ Raincrest

10:00am + Marc Abbott – Marg Rousseau & Family

Friday 15th

9:20am + Gertie Bujold – Renee Dumeney

Saturday 16th

9:20am + John Hempstock – Deloras Chabot

5:00pm + Madeline Martin – Leo & Kathy Pruys

Sunday 17th

9:00am + George Supinski – The Family

11:00am + Pearl DeGagné – Deloras Chabot and
+ Maria Palmira Texeira – John Lescynski

March 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++)

2nd reading: (Ephesians 2.4-10)

Gospel: (John 3.14-21)

Ministry Schedule

Mar. 9 – Kim/Gilles (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)

Mar. 10 – Dale/Anne Z. (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

Mar. 16 – Gemma/Ingrid (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Mar. 17 – Michael/Marie (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Mar. 15 – Stations of the Cross – 6:00pm

Mar. 15 – 22 – Lenten Fish Fry Fridays

Mar. 20 – Gate of Healing prayer group meeting
– 9:45-10:30am



"Change" for the better!
Between March 9 and March 24 help us make "Change". The challenge is to fill 2 water jugs with change (paper money is also welcome!) that is hanging around your home, car, pockets, purses, in containers - anywhere you have change lying around. So bring your change and empty it into the marked water jugs located outside the office. All proceeds will go to pay down the roof debt. Thank You!

From the Pastor's Desk

John 3:16

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today, we are reminded of one of the most cherished verses in the Bible, John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son." We find the essence of the Christian faith encapsulated – the unfathomable love of God and the incomparable gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

God's love for humanity surpasses all understanding, a love that knows no bounds. Despite our shortcomings, our sins, and our failures, God continues to love us unconditionally. Hence, he gave his only-begotten Son. God did not simply lend or loan His Son to us – He gave Him. He gave Him completely, sacrificially, and selflessly for the salvation of the world.

May the message of John 3:16 be engraved upon our hearts, guiding us in our journey of faith and inspiring us to live lives that glorify God and reflect His boundless love to the world. Let us never take for granted the incredible sacrifice that was made on our behalf. And let us respond to God's love with gratitude, with faith, and with a renewed commitment to live our lives in accordance with His will.

May we strive to share that love with others, so that all may come to know the incredible gift of God's love and salvation.

In love and truth,
Fr. Gino Mathias



ST. MARY'S CHURCH



FRIDAYS, March 15 –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 are down to the last 2 weeks. We still have Mar. 15 & 22 to go. 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!



March 15 Weekday Warriors

March 22 Lectors

March 29 Good Friday Stations will be at Our

Lady of Lourdes at 7pm. All are welcome!

Gate of Healing

The "Gate of Healing" prayer group will meet in the meeting room on the third Wednesday of the month from 9:45-10:30am. The first session will be on March 20th. Please let Father Gino or the Parish office know if you are interested in joining this group.



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.

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

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia



In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related

to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

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!

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, Linda Gill



*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of
Mar. 3 - \$1660.25*






















OUR LADY OF LOURDES

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

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

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