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Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

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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.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 19th Solemnity of St. Joseph

9:20am + Ray & Louis Cousineau – Rita & Wayne McLeod

Wednesday 20th

9:20am + Marney Lewis – Dwayne & Susan Hunking

Thursday 21st @ St. Mary's

9:20am + Becky Ball – Melvin Ball Family

Friday 22nd

NO MASS

Saturday 23rd

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

5:00pm + Josh Sigurdson – The Family and
+ Dennis Huntley - Grace

Sunday 24th

9:00am + Ignit Stetsko – Cindy & Hugh McKinnon

11:00am + Nina Coran – Jill, Reno & Family and
+ Marvel & + Rick Ricard – The Family

March 17, 2024

5th Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (Jeremiah 31.31-34++)

2nd reading: (Hebrews 5.7-9)

Gospel: (John 12.20-33)

Ministry Schedule

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

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

Mar. 23 – Gilles/Kim/Anna (Lectors), Karen (EMHC)

Mar. 24 – Georges/Miranda/Jeremiah (Lectors),
Noble (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Mar. 15 – 22 – Lenten Fish Fry Fridays

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

Mar. 22 – Stations of the Cross – 6:00pm

**If you fear
change
Then leave it
With us!**

"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

Saint Joseph's Day (March 19)

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, 'at the service of the entire plan of salvation'.

God told Joseph: 'Son of David, do not be afraid!' (Mt 1:20). God seems to tell us: 'Do not be afraid!' When things do not turn out as we wish, we need to set aside all anger and disappointment, and to embrace the way they are. Not with mere resignation but with hope and courage.

In this way, we are open to a deeper meaning. Our lives miraculously change if we have the courage to live them in line with the Gospel. It does not matter if everything seems to have gone wrong. God can make flowers spring up from stony ground. Even if our heart condemns us, 'God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything' (1 Jn 3:20).

Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.

May the intercession of Saint Joseph protect and provide for our families. May I wish you all a Happy feast!

In love and truth,
Fr. Gino Mathias



**March 19, Solemnity
of Saint Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

*Let us be inspired by the
life of Saint Joseph: His
humility, His willingness
to listen to the voice of
God. His unconditional
love and protection for
his wife and his child.*

**We will have a solemn mass on Tuesday morning at
9:20am in honour of St. Joseph with refreshments
after.**

ST. MARY'S CHURCH



FINAL FRIDAY, March 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!



March 22 Lectors

March 29 Good Friday
Stations will be at Our
Lady of Lourdes at 7pm.
All are welcome!

2024

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 23, 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 24, 9:00 am OLOL

Sunday, March 24, 11:00 am

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm

Parishioners are encouraged to bring gifts for the poor, which will be presented with the bread & wine.

Good Friday Solemn Service

Friday, March 29, 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm OLOL

Solemn Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 8:00 pm

Parishioners are encouraged to bring bells to the Vigil to ring during the Gloria!
We will also light candles.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 9:00 am OLOL

Sunday, March 31, 11:00 am



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.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada:

This Lent, please give generously



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Reaping our Rights** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

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Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarity!** For more information, contact Marie Brady at 807-274-5105 or mabradyyff@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 Hendriks, Linda Blanc, Dave Egan, Rosanna Tweedie, Allison George, Lillian Bodnar, Sue Sivonen, Anna Busch, Murray Gibson, Lorraine Smith, Diane Gibson, Linda Gill, Loretta Foran, Theresa Olson, Elma Wepruk

*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
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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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