

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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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

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 26th

6:00pm + Benny Beck & + Toni Edgett – Ian McLennan

Wednesday 27th

9:20am + Sydney Gillon – Anne & Alan Zucchiatti

Holy Week and Easter Services

ALL MASSES DURING THE TRIDUUM ARE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PARISHIONERS.

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 CROSS

By Betty Mueller

Isaiah 53.4

As we enter into the Holy Week, it is apt that we reflect on the Cross. St. Mary's is blessed with so many spiritually inspiring people. Betty Mueller is one among them. Her poem "The Cross" is a beautiful prayer. Here it is:

Come walk the road of Calvary,
Come walk this lonely road with Me.
Carry the cross, for a little while,
I know it's heavy, My precious child.

It is the cross that I carried, out of love for thee,
Will you carry the cross awhile with Me?
Then in time My child, you too shall see,
What I, Your God, have in store for thee.

For the pattern of life is a mystery.
It's joys and sorrows, form the cross, you see.
Carry it well, out of love for Me,
Then ask what you will, it shall be granted to thee.

It was our infirmities that HE bore,
Our sufferings that HE endured.

We thank Betty Mueller for sharing her prayerful thoughts with us. May the good Lord bless her and keep her safe.

In love and truth,
Fr. Gino Mathias

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 50.4-7)

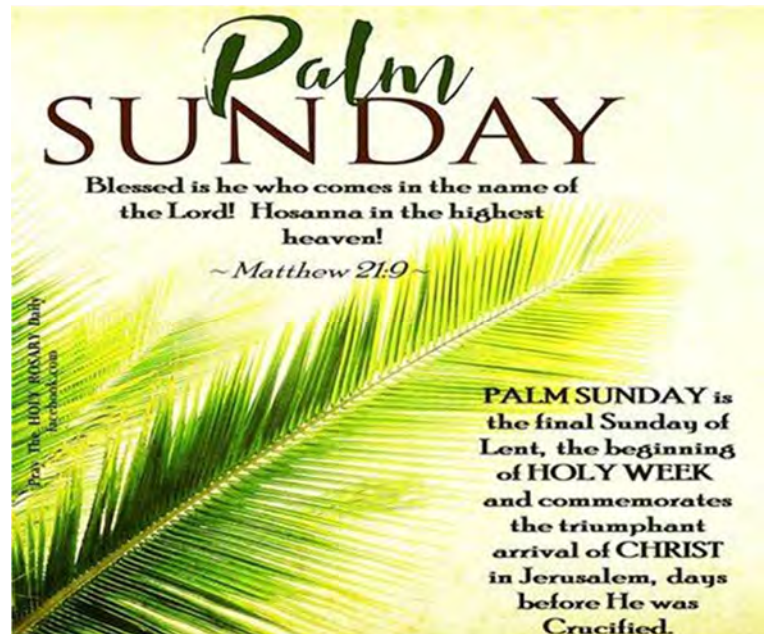
2nd reading: (Philippians 2.6-11)

Gospel: (Mark 14.1- 15.47)



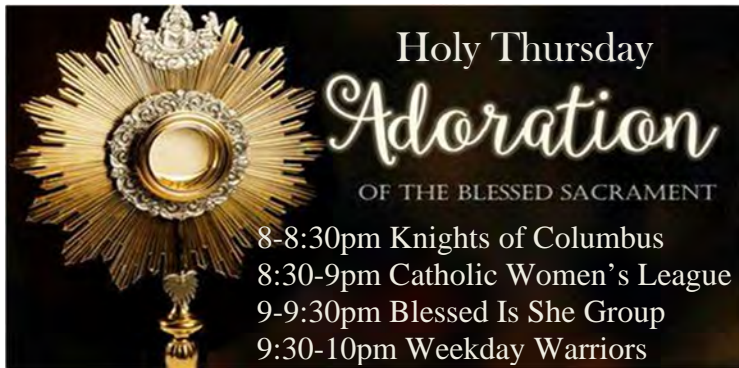
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Women's League will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29th

at 7:00 pm at OLOL. Everyone is welcome to attend.





At next Thursday's evening mass, we will have a collection for the poor and homeless. Please bring non-perishable foods or monetary donations.



Ministry Schedule

- Mar. 23 – Gilles/Kim/Anna (Lectors), Karen (EMHC)
- Mar. 24 – Georges/Miranda/Jeremiah (Lectors), Noble (EMHC)
- Mar. 28 – Gilles/Miranda (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)
- Mar. 29 – Michael/Gemma/Anne Z. (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)
- Mar. 30 – Kim/Georges/Ingrid (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)
- Mar. 31 – Kayden/Marie (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024!



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Reaping our Rights* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected [\$ amount]. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe,

Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

We have collected **\$2,984.00** as of last weekend!



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, Loretta Foran, Theresa Olson, Elma Wepruk

Offertory Collection for St. Mary's Weekend Of Mar. 17 - \$1545.60

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 Mar. 17 - \$539.80



Our "Change for the better" fundraiser challenge ends on March 24. 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 in the lobby. All proceeds will go to pay down the roof debt. Thank You!

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