## 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
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.





# March 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 2nd

**6:00pm +** Marney Lewis – Tina & Jamie Roth and Intentions of Susan Hunking – Maria & Tina

Wednesday 3rd

9:00am + Val & + Jerome Cousineau – Mel & Jeannette DeGagné

<mark>9:45am St. Mary School Mass @ St. Mary's Church</mark> Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> <mark>@ St. Mary's</mark>

**9:20am +** Queenie Leschinski – Mel & Jeannette DeGagné

Friday 5th

**9:20am** That the dignity & immense value of women be recognized and for the end of discrimination they experience in different parts of the world.

# March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

1st reading: (Acts 10.34a, 37-43)
2nd reading: (Colossians 3.1-4)
Gospel: (John 20.1-18++)

### **Ministry Schedule**

Mar. 30 – Kim/Georges/Ingrid (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Mar. 31 - Kayden/Marie (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Apr. 6 – Gemma/Anna (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Apr. 7 - Kayden/Jeremiah (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)

#### What's going on?!

Apr. 6/7 – Turkey Bun Fundraiser – after masses

Apr. 7 – Youth Group Bread Making – after mass

Apr. 9 – Bereavement Group Mtg – 1:00pm

Apr. 16 – Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Mtg. – 1:00pm



A big thank you to the dedicated organizers, workers, cooks, bakers and drivers for all your effort and hard work that was

put into the Lenten Fish Frys! It was a wonderful way to share in the message of our Lenten journey. Thank you all for being examples of what Easter is all about!

#### Easter 2024

As we gather to celebrate Easter with our families and friends this year, I remember the words of St. John Chrysostom, who described Easter like: "Let all the pious and all the lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this feast. come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. Christ is risen, and death is abolished, Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice, Christ is risen and life is freed, Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied. To Him be glory and power forever."

We pray this Easter that there will be peace in our world and that world leaders will work for peace, justice and fairness for all peoples in their lands. We especially pray for peace in Ukraine and in the Holy Land. We also pray for those who are struggling with burdens of unemployment, family conflict, estrangement, poverty and loneliness. As a people of risen Christ, we are obligated to reach out to others with the compassion of Jesus.

Easter is more than lilies, chocolate bunnies and family meals, it is a challenge for each of us to strengthen our relationship with God through our prayer, it is a challenge for us to recognize that we are linked through Christ to others in our world. May the joy of this season and the grace of God help us to respond to our Easter challenge! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Most Rev. Fred J. Colli Bishop of Thunder Bay 25th Anniversary Year

On behalf of St. Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes, we sincerely and wholeheartedly thank our Bishop for his dedicated, devoted and tireless service to our diocese of Thunder Bay for the past 25 years!

In love and truth, Fr. Gino Mathias

This is the Lord's day, when we celebrate the greatest victory of all time, the victory over death



Next weekend, April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> we will be offering the opportunity to have a turkey



sandwich and enjoy some fellowship following the masses at St. Mary's. Plan on staying to enjoy the food and meet up with your fellow parishioners. There will be a silver collection.



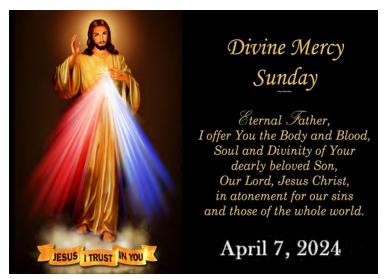
In celebration of Easter and spring, CWL members are asked to put on a flower or two and attend the general meeting on

Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30. What will the

"You are the One" challenge be for the coming month? What will Fr. Gino's words of wisdom be? What will you find in your Easter egg? Hope the weather will be more inviting so you will be willing to support our council by your presence! Thank you!

**Note:** The rosary for peace will be prayed prior to the meeting (6:00) for those who wish to participate.





The Youth group has postponed the bread making workshop to next



Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. We will start right after the 11am mass. New members are always welcome! Parents are welcome to join their children. To register or for more information contact Nathan at <a href="mailto:nwoecta@gmail.com">nwoecta@gmail.com</a>.

#### ST. MARY'S

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

Shirley Fraser, Maurice DeGagné, Noella Hamilton, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Julie Halvorsen, 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 <u>Weekend Of</u> Mar. 24 - \$6343.00



### **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

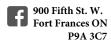
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