

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.





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

9:45am St. Mary School Mass @ St. Mary's Church

Thursday 4th @ St. Mary's

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**

Easter teaches us the meaning of faith and what it is to feel the Lord's blessing in our lives.

Wishing you a very Happy Easter!

From Father Gino and staff!



Next weekend, April 6th and 7th 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.

FOOD
fellowship



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.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

April 7, 2024

The Youth group has postponed the bread making workshop to next Sunday, April 7th. 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 nwoecta@gmail.com.



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 Hadrach, 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. 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 Weekend Of Mar. 24 - \$1022.00

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