

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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

LENT

40 Days
of
Renewal

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



Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!

March 3, 2024
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 5th

6:00pm + Denis DeGagné & Gertie Bujold
- Diane & Jerry Darvell

Wednesday 6th

9:20am Special Intentions – Betty Mueller

Thursday 7th @ Rainycrest

10:00am Intentions of Linda Gill – Tina Roth

Friday 8th

9:20am + Deceased Loved Ones – The
Bereavement Group

Saturday 9th

9:20am + Joe & + Mary Nell Gust – Frank Ball Sr.

5:00pm + Madeline Martin – Diane Revus and
Intentions of Debbie Kempf – Sandra
& Jim McKinnon

Sunday 10th

9:00am + Dagmar Plumhoff – Ingrid Carlson

11:00am + Ray Cousineau – St. Mary's Church

March 3, 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (Exodus 20.1-17)

2nd reading: (1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25++)

Gospel: (John 2.13-25)

Ministry Schedule

Mar. 2 – Anna/Gemma (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Mar. 3 – Miranda/Jeremiah (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)

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

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

What's going on?!

Mar. 6 – CWL General Meeting – 6:30pm

Mar. 8 – Stations of the Cross – 6:00pm

Mar. 8 – 22 – Lenten Fish Fry Fridays

Mar. 9 – Healing Mass with Anointing of the sick
– 9:20am



“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!

Bishop Colli's Lenten Message

Lent is the season of grace. During this holy season of prayer we ask the Lord to help cleanse us of those things that keep us away from Him. We strive to deepen our relationship with Jesus, and even if it is a struggle for us, we know that God never abandons us. Lent is a *season of conversion, a time of freedom*.

As we share in this holy season together, let us see Lent as a true time of renewal for us. Even by sharing little things, little gestures of prayer, moments of fasting and sharing, we can make a difference in our lives. There are many little ways we can make Lent a special time of renewal for us, changing our habits and lifestyles to be more like Jesus.

Lent, we celebrate it each year together and we make our spiritual lives stronger and deepen our faith both as individuals and as a community through our prayer and efforts. May this season be for each of us, a time of great **Hope** and a time of great **Renewal**.

Bishop Fred Colli

"Lent is not something we do for God – Lent is something we do with God."

ST. MARY'S CHURCH



FRIDAYS, March 8 –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 will once again be available on the 6 Fridays during Lent. We still have Mar. 8, 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 8 Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite
- 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.

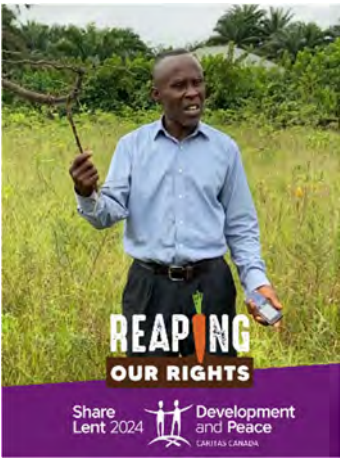
Ladies please join us for our CWL General meeting on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30pm as we celebrate the feast of St. Patrick! The rosary for peace will be prayed prior to the meeting.



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To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our [Mini-magazine](#) available in the Church foyer and online and watch the video 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
Feb. 25 – \$6269.75





















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
Feb. 25 - \$988.45

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