

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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## Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

## Parish Staff

Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary  
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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

Tuesday - Saturday - 9:00am

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm

Sunday 10:00 - 10:40am

8:20 - 8:50 am 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.**





April 21, 2024

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:00pm** Intentions of Father Gino – All Parishioners and + Madeline Martin & + Ed Sivonen – The Sivonen Family

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Mabel Cyr – Marg Rousseau

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> @ Rainycrest**

**10:00am** Intentions of Sr. Jacqueline Bartush – Anne Zucchiatti

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** Special Intentions – Betty Mueller

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + John Elna – Frank Ball

**5:00pm** + Gertie Bujold – Ian McLennan

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Our Lady of Good Counsel – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Women's League

**11:00am** + Betty & + Eric Sivonen – The Family

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**1st reading:** (Acts 4.7-12)

**2nd reading:** (1 John 3.1-2)

**Gospel:** (John 10.11-18)

### Ministry Schedule

Apr. 20 – Anna/Gilles (Lectors), Karen (EMHC)

Apr. 21 – Michael/Marie (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Apr. 27 – Kim/Ingrid (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Apr. 28 – Jeremiah/Kayden (Lectors), Kathy(EMHC)

### What's going on?!

Apr. 23 - May 1 – Novena to St. Peregrine

Apr. 24 – Gate of Healing Prayer Group – 9:45am

Followed by coffee & refreshments



In celebration of the **Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel**, patroness of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, a prayer service will be held on Friday, April 26 at 2:00. Refreshments will

follow. Please join in prayer: Most Glorious Virgin, Our Lady of Good Counsel, chosen by the Eternal Counsel to be the Mother of the Eternal Word made flesh, you are the treasurer of Divine graces, and the advocate of sinners. We have recourse to you; be our guide and counselor in our service to the League, that as members we will proclaim, *"Here I am Lord. Send me."*

## From the Pastor's Desk

### The Good Shepherd Sunday

Dear Friends,

The fourth Sunday of Easter is celebrated as the Good Shepherd Sunday. Every time we hear the word good shepherd, Psalm 23 will resonate in our hearts. In the timeless words of Psalm 23, we find solace and strength in the declaration, "The Lord is my Good Shepherd."

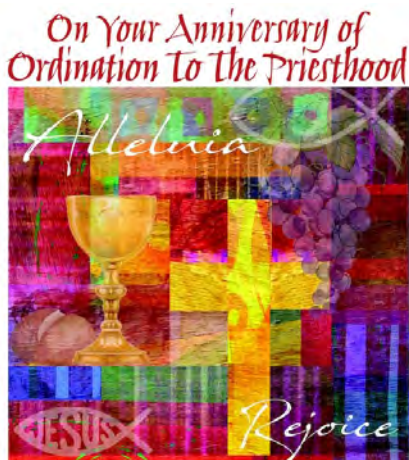
To affirm that "The Lord is my Good Shepherd" is to acknowledge our reliance on His guidance. As we journey through the darkest valleys of life, encountering shadows of doubt, fear, and adversity, when the path ahead seems steep and rocky, we take refuge in the comforting truth that we are not alone. The Shepherd walks beside us, His light shining ahead to illuminate the way, His rod and staff offering assurance and guidance, His love and mercy surrounding us like a gentle embrace.

May we boldly declare "The Lord is my Good Shepherd" and renew our connection to the One who knows us intimately, who cares for us deeply, and who leads us faithfully. May this declaration be the anthem of our hearts, guiding us in trust and obedience all the days of our lives.

In love and truth,  
Fr. Gino Mathias



FYI: Starting in May the bulletins will be produced every two weeks. We will continue to post it on our website and Facebook page and create QR codes. Let the office know if there is something you would like to add to the bulletin. Please be aware of the dates if it is time sensitive. Thank you. If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, contact the parish office at [stmarys@tbaytel.net](mailto:stmarys@tbaytel.net) or 807-274-5233.



**Father Gino – our Parish community wishes you a happy 23rd anniversary of Priesthood. (April 22, 2001)**

**Thank you for**

**your loving service to the Church. May God bless you abundantly in your priestly ministry.**



Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.

Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this in Jesus' name

Amen.

# NOVENA to SAINT PEREGRINE



## PATRON SAINT OF CANCER PATIENTS

We will have Novena Prayers to St. Peregrine. A Novena is a prayer, prayed consecutively for nine days. We will start this Novena on Tuesday, April 23 at the evening mass. It will end it on Wednesday, May 1 at the morning mass. Please come and join us praying for all cancer patients.



**St. Patrick's CWL in Emo** will be celebrating their **70th Anniversary on Sunday, May 5** beginning with mass at 11:00 followed by lunch. The rosary will

be prayed prior to mass at 10:40 with those who wish to participate. If you would like to attend and support our League sisters in their celebration, let Linda Fleming know at [llpflem1@gmail.com](mailto:llpflem1@gmail.com) or 807-481-9997. Also, let her know if you need a ride. RSVP before April 29. Thank you.

## Gate of Healing

The next "Gate of Healing" prayer group meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am. We will gather in the church immediately after mass.

### Please pray for..... ST. MARY'S



Shirley Fraser, Maurice DeGagné, Noella Hamilton, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, 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, Loretta Foran, Theresa Olson, Elma Wepruk, Pam Makarchuk, Yves Aucoin

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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