

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

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.



*I am the vine,
you are the branches.*

April 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 30th

8:30am + Faye Stewart – Marg Rousseau

Wednesday 1st

9:20am Special Intentions – Anna McNay

Thursday 2nd @ Rainycrest

10:00am Intentions of Rainycrest Residents
– St. Mary's Parish

Friday 3rd

9:20am Intentions of Sandra Wepruk – The Family
We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Saturday 4th

9:20am + Denis DeGagné – Yvette & Ron Beck
5:00pm + Queenie Leschinski – St. Mary's Catholic Women's League

Sunday 5th

9:00am + Glenn Jourdain – The Family
11:00am + Dr. Angus MacKintosh – Carole and
+ Jack Dillon – The Family

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st reading: (Acts 9.26-31)

2nd reading: (1 John 3.18-24)

Gospel: (John 15.1-8)

Ministry Schedule

Apr. 27 – Kim/Ingrid (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)
Apr. 28 – Jeremiah/Kayden (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)
May 4 – Gemma/Gilles (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)
May 5 – Miranda/Anne (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Apr. 23 - May 1 – Novena to St. Peregrine
May 1 – CWL General Meeting – 6:30pm
– Rosary for Peace – 6:00pm

**CHURCH
BULLETIN**

FYI: There will be a bulletin next weekend and then it will be produced every two weeks. We will continue to create QR codes and publish the bulletin on our social media sites. Please be aware of the dates if you have something that is time sensitive. Thank you. If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, contact the parish office at stmarys@tbaytel.net or 807-274-5233.

From the Pastor's Desk

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

I am deeply touched and grateful for the outpouring of love, prayers, and well wishes on the occasion of my 23rd Priestly Ordination Anniversary last Monday, April 22. Your kind words and gestures have filled my heart with immense joy and gratitude.

Your support and encouragement mean the world to me as I am on this sacred journey of serving God and His people. You all have been a source of strength and inspiration. Your belief in me energizes me to fulfill my calling with sincerity and dedication.

I am deeply humbled by your unwavering support and feel blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful souls. Please know that your prayers will continue to guide me on this path of service and faith.

May God bless each one of you abundantly for your kindness and thoughtfulness. I am truly blessed to have such wonderful friends and a parish family in my life. May the grace of God be with each one of you, and may our bonds of friendship and love continue to grow stronger with each passing day.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,

In love and truth,
Fr. Gino Mathias



If anyone is interested in walking and talking with the pastor, you may do it on Tuesdays to Fridays at 2:00pm along the river for 45 minutes.



When we think of our Blessed Mother, we recognize that she is indeed *blessed*, not only because she was the Mother of Jesus, but because she believed in the Lord's words. She believed with all her heart and said "yes" to become the Mother of the Messiah and Son of God. She allowed herself to be led by God's grace throughout her life, a life rooted in a deep faith in God. She became her Son's first and most perfect disciple.

In our pilgrimage of faith, we walk always with Mary at our side. She is our model of faith and she helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed.



Put on a "Smile for the Day" and attend the **CWL general meeting on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30**. Remember to bring with you an item that makes you smile! Looking forward to sharing these smiles with you all! Note: rosary for peace in the world will be prayed prior to the meeting for those who wish to participate.



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 or 807-481-9997. Also, let her know if you need a ride. **RSVP before April 29**. Thank you.



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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. This Novena started on April 23. It will end on Wednesday, May 1 at the morning mass. Please come and join us praying for all cancer patients.

Please pray for.....

ST. MARY'S

Shirley Fraser, 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



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