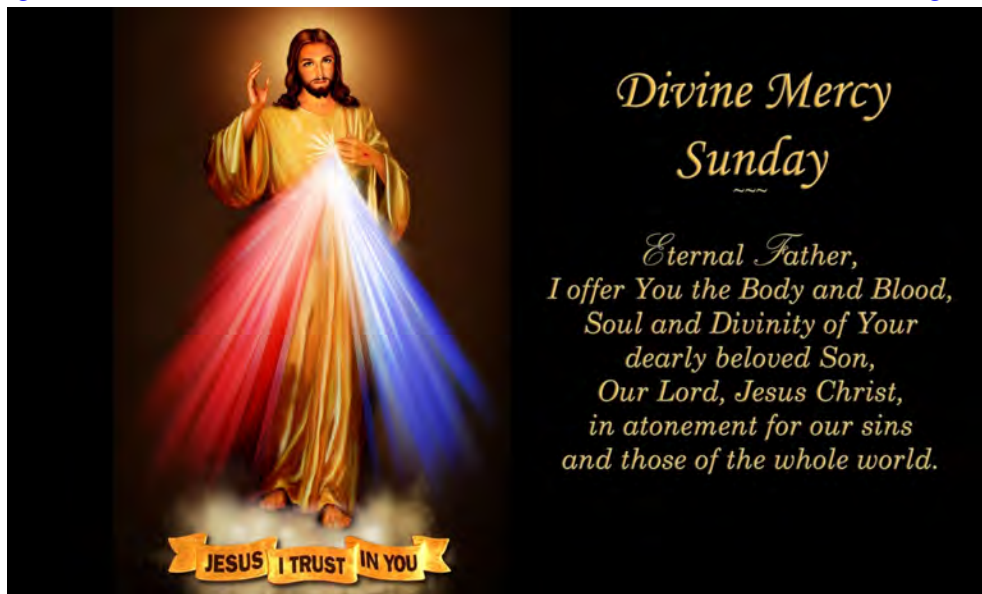


St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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.





April 7, 2024 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday 8th THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

10:00am + Gertie Bujold – Nadine & J. Paul Condon

Tuesday 9th

6:00pm + Denis DeGagné – Yvette & Ron Beck

Wednesday 10th

9:20am + Albert & + Teresé Bruneau – Mel & Jeannette DeGagné and the Intentions of Gladys Payne – Betty Saley

Thursday 11th @ St. Mary's

9:20am + John Elna – Frank Ball

Friday 12th

9:20am + Deceased Loved Ones – Bereavement Group

Saturday 13th

9:20am + Dagmar Plumhoff – Ingrid Carlson

5:00pm + Jim Shortreed – Steve & Shirley Buttner and the Intentions of Margrit Schaum – Bereavement Group

April 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

1st reading: (Acts 4.32-35)

2nd reading: (1 John 5.1-6)

Gospel: (John 20.19-31)

Ministry Schedule

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

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

Apr. 13 – Gilles/Kim (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)

Apr. 14 – Dale/Miranda (Lectors), Noble (EMHC)

What's going on?!

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

Apr. 13 – Healing Mass – 9:20am

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

Apr. 17 - Way of St. James Presentation – after morning mass

Apr. 21 – Gate of Healing Prayer Group – 9:45am

NOTICE

BE CAREFUL
BE AWARE
BE SAFE

Recently we have had a few incidents that have caused us to make some changes to activities happening in our parish. If you or

your group is in the church after hours for a meeting or practice, you **MUST** lock the doors while you are inside. This is to be certain that no one comes into the church while you are occupied. The last person in the church is responsible to make sure there is no one left in the building.

From the Pastor's Desk

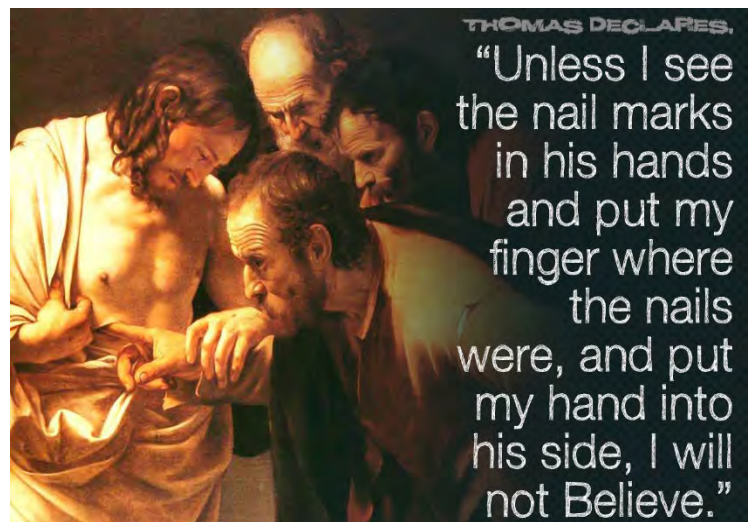
Doubting Thomas

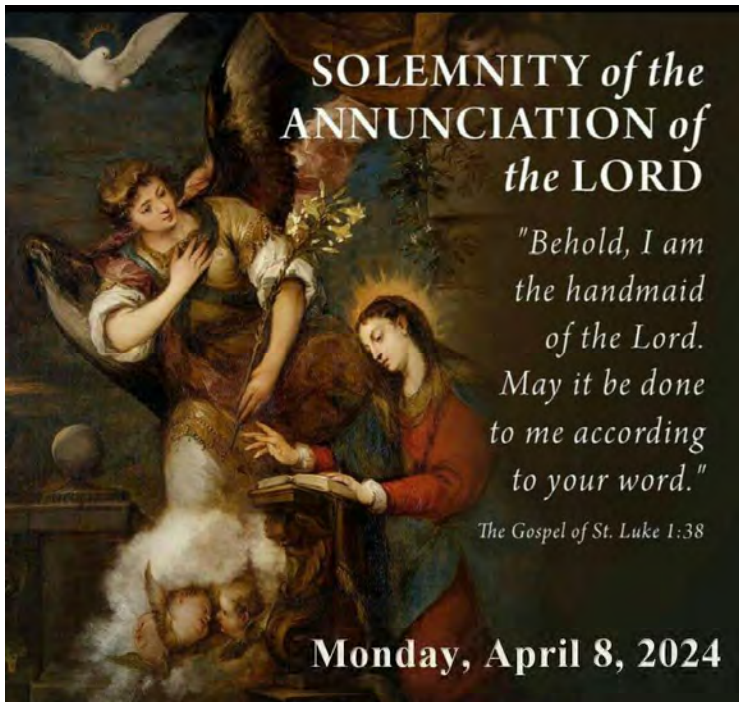
This Sunday's Gospel talks about Saint Thomas the Apostle, also known as "Doubting Thomas". Following Jesus's resurrection, Thomas was not present when Jesus appeared to the other disciples. When they told him they had seen the risen Jesus, Thomas expressed doubt, stating that he would not believe unless he saw Jesus with his own eyes and touched His wounds.

About a week later, Jesus appeared to the disciples again, including Thomas. Jesus invited Thomas to touch His wounds and urged him not to doubt but to believe. In response, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" expressing his newfound faith. His encounter with the risen Christ leads to a heartfelt declaration of faith, making him an example of renewal and belief.

The story of "Doubting Thomas" encourages believers to battle with their doubts honestly while remaining open to encountering the truth of Christ. Doubt can be at times a stepping stone to a more mature and authentic faith. Saint Thomas is often invoked as the patron saint of those struggling with doubt. We pray for brethren who doubt and who have lost faith, that they may believe, that they may be enlightened by the risen Christ.

In love and truth,
Fr. Gino Mathias





Monday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. We will have rosary at 10am and mass at 10:20am with a candle procession!



There will be a presentation on the Way of St. James or 'Camino de Santiago' by Gabriela Maria Sawchuk on **Wednesday, April 17th** after the morning mass. There will be coffee and refreshments after. Everyone is welcome!



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 or 807-274-5233.

HEALING MASS

We will have a Healing Mass on Saturday, April 13th at 9:20am. All are welcome to join us.

St. Mary School Spring Tea and Silent Auction



Mme Wright will be hosting a Spring

Tea and Silent Auction in support of the St. Mary School Intermediate Spring Trip to Montreal, Quebec City, and Ottawa.

When: Wednesday, April 17 from 4:00pm- 7:00pm

Where: St. Mary School gymnasium.

Entrance will be a silver collection.

(Donations of baked goods or items for the auction will be appreciated.)

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 Weekend Of Mar. 31 - \$5233.55



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Dale Krueger, Roger Fillion, Gwen Beadle, Brian McPherson

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