

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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

## Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00pm  
Sunday - 9:00am OLOL, 11:00am  
Tuesday - 6:00pm  
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 9:20am  
Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

## Parish Office

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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

## Children's Liturgy

During Sunday masses  
September thru May

## Anointing of the Sick

Please call to request a visit, or in an  
emergency ask hospital staff for  
"Roman Catholic Priest on call"

## Marriage

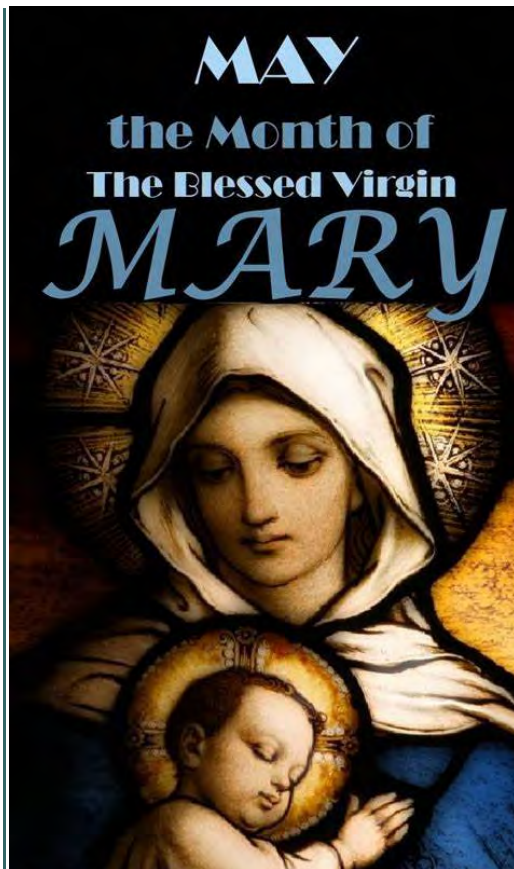
Please call 6 months in advance

## Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Process begins in September, please call  
at any time

## Baptisms

Please call 3 months in advance Baptism  
Preparation Class every 2nd Tuesday of the  
month at 6:30pm



## Confessions

Tuesday - Saturday - 9:00am  
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm  
Sunday 10:00 - 10:40am  
8:20 - 8:50 am OLOL  
or by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9:45 - 10:30am

## Holy Hour

First Friday 9:45 - 10:45am

## Rosary

Weekdays before mass  
Sunday 8:40am OLOL

## Join Us!

To become a parishioner, please complete  
a Parish Registration form at the entrance  
of the church.

May 5, 2024

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st reading: (Acts 10.25-26, 44-48)

2nd reading: (1 John 4.7-10)

Gospel: (John 15.9-17)

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Tuesday 7th

9:20am + Maria Alfredina Neves - John  
Leschinski

### Wednesday 8th

9:20am + Laura Tardiff - Grace Huntley

### Thursday 9th @ St. Mary's

9:20am + Joey & + Tommy Schaum - Margrit

### Friday 10th

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

### Saturday 11th (Healing Mass 9:20am)

9:20am + Carl C. Schaum - Margrit  
5:00pm + Mavis Dick - Marg Rousseau

### Sunday 12th The Ascension of the Lord (9am@OLOL)

9:00am + Michael William Roach - The Family  
and + Rose Bird - The Family

11:00am + Anne Turgeon - The Family and  
+ Ken Payne - Gladys

## Ministry Schedule

May 4 - Gemma/Gilles (Lectors),  
Monique (EMHC)

May 5 - Miranda/Anne (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

May 11 - Anna/Kim (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

May 12 - Jeremiah/Kayden (Lectors),  
Noble (EMHC)

## What's going on?!

May 5-10 - Catholic Education Week

May 11 - Healing Mass with Sacrament of the  
Sick (anointing) - 9:20am

May 15 - Feast of St. Dymphna, Patroness of  
Alzheimer Patients - 9:20am followed  
by Catholic Coffee

May 22 - Gate of Healing Prayer Group - 9:45am

(Events celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish are denoted by OLOL)

\*\*\*\*\*OUR MISSION\*\*\*\*\*

Our mission is to glorify God by fostering a belonging church where all are  
loved and led into an authentic, life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.



## From the Pastor's Desk

### May - "Month of Mary"

May is a month of renewal in nature and springtime beauty; flowers and blossoms, trees springing back to life, and grass sprouting. It brings to mind the idea of promise and hope, of new life. We, the Catholics dedicate this month to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the model of faith and holiness.

In honoring Mary, we are ultimately praising God for the grace He bestowed on her. 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.

During this month of May, let us rediscover her maternal role in each of our lives. Let us offer our spiritual mother our sincere prayers, that just as she aided the first Apostles with her prayers, she may also guide and intercede for us in our journey of faith. Let us learn from her how to love and trust God completely and how to be faithful witnesses of the risen Lord.

I invite you to pray with Mary during this Marian month. May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us and draw us closer to Christ her Son!

In love and truth,  
Fr. Gino Mathias

When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine!

☀️ The **"You are the One"** challenge for CWL members for the month of May is to make 10 people you meet smile. Roy T. Bennett, author of *"The Light in the Heart"* said, *"Always find opportunities to make someone smile, and to offer random acts of kindness in everyday life."* Keep smiling and reap the benefits! 😊



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.

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## WALK WITH PASTOR

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.



**MAY 5-10  
2024**

The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. This year's theme is: "We are called to love."

The theme was inspired by the following:

- With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope."
- On the fifth anniversary of Renewing the Promise, we celebrate that Catholic Education is centred on our Christian call to love.
- The theme of the synod, "Enlarge the Space of Your Tent," invites us to listen in love, to be a healing presence to one another and to strengthen relationships.
- In his visit to Canada last summer, Pope Francis gave us hope for our continued work for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Catholic Education Week comes at the same time as Mental Health Awareness Week. Through love and compassion, we continue to support each other's wellbeing.
- In our continued work for Equity and Inclusion in Catholic schools, a focus on love reminds us that all God's children are loved unconditionally.

The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, "If we love one another, God lives in us."  
(1 John 4:12)



FYI: This is the first of the bi-weekly bulletins. The next bulletin will be the weekend of May 18/19. 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 [smarys@tbaytel.net](mailto:smarys@tbaytel.net) or 807-274-5233.



*Lord, in all ages you breathe life into your Church as you call us to deeper holiness.*

*Thank you for the gift of Catholic schools, which form new generations in virtue and wisdom.*

*Inspire our school with zeal to make you known, loved and served, and grant that all families who desire a Catholic education for their children be given that blessing.*

*Through Christ we pray,  
Amen.*

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



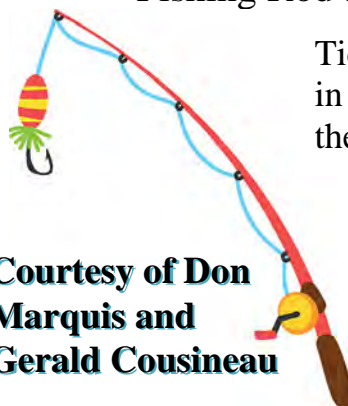
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April 28, 2024:*

*St. Mary's - \$6493.40*

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OPENER & MAY LONG WEEKEND!**

**Fishing Rod and Tackle Draw**



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Tickets available  
in the lobby or at  
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Draw will take  
place at 1:00pm on  
Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

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