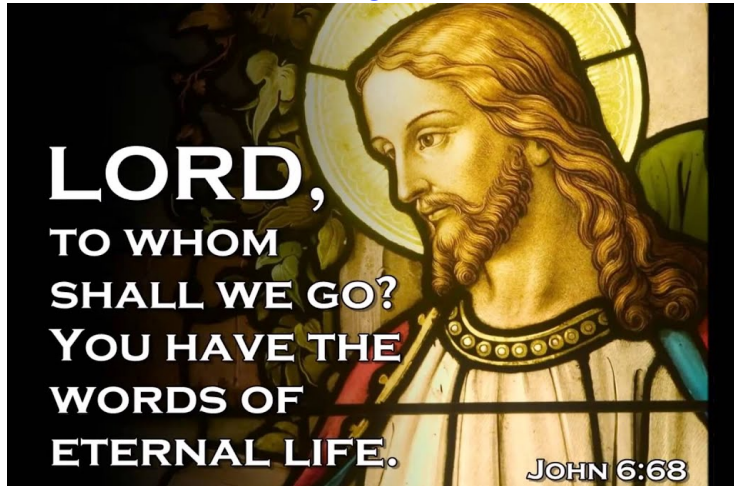


St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

Serving the Roman Catholic Communities of Fort Frances
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Summer Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am OLOL, 11:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 9:20am

Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

Sacred Heart Chapel

Friday 7:00pm (June-Aug.)

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Mr. Gerald Cousineau, Custodian

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

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

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 8:30am OLOL

Join Us!

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

Aug. 25/24 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 1/24 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSSES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Tuesday 27th **St. Monica**

9:20am Intentions of Diane & George - Grace

Wednesday 28th **St. Augustine**

9:20am Intentions of Father Gino - All
Parishioners

Thursday 29th @ Rainycrest **St. John the Baptist**

10:00am Intentions of Eileen Klymko - M.
Mathews

Friday 30th (7pm @ Sacred Heart Chapel)

9:20am NO MASS

7:00pm Intentions of Kristan DelZotto - The
Family

Saturday 31st

9:20am NO MASS

5:00pm Intentions of Father Biju - All
Parishioners

Sunday 1st 9am @ OLOL

9:00am Intentions of Father Biju - All
Parishioners

11:00am + Neil Bray - Brynna & Nolan Rawn

Tuesday 3rd

9:20am NO MASS

Wednesday 4th

9:20am Intentions of Paulette DeVos - Norma
Carter

Thursday 5th @ Rainycrest

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

Friday 6th

9:20am *For the cry of the earth:* We pray that
each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry
of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters
and climactic change, and that all will undertake
to personally care for the world in which we live.

Saturday 7th

9:20am NO MASS

5:00pm + Julian Brunetta - Larry & Mitzi
Armstrong

Sunday 8th (9am@OLOL) **Nativity of the
Blesses Virgin Mary**

9:00am Intention of St. Anthony - A Parishioner

11:00am + Kevin & + Robert - Mike Hanzuk

(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

Vocation and Vacation

Remember, God does not call the equipped; He equips the called.

A religious vocation is a profound and personal calling, a divine invitation to dedicate one's life to God in a special way. This calling might lead someone to the priesthood, religious life, or lay ministry, where they can serve others and the Church with their whole heart.

Answering this call means embracing a life of service, often marked by sacrifice, but filled with the grace and joy of living closely with Christ. Those who answer the call help to build up the Church, provide spiritual guidance, and serve as a beacon of God's love in the world. For those discerning their vocation, it's important to listen, pray, and trust that God will guide you where you are meant to be.

As I turn 51 on the 25th of this month, I reflect on my vocation and thank God for my mother Margaret Mary who instilled the faith and encouraged me to answer the call of our Lord to become a priest. I will be completing 25 years of priesthood in 2026, April. I gratefully look back on all the rich experiences I gathered and the graces and blessings I received from God all these years.

I got my vocation through my mother. Now, I am going on vacation to spend a graceful and quality time with my mother in India. Hopefully the vacation offers a chance to unwind, reflect, and return back to Fort Frances with renewed energy and perspective. Please keep me in your prayers.

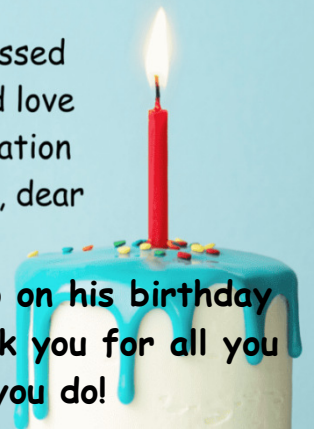
In love and truth,
Fr. Gino Mathias

Ministry Schedule

Aug. 24 – Gilles/Gemma (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)
Aug. 25 – Anne Z./Marie (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)
Aug. 3 – Gemma/Gilles(Lectors), Monique(EMHC)
Sep. 1 – Michael/Miranda (Lectors), Kathy(EMHC)

“May your birthday be blessed with the same warmth and love you bring to your congregation every day. Happy Birthday, dear pastor!”

Celebrate Father Gino on his birthday August 25th! We thank you for all you are and all you do!



Annual Diocesan Minister Campaign 2024

The theme this year is “Gratitude is the Key”.

Gratitude is defined as: “the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness”. The annual campaign is well underway for 2024! The goals for this year are:

St. Mary's is \$24,500.00

Our Lady of Lourdes is \$4,000.00

Please consider donating to this important campaign.

August 25, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Joshua 24.1-2a, 15-17, 18b)

2nd reading: (Ephesians 4.32-5.1-2, 21-32)

Gospel: (John 6.53, 60-69)

September 1, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-8)

2nd reading: (James 1.17-18, 21-22, 27)

Gospel: (Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Care for the Earth
God, our Creator, you have given us the earth, and the sky and the seas. Show us how to care for the earth, not just for today but for ages to come. Let no plan or work of ours damage, or destroy the beauty of your creation. Send forth your Spirit to direct us to care for the earth and all creation.

Amen.

**September
1, 2024**



A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Wishing you a *Great Vacation.*

Hope your vacation is the greatest, & may each new day bring you happy memories to cherish when you get back!

Have a Wonderful Time!

Father Gino will be away from August 30th until October 8th. Safe travels Father!! (We will not have Saturday morning masses while Father Gino is away.)



Father Biju will be filling in while Father Gino is away. We are happy to have you with us Father!

FORMED

THIS WEEK ON
FORMED:

Do you like to know more about the first multiplication of loaves? How much do you know about St. Augustine and his confessions? This Week on Formed.org has answers to all these questions. Please check it out. Our parish has the subscription to the Formed. You can have free access to this amazing faith platform. Make use of it and build on a better faithlife.

Click the link to take a look at what's on this week:
<http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>



September is just around the corner and the good thing is that CWL members will have the opportunity to gather in prayer and fellowship - and,

yes, with some business thrown in. The general meeting is on **Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30pm** with the focus on prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year. Please support our council by the gift of your presence. **Note:** The rosary for world peace will be prayed prior to the meeting (6:00pm) for those who wish to participate.

What's going on?!

Aug. 30 - Last Mass @ Sacred Heart @ 7:00pm

Sept. 2 - Parish Office closed for Labour Day

Sept. 4 - CWL General Meeting @ 6:30pm
(rosary @ 6:00pm)

Please pray for.....

ST. MARY'S

Shirley Fraser, Noella Hamilton, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Frank Strain, Bridger Hands, Ewan MacKintosh, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Casey Hendrikx, Linda Blanc, Dave Egan, Rosanna Tweedie, Lillian Bodnar, Sue Sivonen, Anna Busch, Murray Gibson, Lorraine Smith, Diane Gibson, Loretta Foran, Theresa Olson, Elma Wepruk, Yves Aucoin, Susan Hunking, Ronald Haukaas, Anita Artyszuk, Paulette DeVos, Betty Mueller

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Dale Krueger, Roger Fillion, Gwen Beadle, Brian McPherson, Laverne (Gabby) Caul



Offertory Collection for Weekend of

Aug. 9, 2024: Sacred Heart - \$130.00

Aug. 11, 2024: St. Mary's - \$1359.91

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$1284.15

Aug. 16, 2024: Sacred Heart - \$442.60

Aug. 18, 2024: St. Mary's - \$2506.60

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$1045.40

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