

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, Wednesday, Friday - 9:20am
Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

Parish Office

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Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm
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Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

Parish Staff

Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary
stmarys@tbaytel.net
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

Anointing of the Sick

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

Children's Liturgy

During Sunday masses
September thru May

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

Marriage

Please call 6 months in advance

Sept. 8/24 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 15/24 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Tuesday 10th

9:20am NO MASS

Wednesday 11th

9:20am + Souls in Purgatory - Ellen Molijon

Thursday 12th @ Rainycrest

10:00am + Dagmar Plumhoff - Ingrid Carlson

Friday 13th

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

Saturday 14th **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

9:20am NO MASS

5:00pm + Luigi Del Zotto - The Family

Sunday 15th 9am @ OLOL **Our Lady of Sorrows**

9:00am + Greg Perreault - The Family

11:00am + Rommel Blase - The Family and
+ Earl Robertson - George & Bev
Mylenchuk

Tuesday 17th

9:20am + Chris Lowe - St. Mary's Church

Wednesday 18th

9:20am Intentions of Betty Mueller - Tina Roth

Thursday 19th @ Rainycrest

10:00am + Rose Bernardi - St. Mary's Parish

Friday 20th

9:20am Intentions of Marie Bock - St. Mary's
Parish

Saturday 21st **St. Matthew**

9:20am NO MASS

5:00pm + Luke Schill - Tom & Rochelle
Duchnicki

Sunday 22nd (9am@OLOL)

9:00am + Glenn & + Katie Jourdain - A
Parishioner

11:00am + Queenie Leschinski - Tina Roth and
The Intentions of Estranged Loved
Ones - Shelley

Join Us!

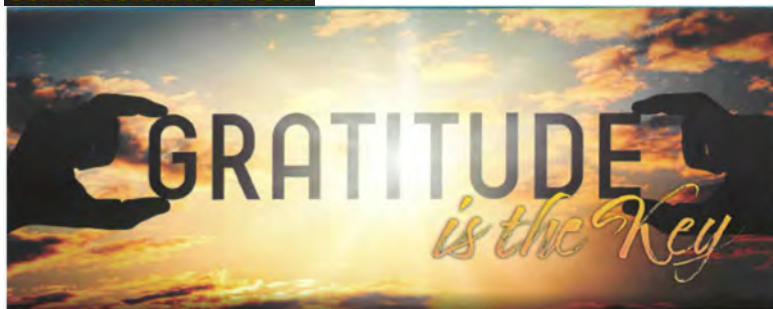
To become a parishioner, please complete
a Parish Registration form at the entrance
of the church.

(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.





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

The campaign runs until December 31, 2024.

Please consider donating to this important campaign.

*If we want to find joy,
if we want to experience Peace,
and the presence of the Lord,
then we must have a heart
of gratitude.*



September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Isaiah 35.4-7)

2nd reading: (James 2.1-5)

Gospel: (Mark 7.31-37)

September 15, 2024

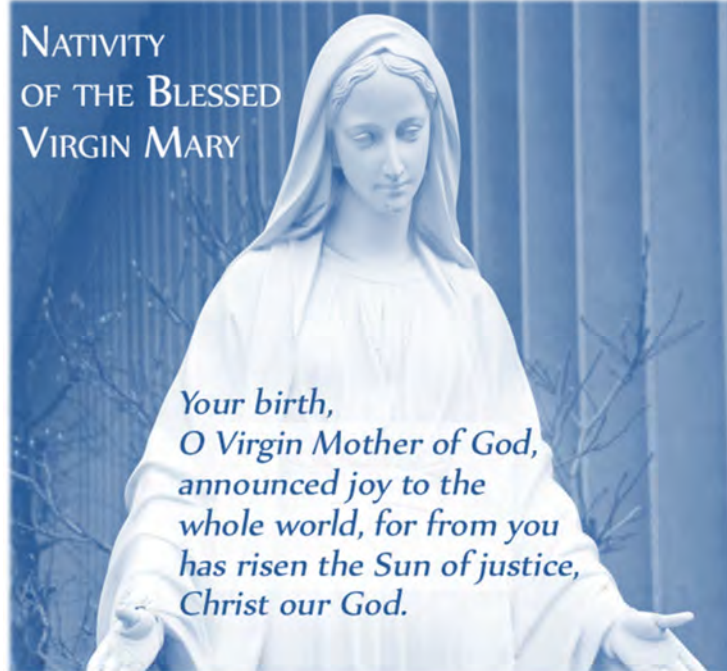
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Isaiah 50.5-9)

2nd reading: (James 2.14-18)

Gospel: (Mark 8.37-35)

**NATIVITY
OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**



*Your birth,
O Virgin Mother of God,
announced joy to the
whole world, for from you
has risen the Sun of justice,
Christ our God.*

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8th, nine months after the December 8th celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

Prayer for the Feast of the Nativity of Mary
God Our Father,

Give your chosen people your help and strength.

The birth of the Virgin Mary's son was the dawn of our salvation.

May our celebration of her nativity bring us closer to lasting peace

And may the virtues that she modeled develop in our lives,

To love you and our neighbors more perfectly. Grant this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 7 – Kim/Shelley (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Sept. 8 – Kayden/Jeremiah (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

Sept. 14 – Anna/Gilles (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)

Sept. 15 – Miranda/Anne Z. (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Sept 13 & 16 – Parish Office Closed

FORMED THIS WEEK ON FORMED:

A Bible Study on the Annunciation, St. John Chrysostom and The Eyes Have it/Benjamin Cello/Episode 2. 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>



On 13 September 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (also called the Church of the Resurrection) was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had discovered on 14 September 320, was venerated in a solemn ceremony. In 614, the Persian King, Chosroes II, waged war on the Romans.

After conquering Jerusalem, he confiscated many treasures, among which was the Cross of Jesus. The Byzantine emperor Heraclius initiated peace negotiations, but was rejected. He then waged war and won near Nineveh, asking for the restitution of the Cross, which then returned to Jerusalem. Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis)

NORTHERN Options *for Women* Northern Options - fund raising event - **High Tea and Fashion Show** Saturday, Sept. 20, 10:30 at the Ranier Hall starting at 10:30 - raffles, music & laughter - lunch to include fancy sandwiches and crumpets - tickets \$20 US (218) 285-7673, 923 5th St, International Falls.



At the foot of the Cross, Mary took on the mission received from Jesus to love us. As we reflect on the seven sorrows of Mary, we are reminded that Mary knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary. Looking to the example of Mary, may we too unite our sufferings to our Lord, facing them with courage, love and trust.

Right to Life Symposium Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 7:30 p.m. The Summit Church, 515 N. Syndicate Ave., Thunder Bay "**Silent No More Awareness Campaign**" Light refreshments and displays will be available. **DONATIONS OF DIAPERS, WIPES, ONESIES, AND GIFT CARDS** will be welcome **FOR PREGNANCY SUPPORT PROGRAMS.**

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. 23, 2024: Sacred Heart - \$295.00

Aug. 25, 2024: St. Mary's - \$5260.80

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$3473.02

Aug. 30, 2024: Sacred Heart - \$218.80

Sept. 1, 2024: St. Mary's - \$1542.40

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$474.10

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