

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

## Parish Staff

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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, 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 - 8:50am 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 8:30am 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*\*\*\*\*\*

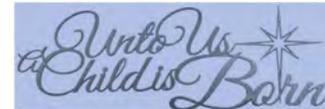
Our mission is to glorify God by fostering a belonging church where all are loved and let into an authentic, life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.





# December 22, 2024

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MASSES FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS

#### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:00pm Intentions of All Parishioners

#### **8:00pm @ Our Lady of Lourdes**

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11:00pm Intentions of All Parishioners

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY**

#### **11:00am @ St. Mary's**

Intentions of All Parishioners

#### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> @ St. Mary's**

**11:00am** + Marvel & Rick Ricard – The Family

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00am** + Georgie Wihlidal – A Parishioner

#### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Wayne Harris – Neil & Shirley Whitefield

**5:00pm** + Paulette DeVos – St. Mary's Catholic

Women's League

#### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &**

#### **JOSEPH (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)**

**9:00am** + Billy & + Rosie Bird & + Rainy Loyie  
– The Family

**11:00am** + Jean Camirand – Wayne & Rita McLeod and  
+ George Mylenchuk – St. Mary's Church

#### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> @ St. Mary's**

#### **10:30am Thanksgiving Eucharistic Adoration**

**11:00am** + Jo Belluz – Marg Rousseau

#### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)**

**9:00am** Intentions of All Parishioners

**11:00am** Intentions of All Parishioners

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> @ St. Mary's**

**11:00am** + Claude, + Albert & + Therese Bruneau  
– Mel & Jeannette DeGagné

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**11:00am** *For the right to education:* Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

#### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Tony Morelli – Margrit Schaum

**5:00pm** + Bonnie Roach – Anna McNay

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** + George, + Dolly & + Chuck McPherson  
– Janice, Donna & Kathy

**11:00am** + Paulette DeVos – Wayne & Rita McLeod

### What's going on?!

Dec. 28 – Healing Mass @9:20am @ St. Mary's

Dec. 28 – Coffee & Cookies after the 5pm mass

Dec. 29 – Coffee & Cookies after the 11am mass  
(Entertainment by Ray Armit)

### December 22, 2024

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

1st reading: (Micah 5.2-5a)

2nd reading: (Hebrews 10.5-10)

Gospel: (Luke 1.39-45)

### December 24, 2024

#### Christmas Eve - The Nativity of the Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 62.1-5)

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: (Acts 13.16-17, 22-25)

Gospel: (Matthew 1.1-25)

### December 25, 2024

#### Christmas Day – The Nativity of The Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 62.11-12)

2nd reading: (Titus 3.4-7)

Gospel: (Luke 2.15-20)

### December 29, 2024

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1<sup>st</sup> reading: (Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14)

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: (Colossians 3.12-21)

Gospel: (Luke 2.41-52)

### December 31, 2024

#### Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity

1<sup>st</sup> reading: (1 John 2.18-21)

Gospel: (John 1.1-18)

### January 1, 2025

#### The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1st reading: (Number 6.22-27)

2nd reading: (Galatians 4.4-7)

Gospel: (Luke 2.16-21)

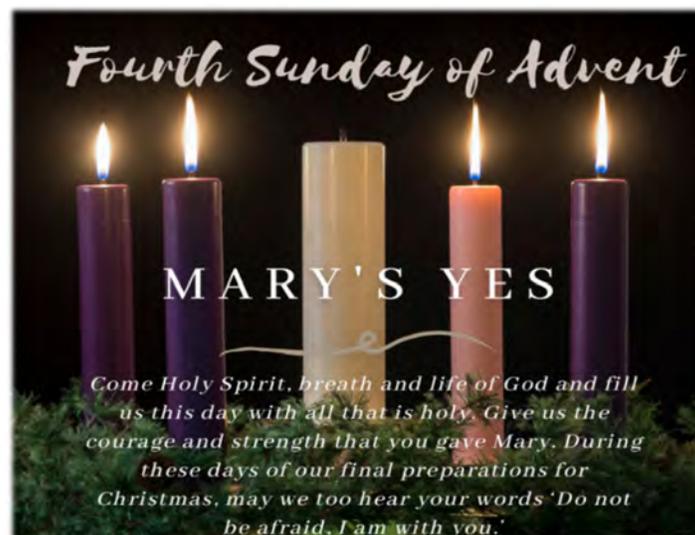
### January 5, 2025

#### The Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 60.1-6)

2nd reading: (Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6)

Gospel: (Matthew 2.1-12)





Dear friends  
in Christ,

As the magic of Christmas fills the air, I want to take a moment to wish you all the love, joy, and peace that this beautiful season brings. May your hearts be light, your spirits bright, and your days filled with the warmth of laughter and the company of loved ones.

May your homes be warmed by the love of family, the grace of the Holy Spirit, and the joy of our Savior's presence. Let us embrace this holy season as a time to renew our commitment to faith, charity, and service to one another.

Christmas is a time for gratitude, and I am so thankful to have friends like you who make life's journey more meaningful and fun. Here's to creating more wonderful memories together in the year ahead!

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with grace, happiness, and peace.

With prayers and blessings,  
Fr. Gino Mathias



Every second Saturday of the month we will have a Healing Mass at the 9:20am mass. The next Healing Mass will be on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:20am.



**First Friday of Every Month** - Novena to Sacred Heart of Jesus 8:40am  
Rosary, 9:00am Novena, 9:20am Mass

**First Tuesday of Every Month** - Novena to St. Anthony - 8:40am

Rosary, 9:00am Novena, 9:20am Mass

**Every Wednesday** - Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help 8:40am Rosary, 9:00am Novena, 9:20am Mass

## FORMED THIS WEEK ON FORMED:

The Story of Christmas – Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to a retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater. O Holy Night – Experience the beauty of the Christmas season with the Annie Moses Band. Mary's Labor: What Does Catholic Tradition Have to Say? Join Dr. Scott Hefelfinger and Dr. Michael Barber as they explain the Catholic Church's understanding of Mary's labor and the birth of Jesus Christ. Learn this and more on Formed.org! Please check it out. Our parish has a subscription to Formed. You have free access to this great faith platform. Click the link to take a look at what's on this week: <http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>

## Ministry Schedule

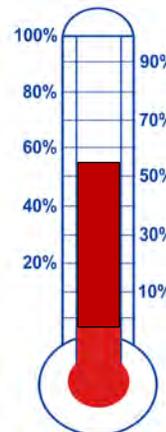
Dec. 21 – Kim/Anna (Lectors), Karen (EMHC)  
Dec. 22 – Miranda/Dale (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)  
Dec. 24 @ 5pm - Jeremiah/Kayden (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)  
Dec. 24 @ 11pm – Kim/Ingrid (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)  
Dec. 25 @ 11am – Gilles/Georges (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)  
Dec. 28 – Shelley/Kim (Lectors), Monique(EMHC)  
Dec. 29 – Kayden/Ingrid (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)  
Dec. 31 – Gemma/Shelley (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)  
Jan 1 – Anna/Kim (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

## The Diocesan Ministry Campaign ends December 31, 2024.

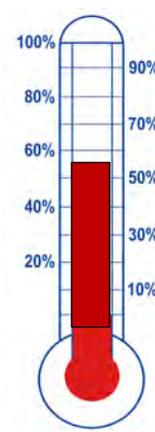
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**Please get your donation in now!**

**The balance that we do not collect comes out of the general funds of the parishes.**



**OLOL**  
**Goal:**  
**\$4,000.00**  
**Received:**  
**\$2050.00**  
**THANK YOU!!**



**St. Mary's**  
**Goal:**  
**\$25,000.00**  
**Received:**  
**\$13720.00**  
**THANK YOU!!**

Please pray for.....

### ST. MARY'S

Shirley Fraser, Noella Hamilton, David Whalen, Frank Strain, Ewan MacKintosh, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Linda Blanc, Dave Egan, Lillian Bodnar, Sue Sivonen, Anna Busch, Lorraine Smith, Loretta Foran, Theresa Olson, Yves Aucoin, Susan Hunking, Ronald Haukaas, Anita Artyszuk, Betty Mueller, Joyce Gosselin, Isabella Keuler, Arlene Kolynchuk, Maria Langenfurth

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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



Offertory Collection for Weekend of  
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Our Lady of Lourdes - \$848.00

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