

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

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Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary
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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 - 6:30pm
Wednesday - 9:20am
Thursday - 10:00am @ St. Mary's
Friday - 10:00am

Confessions

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00am
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30pm
8:30 - 8:50am OLOL
or by appointment

Eucharist Adoration

Friday 9:20 - 10:00am

Visit with Father Gino

at the Church/Office Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday 9:00 -
11:00am, 2:00 - 4:00pm

(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

Tuesday - 6:00pm
Wednesday - 9:00am
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*****

**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.**





April 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 15th

6:30pm + Lynn Armstrong – Jack Armstrong

Wednesday 16th School Mass @ church

9:30am In Thanksgiving for 55th Wedding Anniversary of Jesse & Nissa Blasé



HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm SMC

On Holy Thursday, parishioners are encouraged to bring gifts for the poor, which will be presented with the bread & wine, during the Offertory Procession.

Good Friday Solemn Service

Friday, April 18, 3:00 pm SMC

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm OLOL

Solemn Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19, 8:00 pm SMC

Parishioners are encouraged to bring bells to the Vigil to ring during the Gloria!
We will also light candles.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20, 9:00 am OLOL

Sunday, April 20, 11:00 am SMC

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 50.4-7)

2nd reading: (Philippians 2.6-11)

Gospel: (Luke 23.1-49)

What's going on?!

Apr. 15 – Assoc. of Ste. Margeurite d'Youville – 1pm

Apr. 16 – St. Mary School Mass @ church – 9:30am

Apr 21 - 25 – Church and Parish Office closed

Father Gino away to Toronto

Apr. 24 – Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer service – 6:30pm

Apr. 26 & 27 – Birthdays & Anniversaries after the weekend masses

Ministry Schedule

Apr. 12 – Anna/Gilles/ Kim (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Apr. 13 – Kayden/Shelley/Miranda (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)

Apr. 17 – Gemma/Anne Z. (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)

Apr. 18 – Gilles/Marie/Georges (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)

Apr. 19 – Marie/Shelley/Gilles (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

Apr. 20 – Dale/Kayden (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)

From the Pastor's Desk

Hosanna in the highest!

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the week of the Passion of our Lord. Christ's Passion, his journey from Palm Sunday through the cross on Good Friday, to resurrection on Easter Day, accomplishes for us freedom from slavery to sin and also the promise of a new amazing life in him.

God cares passionately for us, his people and this is demonstrated in the events of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday we shout out our praise in preparation for entering the week ahead with a resolute heart and an assurance of God's sovereignty and faithfulness.

That's what Palm Sunday is about. As we focus more on the passion of our Lord on Palm Sunday, let's lift our eyes up towards the final outcome and praise our God and Saviour. 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!'

In love and truth,
Fr. Gino Mathias

Happy Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY IS A TIME TO
REFLECT ON THE HUMBLE JOURNEY
THAT LEADS TO TRIUMPHANT
GRACE.



**Good Friday,
April, 18th at 7pm
At Our Lady of
Lourdes**

SOUTH INDIAN MISSION – to donate to help this family build a house, please make cheques payable to St. Mary's Church, with a note – South Indian Mission/House. You will receive a tax receipt for any contributions. To date we have collected \$4,065. Thank you for your generosity!





Our Lenten Fish Frys are done for the season. A big thank you to Vince & Barb for spearheading this again. Thank you to all the fryers, cooks, bakers and helpers. And to all our loyal customers for your ongoing support of this event! It is a wonderful way to acknowledge Lent and the importance of the Easter season.



Please consider joining us to assist the residents at Rainycrest to pray the Rosary. This includes helping to guide the residents to the chapel.

The time commitment is minimal. The Rosary starts each Monday at 2:00 p.m., helpers arrive 1:40 p.m. and are generally done by 2:45, so about an hour. We have easy to follow guidance notes for the Rosary and prayers, so no need to worry.

We do not lift or fully support the residents at any time, we may push a wheelchair or walk along side.

**We do not go to Rainycrest if the home is in an outbreak situation or on statutory holidays as there are minimal staff available.*

Please call Shirley Whitefield 275-5566 or Evelyn Rawn 276-8507 for more information. **God bless!**

Pre-Authorized Payment

An easy way to a monthly commitment:

- Just go to the church office with a cancelled cheque
- choose the amount you give to church monthly to be taken from your account – and it's done.
- Less confusing – no wondering if you gave or not.
- Church expenses increase every year – electric, heat, maintenance, etc.
- It is our duty to support our church that provides a place to worship for all spiritually and personal needs.

TRY IT – It would also help you – one less thing to have to take care of every month.

Pick up a sign-up form by the church entrance or check with church office for more information!

Thank you to those who came out to the April meeting in spite of the snowy weather! Donations were made to Right to Life, Campaign Life, Northern Options, Madonna House, the South Indian Mission (home for a family) and to the Red Cross (earthquake disaster relief). Tina and Evelyn have volunteered to convene the First Communion gathering and would appreciate some help with the occasion on May 4. If you are available, please let Tina know by calling the church office (274-5233). The Diocesan Convention is taking place on April 25 - 26 in Thunder Bay. Let us know ASAP if you are interested in attending. The "You are the ONE challenge" for April is to attend a weekday mass. May winter snows turn to April showers soon! Enjoy the season!



A special thanks to Miranda, Jessica, Sara & Meagan for helping us all get into a prayerful state of mind during Lent by organizing the beautiful, meaningful Silent Eucharistic Adorations!



formed Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history; The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie; Have you ever wondered how to make a cross with palms? How to make a Palm Sunday Cross - Join Lyn Dam from the Archdiocese of Denver on how to make a palm leaf cross for Palm Sunday. Learn this and more on Formed.org! 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>

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, Ronald Haukaas, Anita Artyszuk, Betty Mueller, Joyce Gosselin, Isabella Keuler, Arlene Kolynchuk, Maria Langenfurth, Beatrice Lambert, Tate Foley, Evan Armit, Leanne Crompton, Janice Parks, Kenny Desjardins, Jerry Darvell, Loretta Ivanowich, Lucille Botsford, Shirley Buttner, Mindy Wallace

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Dale Krueger, Roger Fillion, Brian McPherson, Laverne (Gabby) Caul, Marilyn Perreault, Heather Jeffers



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