

# 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

## Parish Staff

Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary  
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Mr. Gerald Cousineau, Custodian

## 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 - 9:20am

Thursday - 10:00am @ **St. Mary's**

## Confessions

Tuesday - Friday - 9:00am

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30pm

8:30 - 8:40am @ 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

Weekdays before mass  
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 led into an authentic, life-changing  
relationship with Jesus Christ.**



April 20, 2025

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### MASSES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> no weekday masses Father Gino will be away in Toronto**

#### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00pm** + Joe Schryer – The Makarchuk Family and the Intentions of Gladys Payne – Betty Saley

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (9am@ OLOL)**

**9:00am** + Kim Roach – Pat Roach

**11:00am** + Betty & + Eric Sivonen – The Family and + Denis & + RoseMarie DeGagné – Alan & Marie Brady

#### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm** + Edward & + Claude Bruneau – Mel & Jeannette DeGagné

#### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am** + Wayne Lengyel – The LePine Family

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> @St. Mary's ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**

**10:00am** + Brad Norris – Alan & Anne Zucchiatti

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**10:00am** + Carroll McFayden – Grace Huntley and For working conditions: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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

**5:00pm** + Josephine Belluz – The Wood Family And the Intentions of Sandra Wepruk for her 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> (9am @ OLOL)**

**9:00am** + Mildred Bruyere – The Family and the Intentions of Shirley M. Bruyere for her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**11:00am** + Kevin & + Robert Hanzuk - Michael

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

1st reading: (Acts 10.34a, 37-43)

2nd reading: (Colossians 3.1-4)

Gospel: (John 20.1-18)

### Ministry Schedule

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

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

Apr. 26 – Anna/Gemma (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Apr. 27 – Jeremiah/Kim (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

### **Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

As we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I extend to each of you my deepest blessings and heartfelt joy. Easter is a powerful reminder that death has been conquered, hope is alive, and God's love knows no end.

May this season fill your hearts with renewed faith, peace, and purpose. As we rejoice together in the victory of the empty tomb, may the light of Christ continue to guide your path and shine through your lives as a witness to His grace.

Thank you for being a cherished part of our church family. I am grateful for your faith, your love, and your commitment to walking in the footsteps of Christ. May the peace of the risen Christ be with you and your families today and always.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.

With love in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Gino Mathias

### What's going on?!

**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

Apr. 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday – Chaplet @ 3pm

Apr. 29 – Youth Leaders planning meeting – 6pm

May 3 – First Reconciliation – 3pm

May 4 – First Holy Communion - 11am mass

May 7 – CWL General Meeting – 6:30pm



**Father Gino – our Parish community wishes you a happy 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Priesthood. (April 22, 2001) Thank you for your loving service to the Church. May God bless you abundantly in your priestly ministry.**

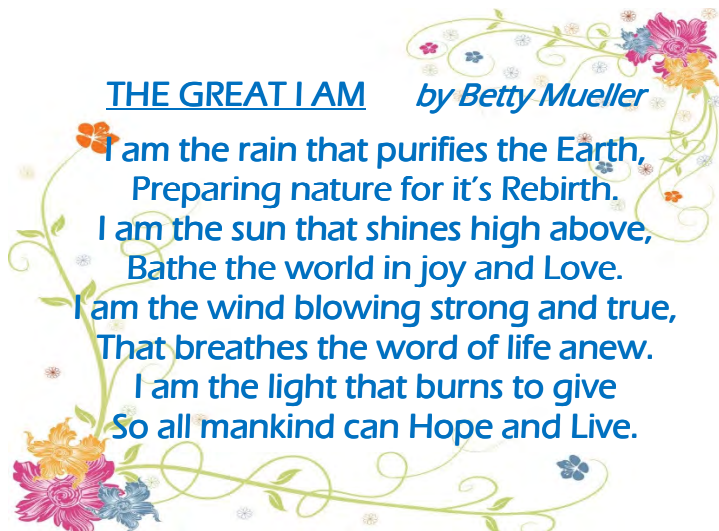
# Celebrating the Sacraments

**First Reconciliation** will take place on **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Confession starts at 3pm but please be at the Church 10-15 minutes ahead of time. Please plan to remain at the Church during this time. After First Confession, Father has asked that all candidates stay for a rehearsal for First Communion.

**First Holy Communion** will take place on **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the 11am mass**. Please be at the Church 10-15 minutes ahead of time so that students may be organized in the procession with the item they will carry (provided by Father Gino). Please plan to attend the Mass as well to stay for cake served by the CWL in the basement afterwards.

**Confirmation** will take place on **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the 5pm mass**. Please be at the church 10-15 minutes ahead of time.

## THE GREAT I AM *by Betty Mueller*



Jubilee Year 2025

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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



We will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday next weekend. On April 27, Sunday afternoon at 3pm we will get together to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**formed**

The Resurrection | What Catholics Believe Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ; Easter and the Resurrection | The Augustine Institute Show; Join Brother Francis as he celebrates the power and splendor of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in this moving, instructive, and joyful animated presentation. 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>

From Father Gino,  
Tina & Gerald,

REJOICE! HE IS RISEN

May the promise of the Easter season bring you great joy and abundant peace in the love and promise of the Lord.



*Happy Easter*

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, Jerry Darvell, Mindy Wallace, Loretta Ivanowich, Lucille Botsford, Shirley Buttner  
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