

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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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  
Sunday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Rainycrest  
Saturday

## Confessions

Wednesday  
Saturday  
Sunday  
Sunday

## Eucharist Adoration

Sunday

## Visit with Father Gino

Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday  
Sunday

Confessions  
Saturday  
Sunday

## Baptisms

Children's Liturgy  
Sunday Masses  
September

## Children's Liturgy

Sunday Masses  
September

## Rosary

Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Sunday

## Anointing of the Sick

Children's Liturgy  
Sunday Masses  
September

## Marriage

Children's Liturgy  
Sunday Masses  
September

## Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Children's Liturgy  
Sunday Masses  
September

\*\*\*\*\*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.



**MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> no weekday masses**

**Father Gino will be away - Thunder Bay**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00pm** + Lolly & + Ernie Brunetta - Dawn Ash  
and + Richard A. Hamilton - Noella Hamilton

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY (9am @ OLOL)**

**9:00am** Intentions of Pat & Janet Cain - The  
Jourdain Family

**11:00am** + Mrs. Jo Belluz - Greg & Kathy Mercure

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

1st reading: (Isaiah 43.16-21)

2nd reading: (Philippians 3.8-14)

Gospel: (John 8.1-11)

**What's going on?!**

Apr. 8 - 11 - No Weekday Masses

Apr. 8 - Bereavement Group Meeting - 1pm

Apr. 11 - Last Lenten Fish Fry - 4pm

- Stations of the Cross - 6:30pm

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

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

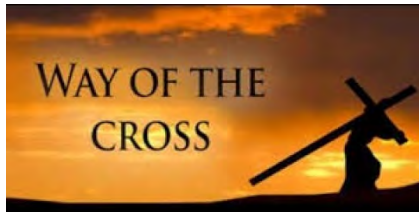
**Ministry Schedule**

Apr. 5 - Gemma/Kim (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Apr. 6 - Michael/Marie (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

Apr. 12 - Anna/Gilles/Kim (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)

Apr. 13 - Kayden/Shelley/Miranda (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)



**Friday @ 6:30pm**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup> - The**  
**Bereavement**  
**Group**

**Good Friday, April, 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**

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**From the Pastor's Desk**

**The Chrism Mass**

Dear Friends,

The Chrism Mass is a special liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church. It will be held on April 10, Thursday at 7 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Thunder Bay, presided over by our newly consecrated and installed Bishop Most Rev. Allan C. This will be his first ever Chrism mass with his diocesan clergy and faithful.

The Bishop consecrates three holy oils used in sacraments throughout the year: The Oil of Catechumens, The Oil and The Sacred Chrism. All priests present in the chrism mass renew their commitment to serve Christ and His Church, reaffirming their vows of obedience to the bishop. The Chrism Mass highlights the unity of the priests with their bishop and the faithful, showing the Church as one body in Christ.

Since it occurs just before the Holy Week, the Chrism Mass connects the Church's sacramental life with the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. It is a solemn and beautiful liturgy that emphasizes the sacred role of the sacraments and the mission of the Church in bringing Christ's grace to the world.

You can pray for all the priests all over the world on that day and keep supporting them.

In love and truth,  
Fr. Gino Mathias

**formed** The TRUTH About the Shroud of Turin w/Fr. Robert Spitzer;  
Preparing for Holy Week - Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak; Saint John Baptist de la Salle; Celebrate the feast day of St. John Baptist de la Salle, the patron saint of teachers. 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 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!**

## Holy Week and Easter Services

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

*Saturday, April 12, 5:00 pm SMC*

*Sunday, April 13, 9:00 am OLOL*

*Sunday, April 13, 11:00 am SMC*

**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*



**The Diocese of Thunder Bay** is looking at increasing their staff to join their team at the Diocesan Centre. We will be hiring for a few different positions within the

Catholic Pastoral Centre. If you or someone you know would like to join our team, we would be happy to meet with you to discuss this opportunity. Applications containing a cover letter and resume can be forwarded to bpsec@dotb.ca or mailed to P.O. Box 10400, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6T8.



**LAST FRIDAY is April 11**

**PICK-UP STARTS AT 4:00PM, DELIVERY 4:30PM**

**Deadline for orders is 3:00pm the Thursday before.**

**For more information contact Barb @807-276-1226**

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May we continue to walk together in faith and action, creating a brighter future for all.” — The Most Rev. Jorge Izaguirre, Bishop of Chosica, outgoing president of CEAS, a partner in Peru.

Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). **Thank you for your solidarity!**

For more information regarding this year's Share Lent campaign or to become a member of D&P, contact Marie Brady at 274-5105 or [mabradyff1@gmail.com](mailto:mabradyff1@gmail.com).

**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

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

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

*Offertory Collection for Weekend of*

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*Our Lady of Lourdes - \$645.00*






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