

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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Congratulations on your First Holy Communion! May this special day be filled with love, blessings, and happiness.



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Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

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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 - 6:20pm

Wednesday - 9:20am

Friday 10:00am

Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

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

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.



Follow Me

May 4, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 6th (rosary @6pm)

6:20pm + Lynn Armstrong – Jack Armstrong

Wednesday 7th

9:20am + Souls in Purgatory – Mel & Jeannette DeGagné

Thursday 8th @ Raincrest

10:00am + Brad Hogan – Marg Rousseau

Friday 9th Rosary 9am - Adoration 9:20 then mass

10:00am + Beloved Deceased – The Bereavement Group

Saturday 10th

5:00pm + George Mylenchuk – Cassie Fedoruk and + Ed Bruneau – Jim & Sandra McKinnon

Sunday 11th (9am@ OLOL)

9:00am + Glenn Jourdain – The Jourdain Family and + Rosie Bird – The Family

11:00am + Tony Morelli – Tina & Jamie Roth and the Intentions of Eva Thornton – Sandy McKinnon

Third Sunday of Easter

1st reading: (Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41)

2nd reading: (Revelation 5.11-14)

Gospel: (John 21.1-19)

What's going on?!

May 3 – First Reconciliation – 3pm

May 4 – First Holy Communion - 11am mass

May 7 – CWL General Meeting – 6:30pm

May 9 – Youth Night Scavenger Hunt/Pizza Night
- 5:30-8:30pm

May 10 – Confirmation – 5pm mass

May 13 – Bereavement Group Meeting – 1pm

May 15 – Parish & Finance Council Potluck – 5pm

May 20 – Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville
-1pm

From the Pastor's Desk

Pope Francis: A Pilgrim of Hope

Dear Friends!

Hope is the theme of the Jubilee Year 2025. Pope Francis had called us all to join him in being “pilgrims of hope” for the jubilee. He embarked on his final pilgrimage on April 21, 2025.

We have not yet come out of the sad fact that our beloved Pope Francis is no more. His charismatic and servant leadership still reverberates in our minds and hearts. Even though we miss him in reality, he will live forever in our hearts.

His witness of simplicity, his tender love as a shepherd who knows the smell of the sheep, and his fearless voice as a prophet continue to echo in the life of the Church and in the soul of the world. He taught us that true greatness lies in service, that true power is mercy, and that true courage is found in hope.

As we carry forward his dreams and his prayers, we know he is still alive with us, walking quietly beside us, leading us closer to the heart of Christ, where love never ends. In following his example, may we become signs of hope and God's mercy to the wounded world!

In love and truth,

Fr. Gino Mathias



Ministry Schedule

May 3 – Kim/Gilles (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

May 4 – Miranda/Anne Z. (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)

May 10 – Gemma/Shelley (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)

May 11 – Kayden/Dale (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

May

The Month of
Our Blessed Mother



Celebrating the Sacraments

First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, May 3rd. 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 4th 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 10th at the 5pm mass. Please be at the church 10-15 minutes ahead of time.

Join us at our General Meeting on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30pm. Let's remember the "You are the ONE" challenge to invite and bring a guest to a meeting. It is always



great to see new faces! For our members who rarely appear, make it your challenge to bring yourself! You are always welcome! **Note:** The rosary will be prayed at 6:00pm prior to the meeting for those who wish to participate.



May 4 – 9, 2025
The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is,

***"We must fan the flame hope that has been given to us."* - Pope Francis**

Catholic Education Week 2025 begins on Sunday, May 4, 2025. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.



Friday, May 9th

Youth Night Scavenger Hunt & Pizza Making!
Come out and make homemade pizza and take part in a scavenger hunt on Friday, May 9th.

From 5:30pm to 8:30pm Grades 6-9

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St. Damien of Molokai, Catholic Saints, An incredible example of

holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel; Lectio: Salvation - At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean; Eastertide Special | The Annie Moses Show. 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.....



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

Offertory Collection for Weekend of Good Friday: \$2024.00

Apr. 20, 2025: St. Mary's - \$1984.35

Easter - \$2745.00

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$1081.97

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