

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Pastoral Team

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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 - 11:00am

Tuesday - 6:20pm, Wednesday - 9:20am

Friday - 10:00am

Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Sunday - 9:00am

## Sacred Heart Chapel

Friday 7:00pm (June-Sept.)

## Eucharist Adoration

Friday 9:20 - 10:00am

## Confessions

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 3:30 - 4:30pm

8:30 - 8:50am @ OLOL

or by appointment

(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.**



# August 31 & Sept. 7, 2025

## 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASSES FOR THE TWO NEXT WEEKS

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

**6:20pm** + Ryan Haley – The Family and the Intentions of Fr. Gino's Mom – Grace

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

**9:20am** + Lucille Botsford – St. Mary's Catholic Women's League

#### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> @ Rainycrest**

**10:00am** Intentions of Betty Mueller – Marg Rousseau

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

**10:00am** **For our relationship with all of creation:** Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00pm** + Mary Kolynchuk – The Family and + Lucille Botsford – Rae-Ann & Todd Wood

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)**

**9:00am** + Mildred Bruyere – The Family  
**11:00am** + Dede Egan – Tina & Jamie Roth and + Joan Yim – Anita Artyszuk

#### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**6:20pm** + Fr. Rheal Forest – Margrit Schaum

#### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Monty McLeod – Alan & Anne Zucchiatti

#### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> @ Rainycrest**

**10:00am** Intentions of Arlyss Machula – Marg Rousseau & Family

#### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am** + Beloved Deceased – The Bereavement Group

#### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00pm** + Carla Galbraith – Terry & Kathy Mueller

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)**

**9:00am** + Darren Mainville – A Parishioner  
**11:00am** + Perpetua & + Rommel Blasé – The Family and + Chris Lowe – St. Mary's Parish

### Ministry Schedule

Aug. 30 – Gemma/Gilles (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)  
Aug. 31 – Miranda/Kayden (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)  
Sept. 6 – Gemma/Kim (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)  
Sept. 7 – Jeremiah/Miranda (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

### What's going on?!

Aug. 30 & 31 – Birthdays & Anniversaries @ weekend masses  
Sept. 3 – CWL General Meeting @ 6:30pm

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st reading:** (Sirach 3.17-02, 28-29)

**2nd reading:** (Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a)

**Gospel:** (Luke 14.1,7-14)

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st reading:** (Wisdom 9.13-18)

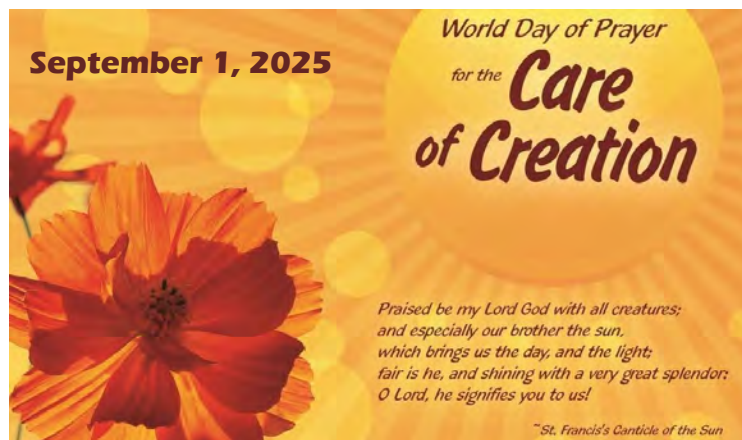
**2nd reading:** (Philemon 9b-10, 12-17)

**Gospel:** (Luke 14.25-33)



All women of the parish are invited join us for our CWL General meeting on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. The topic for our guest speaker is *Scams & Frauds*. In 2023, 41,988 Canadians were victims of fraud. Let's take the opportunity to gain knowledge that will protect us. **Note:** the rosary for peace in the world will be prayed prior to the meeting at 6pm for those who wish to participate.

The Catholic Women's League 50/50 tickets are available. They are for sale at the Parish Office and from CWL members. If you would like to get some tickets to sell, please contact the Parish Office.



The choir will be resuming in September! We welcome new members 14 years old and up. We participate in two 5pm Saturday night masses a month. Our first practice will be on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm. Contact the Parish Office if you require more information.



powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta;



Pope Saint Gregory the Great -

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn; See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

**Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – 100 Hearts: Betrayal and Forgiveness** in the Life of Blessed Clelia Merloni-The pain of betrayal by a trusted friend and the freedom born from forgiveness unfolds in two parallel dramas in the life of Blessed Clelia Merloni; St. John Chrysostom from Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary-In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 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.

<http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>

## A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

## A Prayer for Teachers

**Lord God,**

your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us in your ways. Look upon these teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that we may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## Please pray for.....



**ST. MARY'S** - Shirley Fraser, Noella Hamilton, David Whalen, Frank Strain, Ewan MacKintosh, Dave Egan, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Linda Blanc, 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, Leanne Crompton, Janice Parks, Jerry Darvell, Mindy Wallace, Shirley Buttner, Susan Hunking, Amy LaFroy, Lawrence Desserre, Rita Moorhouse, Marco Grigio, Paul Noonan

**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*

*Aug. 17, 2025:* St. Mary's - \$1255.25

Sacred Heart - \$187.00

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$1252.75

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