

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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ST. MARY'S

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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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 - 11:00am

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

Friday - 10:00am

Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Sunday - 9:00am

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.**



YOU CANNOT
SERVE GOD AND
WEALTH

September 28, 2025 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 30th National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

6:20pm + Nancy Dittaro – Shirley & Neil Whitefield

Wednesday 1st

**9:20am + Larry Armstrong and The Intentions of
The Armstrong Family – Ian McLennan**

Thursday 2nd @ Rainycrest

10:00am + Bob Mitchelson – Marg Rousseau

Friday 3rd

10:00am For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Saturday 4th

5:00pm + Jack & + Mary Ducharme – The Family

Sunday 5th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + Eugene McPherson – The Family

11:00am + Lourdes & + Dionisio Bernardez – The Family and + Toni & + Ray Edgett – The Family

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Amos 6.1a, 4-7)

2nd reading: (1 Timothy 6.11-16)

Gospel: (Luke 16.19-31)

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 27 – Shelley/Kim (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Sept. 28 – Anne Z./Jeremiah (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)

Oct. 4 – TBD (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)

Oct. 5 – TBD (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Sept. 29 – Rosary at Rainycrest @ 2pm

Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
(Parish Office Closed)

Oct. 1 – St. Mary's CWL Fall Mass & Potluck
Dinner – mass @6pm

Oct. 5 – Annual Life Chain Event – prayers @ 2pm
– Sign pick up @ 2:30pm

The C.W.L. of St. Mary's Parish

CHRISTMAS TEA & BAZAAR

Sunday, November 16, 2025 from 2:00 -
4:00pm

START PURGING NOW!!



Calling all CWL members to the Fall Mass & Potluck supper on Wednesday, October 1 at 6:00! Please consider joining us in welcoming our League

sisters from our district CWL councils! A time to pray together & to enjoy good food & company. See you then! Note: Group 2 (surnames K to Z) are doing the setting up (1:30), receiving food (5:30), putting out food after mass & cleaning up after supper - thank you to this group! The Harvest Basket Raffle will be held at the gathering. Please consider dropping off a donation for the basket! A basket is now in the church lobby to receive donations! Your support is always appreciated!

CWL 50/50 tickets are now available!

Tickets \$2 each or Book of 10 - \$20

Get your tickets from the Church Office or Plum @807(274-3567) or Evelyn @807-276-8507.

Thank you for your assistance. It is greatly appreciated!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Women's
League

50/50 DRAW

CASH PRIZE of 1/2
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To Be Drawn: 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec 14, 2025

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Available from CWL members and the parish office.



LIFE CHAIN

♦ SUNDAY · OCT · 5 · 2025 ♦

Join thousands across Canada standing against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration!



Join us on Sunday, October 5th for the Annual Life Chain Event. We will start with special prayers at 2pm at St. Mary's. We will have signs available at 2:30pm then we will head to Scott Street. Everyone is welcome to peacefully, publicly, and safely call upon our community to protect human life.



The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on **September 27-28, 2025**. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying,

and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. There will be envelopes at the back of the church. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

Bereavement Support

The Bereavement Group is celebrating 20 years of service at St. Mary's this October 2025! We are grateful to Fr. Francis & to Margrit Schaum for recognizing the need for this ministry in our parish. Margrit has spent many hours over these past 20 years, praying, planning & facilitating the meetings. **THANK YOU Margrit!** Meetings are still held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1pm. All who feel the need to attend...to listen or to share...are welcome. Please contact the parish office for more information.

FORMED

Sept. 28th – St. Therese | Littlest Saints- Which flower in Jesus's garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her "little" answer to these questions.; St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction-From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi.; St. Jerome | Catholic Saints- An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible.

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

Sept. 28, 2025

WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS
AND REFUGEES:



AN OPPORTUNITY
TO "WELCOME THE
STRANGER"

Pope Francis chose "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope" as the theme for the 2025 World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

This special day will coincide with the Jubilee of Migrants and the Missionary World, offering a moment for the faithful to reflect on the resilience and faith of displaced individuals.

September 30th

National Day for
**Truth and
Reconciliation**



In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 and will reopen Wednesday, October 1, 2025 @ 9:00a.m.

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

Sept. 14, 2025: St. Mary's - \$2036.65

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$572.90

Sept. 21, 2025: St. Mary's - \$5819.63

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$846.45



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