

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 - 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

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9:00 - 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.





December 14, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)



MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 16th Rosary @ 5:40pm then mass

6:00pm + Deceased Friends – Deloras Chabot and
+ Vicki DeCaire – Marg, Anne & Kim

Wednesday 17th

9:20am + George Mylenchuk – Daniel & Anna
Pierroz

Thursday 18th @ Rainycrest

10:00am For Blessings Received by Sainte Anne
de Beupre

Friday 19th Rosary & Adoration @ 9:00am then mass @

10:00am + Bob Mitchelson – Karen Papineau

Saturday 20th

5:00pm + Bob Mitchelson – Cindy & Hugh
McKinnon and + George Mylenchuk
- Bev

Sunday 21st (9am @ OLOL) 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00am + Eugene McPherson – The Family

11:00am + Lucille Botsford – Teresa, Peggy &
Kathy and + Bob Mitchelson – Rita &
Wayne McLeod

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

1st reading: (Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10)

2nd reading: (James 5.7-10)

Gospel: (Matthew 11.2-11)

Ministry Schedule

Dec. 13 – Gemma/Kayden (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Dec. 14 – Jeremiah/Ingrid (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

Dec. 20 – Shelley/Anna (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Dec. 21 – Anne Z./Dale (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)



*Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
and
Reconciliation*

**Tuesday, December 16th we will have
rosary at 5:40pm followed by mass and
Eucharistic Adoration. You will have the
opportunity to go to Confession during
Adoration. Please join us as we prepare
for the birth of our Savior.**

Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign

**“Set your mind on things
that are above,” Colossians 3:2**



**The Annual Diocesan
Ministry Campaign is in full swing.**

**St. Mary's has collected
\$8,535 of our goal of
\$20,950.**

**OLOL has collected \$750 of
our goal of \$4,800.**



The campaign runs until
December 31, 2025.

We need your support to reach our goal!

**The balance that we do not collect comes
out of the general funds of the parishes.**

How to Make **MEAT PIES**

**Under the direction of Kenny
Desjardins, join us for a meat pie
cooking course on Sunday, December
21st after the 11am mass. Please RSVP
to Kenny at 807-276-4079 or sign up at
the back of the church by December
19th. Cost will be \$12 a pie.**

LAST CHANCE TO GET TICKETS!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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To Be Drawn: 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec 14, 2025

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Available after mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.



**There will be a Knights
of Columbus meeting on
Monday, December 15th
at 5:30pm. All active
and inactive members
are asked to make an
effort to attend this meeting.**



St. Mary's Church is celebrating 75 years in 2026!

We would like to get a committee together to plan activities and functions to acknowledge this milestone. If you are interested in helping out with this, please contact the parish office by December 12th. We hope to start planning the following week.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24

11am Mass @ Rainycrest

5pm Mass @ St. Mary's

8pm Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes

11pm Mass @ St. Mary's

Thursday, December 25

11am Mass @ St. Mary's

Donations for Christmas Flowers are being accepted. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please be sure to put your intention on an envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers'. Deadline is December 18th.



GIVE CARE, NOT MAID



Support a culture of life by picking up a postcard (next to the bulletins) and adding your voice to opposing MAID. MAID is set to further expand in March 2027 for mental illness.

What's going on?!

Dec. 15 - Knights of Columbus meeting with Father Kevin – 5:30pm

Dec. 16 – Mass @ 6pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during Adoration

Dec. 21 – Meat Pie Cooking Course – after 11am mass



We are making plans for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If your child does not attend St. Mary

School but would like to receive one of these Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

FORMED

Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage-

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.; **30 Minutes BC**-30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all. **Is Christmas Pagan? What Catholics Believe About Christmas**-Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!

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

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, Anita Artyszuk, Betty Mueller, Joyce Gosselin, Isabella Keuler, Arlene Kolynchuk, Maria Langenfurth, Beatrice Lambert, Tate Foley, Leanne Crompton, Jerry Darvell, Mindy Wallace, Shirley Buttner, Susan Hunking, Amy LaFroy, Lawrence Desserre, Rita Moorhouse, Marco Grigio, Paul Noonan, Bernice Kempf, David Lovisa Sr.



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

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Our Lady of Lourdes - \$577.35

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