

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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Rev. Fr. Kevin Ezeobi, Pastor

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Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary
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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 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 23th Rosary @ 5:40pm then mass

6:00pm + Maria Assis, + Joseph & + Angelina
– The Leschinski Family

Wednesday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

11:00am @ Rainycrest

Intentions of All Parishioners

5:00pm @ St. Mary's

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8:00pm @ Our Lady of Lourdes

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Thursday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00am @ St. Mary's

Intentions of All Parishioners

Friday 26th Rosary & Adoration @ 9:00am then mass @

10:00am + Anita Lat – The Family

Saturday 27th

5:00pm + Deceased Loved Ones of the Chabot &
Wood Families – Deloras Chabot and
+ Dorleen Godbout – Vince & Barb
Godbout

Sunday 28th (9am @ OLOL)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00am + Rose & + Billy Bird & + Rainy Loyie
– The Family

11:00am + Larry Armstrong – Bruce & Evelyn
Rawn

Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st reading: (Isaiah 7.10-14)

2nd reading: (Romans 1.1-7)

Gospel: (Matthew 1.18-24)

Ministry Schedule

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

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

Dec. 24 @ 5pm – Kayden/Miranda (Lectors),
Greg (EMHC)

Dec. 24 @ 11pm – Kim/Jeremiah (Lectors),
Sandy (EMHC)

Dec. 25 @ 11am – Ingrid/Shelley (Lectors),
Gail (EMHC)

Dec. 27 – Anna/Giles (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Dec. 28 – Marie/Michael (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)



Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign

"Set your mind on things that are above,"

Colossians 3:2

**The Campaign ends December
31, 2025.**

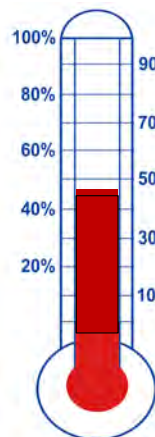
**We only have a couple
weeks left.**



There are extra envelopes by the bulletins.

Please get your donation in now!

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



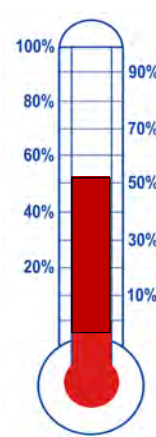
OLOL

Goal:

\$4,800.00

**Received:
\$2250.00**

**THANK
YOU!!**



St. Mary's

Goal:

\$20,950.00

**Received:
\$10535.00**

**THANK
YOU!!**



St. Mary's Church is

celebrating 75 years! We

would like to get a committee
together to plan activities and
functions to acknowledge this

milestone. We will have our first planning
meeting after the mass on Tuesday,
January 6th. If you are interested in
helping out with this, please contact the
parish office or come to the meeting.

What's going on?!

Jan. 6 – 75th Anniversary planning meeting after
the 6pm mass

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Women's League

50/50 DRAW

THE WINNER IS JOHN SUPINSKI!

John took home \$1,804.00.

Congratulations John! A big thank you to everyone who sold and purchased tickets.



We would like to start a Men's Group in January. All men of the parish are invited to join to share faith and

fellowship. Please contact Father Kevin or the Parish Office if you would like to participate.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S 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

Wednesday, Dec. 31 Thanksgiving Mass

11am Mass @ St. Mary's

Thursday, January 1, 2026 New Year's Mass

9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes

11am Mass @ St. Mary's

The office will be closed for the holidays on December 24th and will re-open on January 5th. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

~MERRY CHRISTMAS~

~HAPPY NEW YEAR~



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

The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special - In this

special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater. **Christmas | Sacred Art** - Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby. **What Catholics Believe About Christmas: Traditions, Santa Claus & the 12 Days** - Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent?

<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

Offertory Collection for Weekend of Dec. 14, 2025: St. Mary's - \$1765.25

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$887.50

GIVE CARE, NOT MAID

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FILL OUT NAME & ADDRESS

Name _____

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WRITE BRIEF MESSAGE

Please increase safeguards to MAID eligibility. People should have better access to supports that help them live, not die.

Sincerely, _____

NO POSTAGE REQUIRED

DROP IN MAIL

The Honourable Mark Holland
Minister of Health
House of Commons
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Normalizing MAID reduces the level of care, support, and resources available to vulnerable people. Increasing the pressure for them to choose it.

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