

St. Mary's & 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

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.**





February 22, 2026 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 24th

6:00pm + Diane Lovisa – Myron & Paulette Romaniuk

Wednesday 25th

9:20am + Raymond Luchka – Bruce & Evelyn Rawn

Thursday 26th @ Rainycrest

10:00am + Arlene Hoffman – Marg Rousseau

Friday 27th Rosary & Adoration @ 9:00am then mass @

10:00am + Lawrence Desserre – Don & Rachel Marquis

Saturday 28th

5:00pm + Angela Kepes – The Gurski & Belluz Families

Sunday 1st (9am @ OLOL)

9:00am Intentions of Jan Glueheisen – Jim & Sandra McKinnon and The Intentions of All Parishioners

11:00am + Sister Jacqueline Bartush – Donny, Anthony & Eugene Klymko & Micheline And + Filomena & + Esperidion Cardona - The Family

First Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7)

2nd reading: (Romans 5.12, 17-19)

Gospel: (Matthew 4.1-11)

Ministry Schedule

Feb. 21 – Anna/Gilles (Lectors), Kim (EMHC)

Feb. 22 – Ingrid/Shelley (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

Feb. 28 – Kim/Anna (Lectors), TBD (EMHC)

Mar. 1 – Miranda/Kayden (Lectors), TBD (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Feb. 24 – Mysteries of the Rosary Group Study – 7pm

Feb. 27 – Lenten Fish Fry – 4:30pm

– Stations of the Cross – 6:30pm

Feb. 28 – Altar Server Practice – after 5pm mass

Join us every Friday during
Lent at 6:30pm at
St. Mary's Church.



FRIDAYS during Lent, Feb. 20th – March 27th

PICK-UP STARTS AT 4:00pm,

DELIVERY 4:30pm

Deadline for orders is 3:00pm the
Thursday before.

For more information contact

Barb @807-276-1226

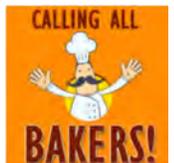
PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH
OFFICE for \$25.00

(Price includes walleye and all the fixings!)

The rules are very distinct and include fasting
on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and with
abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

We want to help you with this!

St. Mary's Fish Fry dinners will once again be available on the 6 Fridays during Lent – Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 & 27. Included with each dinner will one muffin. We are looking for volunteers to donate 2 dozen muffins. We need baking for February 20th and the following Fridays. Please contact Evelyn Rawn at 807-276-8507 or Sandy McKinnon @ 807-274-5055/807-271-0450 (text or call) to donate or for more information. Thank you for your support. We are so fortunate to have such a generous and dedicated church community!

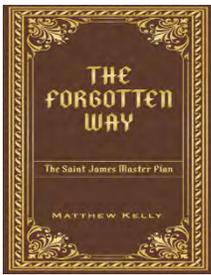


World Day of
Prayer 2026

*"I will give you rest:
come."*

Matthew 11:28-30

Title: Rest for the Weary
Ecumenical Worship Service Information:
Friday, March 6 @ 7:00pm
Church of the Holy Spirit
824 Victoria Avenue



We welcome you to take a copy of this new Matthew Kelly book **“The Forgotten Way”**. We hope this book will help you on your Lenten Journey. Thanks to the generous parishioners who paid for these books for us to share!



Our CWL provincial council has initiated the **“Light the Province Blue”** challenge!

Sunday, February 22, 2026.

On this day, we are encouraged to wear blue — the colour of hope and vigilance in the fight against human trafficking. What can you do? When you see something, say something! Confidential hotline: 1-833-900-1010. Let us pray: Living God, you freed the people of Israel from cruel slavery in Egypt and led them to a promised land “flowing with milk and honey.” We ask you to liberate today all the children, women, and men who are enslaved by the cruel yoke of human trafficking in our nation, and around the world. Free them from their bondage, heal them of their wounds, protect them from further harm, turn the hearts of their oppressors, and sustain them with hope for a new beginning in safety and peace.



**Ignite Your Passion,
Empower His Mission!**

Join us for a Soup & Bun fundraiser for Development & Peace



featuring wild rice & chicken soup on Saturday, February 28th after the 5pm mass. We are looking for donations to make the soup. There is a list on the bulletin board of the items needed.

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

**A Study on the
Mysteries of the Rosary**

Open to All Women 18+

Monthly gatherings to nourish our faith
with Scripture, prayer, and sisterhood.

DATES:
Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26 & Jun 30

LOCATION & TIME:
Meeting Room, St. Mary's
Mass at 6pm, Group Study at 7pm

COST:
\$10 for printed copy of study

To register, email miranda_sigurdson@hotmail.com



This Lent, let's move forward *On Track for Justice*

“The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking.” — Pope Leo XIV (*Dilexite*, §75)

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, **On Track for Justice**, has been launched! Together, let's walk hand in hand with

communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity. How?

1. **By donating** online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 22, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 59 projects in 34 countries around the world!
2. **Get the Mini-magazine** and follow the **Solidarity Calendar** with your family. Discover all the resources at devp.org/lent/resources.

Foretold - From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was



fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch **Foretold** to rediscover God's providential love for you. **Saint Peter** - Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross. **St. Polycarp | Catholic Saints** - Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of St. Polycarp, a second century bishop and martyr. St. Polycarp was a student of St. John the Apostle, defended the faith against early heresies, and offered his life like Christ as a martyr..

<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, 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, Rita Moorhouse, Marco Grigio, Paul Noonan, Bernice Kempf, David Lovisa Sr., Frances Valera Bersamin, Scott McLeod, Rod Davis



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
Feb. 15, 2026:* St. Mary's - \$2537.40
Our Lady of Lourdes - \$673.00

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