

# 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 1 month 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.**





# March 1, 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:20pm** In Thanksgiving to St. Jude – Tina Gurski

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am +** Eva Collett – Anna McNay

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> @ Rainycrest**

**10:00am +** Lawrence Desserre – Renee Dumeny

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Rosary & Adoration @ 9:00am then mass @**

**10:00am For disarmament & peace:** Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue instead of violence.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00pm +** Hilda Rizzo – The Gurski & Belluz Families

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> (9am @ OLOL)**

**9:00am +** Dean Bruyere – Tina & Jamie Roth

**11:00am +** Bob Mitchelson – Ted & Jenny Sieders  
And + Isla Caldbick – Mary Vandenbrand  
And The Intentions of All Parishioners

### Second Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (Genesis 12.1-4)

2nd reading: (2 Timothy 1.8b-10)

Gospel: (Matthew 17.1-9)

### Ministry Schedule

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

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

Mar. 7 – Anna/Gilles (Lectors), TBD (EMHC)

Mar. 8 – Marie/Kayden (Lectors), TBD (EMHC)

### What's going on?!

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

**Feb. 28 – Soup & Bun Fundraiser for Development & Peace – after the 5pm mass**

Mar. 4 – CWL Meeting – 6:30pm (Rosary 6pm)

Mar. 6 – Lenten Fish Fry – 4:30pm  
– Stations of the Cross – 6:30pm

Mar. 8 – Men's Group Meeting – 2pm

Mar. 11 – Catechism Class – after mass



**Please join us for a Soup & Bun fundraiser for Development & Peace**

**featuring wild rice & chicken soup on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> after the 5pm mass. This is the annual tradition of inviting the faithful to be in solidarity with the poor by giving generously to the Share Lent campaign.**



**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 on Fridays during Lent. We need baking for March 6<sup>th</sup> and the following Fridays. Please contact Evelyn Rawn at 807-276-8507 or Sandy McKinnon @ 807-274-5055 or 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!

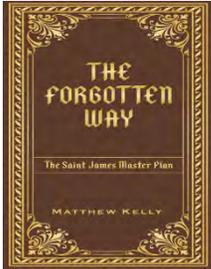
The next Men's Group meeting will be on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at **2pm**. The bible passages that Father would like to you reflect on are: Matthew 3:11, 16-17, Acts 2.37, Acts 16:14f and Matthew 28:19. The topic will be the **Sacrament of Baptism.**



The next class will be on  
Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> after mass.

# CATECHISM

Answering questions about faith



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!



## 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**



## Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's work in a nutshell

Dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development

organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, we've been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote **justice, peace and dignity**.

Guided by **Catholic Social Teaching**, we support **partner-led projects** that reach over **7 million people in more than 30 countries** around the world.

Watch this **one-minute video** for a glimpse of what this work of solidarity looks like. Share it widely; and join our efforts!



We welcome all CWL members to the next General Meeting on **Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

Members are asked to

**WEAR GREEN** in the spirit of St.

Patrick's Day. Please bring along a non-perishable food item for the needy and your most recent issue of the League magazine. We will pray the Rosary for peace prior to the meeting at 6pm for those who want to participate.



## FORMED

### Lent and New Life in Christ

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael

Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life. **Sts. Perpetua & Felicity | Catholic Saints** - Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss the life and impact of two female martyrs from the third century, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity. Both were beheaded for refusing to renounce their Christian faith. **The Total Gift: A Katharine Drexel Story** - Saint Katharine Drexel chose a life dedicated entirely to serving marginalized communities. Born into a wealthy Philadelphia family, Katharine Drexel used her fortune to challenge societal norms and dedicate her life to education and racial healing.

<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, Don Ricci



**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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