

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



## PALM SUNDAY

“Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord!”

### Parish Office

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### Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Kevin Ezeobi, SMMM, Pastor

### Parish Staff

Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary  
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Mr. Gerald Cousineau, Custodian

### 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 29, 2026

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**6:20pm + Bob Mitchelson – Margrit Schaum**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:20am** Intentions of Father Kevin – St. Mary's  
Catholic Women's League



*Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm St. Mary's*

On Holy Thursday, parishioners are encouraged to bring gifts for the poor, which will be presented with the bread & wine.

**Good Friday Solemn Service**

*Friday, April 3, 3:00pm St. Mary's*

**Stations of the Cross**

*Friday, April 3, 7:00pm Our Lady of Lourdes*

**Solemn Easter Vigil**

*Saturday, April 4, 8:00pm St. Mary's*

Parishioners are encouraged to bring bells to the Vigil to ring during the Gloria! We will also light candles.

**Easter Sunday**

*Sunday, April 5, 9:00am Our Lady of Lourdes*

*Sunday, April 5, 11:00am St. Mary's*

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.**

1st reading: (Isaiah 50.4-7)

2nd reading: (Philippians 2.6-11)

Gospel: (Matthew 26.14-27.66)

**Ministry Schedule**

Mar. 28– Anna/Gemma/Kim (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Mar. 29– Miranda/Ingrid/Kayden (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Apr. 2 (Holy Thursday) – Anna/Gemma (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Apr. 3 (Good Friday) – Kayden/Michael/Shelley (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Apr. 4 (Easter Vigil) – Miranda/Kim/Anne Z./Marie/Ingrid (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Apr. 5 (Easter Sunday) – Miranda/Kayden (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

**What's going on?!**

Mar. 28 – Altar Server Practice – After mass

Apr. 3 – Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Lourdes - 7pm

Apr. 3 & 6 – Parish & Office closed

Apr. 8 – St. Mary School mass at St. Mary's Church – 9:30am

Apr. 8 – CWL General Meeting – 6:30pm (Rosary at 6pm)

Stations will be at Our Lady of Lourdes at 7pm on Good Friday.



**Stations of the Cross**

*We had hoped that he was the one*



**Please Remember the Holy Land Collection**  
Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Commissariat of the Holy Land  
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**The Good Friday Collection** helps to maintain the **Church of the Holy Land** by providing educational, pastoral and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere.

At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who donated their time and talents for our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. We also thank everyone who turned out to enjoy the delicious pancakes, sausages & fruit!

Thank you  
for your support.

We are so blessed to have such a giving and supportive congregation. With your generosity we raised \$601.60 at the

Soup & Bun. This along with individual donations we are able to send \$3289.60 to Development and Peace for the annual Share Lent Campaign. A big thank you to our volunteers! We wouldn't be able to do this without you. Your help & service to our church is a blessing to us all!



Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2026!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the **On Track for Justice** campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, **our parish collected [\$ amount]**. This sum will help support our sisters and

brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

### FORMED Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. **The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie** - This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts. **Understanding Palm Sunday** - Focusing on the Biblical account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers break open the meaning of why Jesus rode on a donkey, the significance of the palm branches and the singing of Hosanna, and how this event launched Holy Week and the redemption of the world.

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

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and marks the start of Holy Week, the final days of his earthly ministry.



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!

There has been another scam going around from an address that looks like Father Kevin. If you receive an email from Father Kevin Ezeobi with the address of [pastoralmail688@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralmail688@gmail.com), please do not respond. This is not from Father Kevin. Be mindful & careful.



**Our Children's Liturgy Program needs you! We need volunteers to continue to offer this program. The program takes place on Sundays during the 11am mass. Please consider assisting with this important ministry. Contact the parish office if you are willing to help inspire faith in our children.**

#### 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, 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, Frank Ball, Pam Makarchuk

**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*  
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