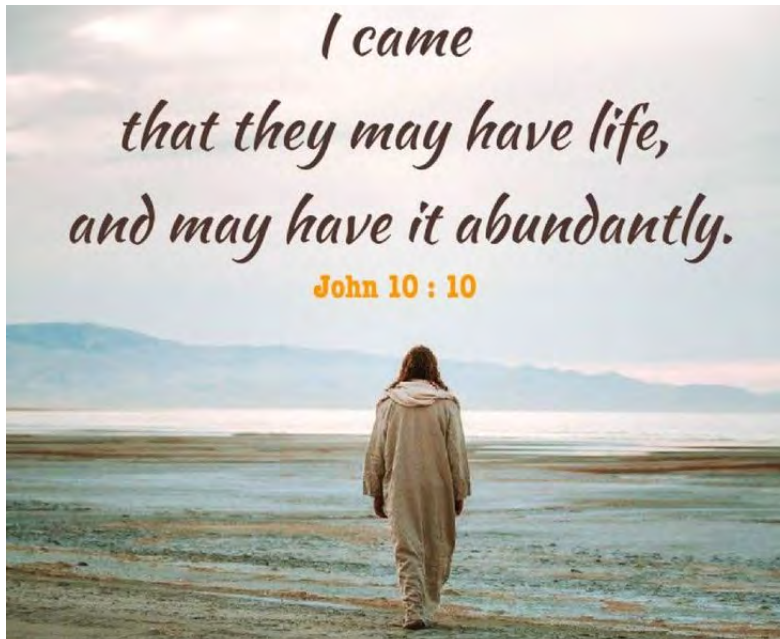


St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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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 1 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.



MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 28th (Rosary @ 5:40pm)

6:00pm + Bob Mitchelson – Margrit Schaum

Wednesday 29th (Rosary @ 9am)

9:20am + Edward & + Claude Bruneau – Mel & Jeannette DeGagné and + Albert & Anne Turgeon – Bruce & Evelyn Rawn

Thursday 30th at Rainycrest

10:00am Intentions of Rainycrest Residents & Staff - St. Mary's Church

Friday 1st Rosary & Adoration @ 9:00am then

Mass @

10:00am **That everyone might have food.** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Saturday 2nd

5:00pm + Don, Eileen & Eloise McGee – Lynn & Phyllis Kellar

Sunday 3rd (9am @ OLOL)

9:00am + Eugene McPherson – The Family and The Intentions of All Parishioners

11:00am + Betty & + Eric Sivonen – The Family and + Bob Mitchelson – Margrit Schaum

Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st reading: (Acts 2.14a, 36b-41)

2nd reading: (1 Peter 2.20b-25)

Gospel: (John 10.1-10)

Ministry Schedule

Apr. 25 – Ingrid/Anna (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Apr. 26 – Jeremiah/Dale (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

May 2 – Anne Z./Anna P. (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

May 3 – Dale/Miranda (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Apr. 27 – Our Lady of Good Council Prayer Service – 6:30pm. Refreshments to follow.

Apr. 28 – CWL Executive Meeting – 1:30pm

Apr. 28 – Mysteries of the Rosary Group Study – 7pm (after 6pm Mass)

Apr. 29 – First Holy Communion Retreat at the Church – 9:30am – 2pm

Apr. 29 – Anniversary Committee Meeting – 7pm

May 2 – Confirmation Retreat at the Church – 2:30 – 5pm then Mass

May 2 – First Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Candidates – after 5pm Mass

May 3 – First Holy Communion during 11am Mass followed by reception in Parish Hall.

May 6 – CWL General Meeting – 6:30pm (Rosary @6pm)



The CWL is hosting a Prayer Service in honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel. The service is on Monday, April 27th at 6:30pm. All women of the parish are invited to join us for these special prayers. Refreshments to follow.



CWL Reminder: The financial report for 2025 will be presented at the designated annual general meeting on Wednesday, May 6th. The 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care Vigil will take place on Wednesday, May 6th with members praying together from 6:00 to 6:30 in the church.



There will be a **First Holy Communion retreat at the Church on Wednesday, April 29th** from 9:30am – 2pm. The school will arrange transportation. **First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, May 2nd.** Confessions will begin after the 5pm Mass. Please plan to remain at the Church during this time. After First Reconciliation, Father has asked that all candidates stay for a rehearsal for First Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 3rd at the 11am Mass. Please be at the Church 15-20 minutes ahead of time so that students may be organized in the procession. Please plan to attend the Mass as well as to stay for cake & refreshments served by the CWL in the basement afterwards.

There will be a **Confirmation retreat at the Church on Saturday, May 2nd** starting at 2:30pm and ending with the 5pm Mass.

Confirmation will take place on Saturday, May 9th at the 5pm Mass. Please be at the church 15-20 minutes ahead of time.

Confessions will be on Friday, May 8th at 6pm.

A Study on the
Mysteries of the Rosary

The next gathering will be on
Tuesday, April 28th at 7pm.



**World Day of Prayer for
Vocations - April 26, 2026**

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it

affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life. 2026 marks the **63rd Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



Joseph of Nazareth -

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more

joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth! **Catherine of Siena -** Sigrid Undset's Catherine of Siena is critically acclaimed as one of the best biographies of this well-known and amazing fourteenth-century saint.

St. Louis de Montfort | Catholic Saints - Dr. John Sehorn joins Taylor Kemp to discuss the life of St. Louis de Montfort. Born in western France, St. Louis had a great love for Mary and the Rosary. His work True Devotion to Mary helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Jesus through his Mother, Mary.

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

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We are pleased to offer parishioners the convenience of a pre-authorized payment plan for regular Sunday contributions & special collections.

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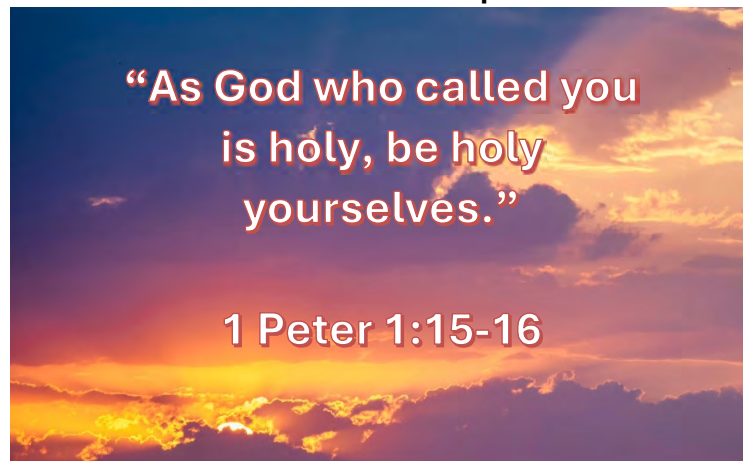
Thank you for your generosity & continued support of our faith family!



Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

The Catholic Education biblical quote is:



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, Jill Hebert

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

Offertory Collection for Weekend of
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Our Lady of Lourdes - \$975.40


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