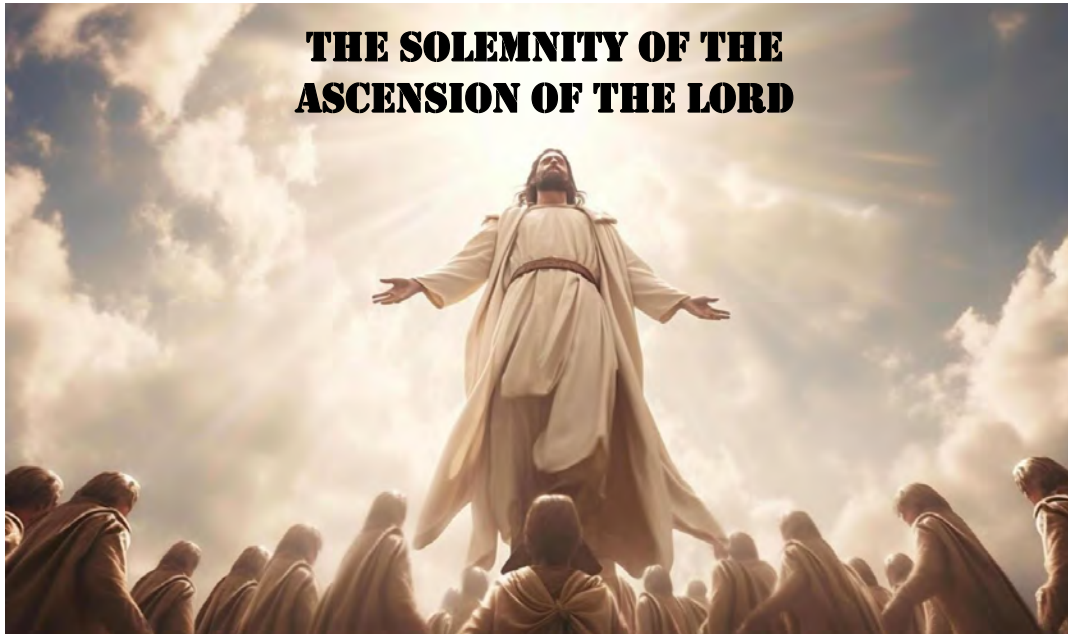


# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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.**



**I am with you  
always. to the  
end of the age.**

**May 17, 2026**

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> (Rosary 5:40pm/Novena 6:00pm)**

**6:20pm** + Dennis Huntley - Grace

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> (Rosary @ 9am)**

**9:20am** Special Intentions - Mel & Jeannette  
DeGagné

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> at Rainycrest**

**10:00am** + Albert Lamoureux - Grace Huntley

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Rosary/Novena/Adoration@9am  
then Mass @**

**10:00am** + Carl Schaum Sr. & + Dieter Woerz  
- Margrit Schaum

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**5:00pm** + Diane Lovisa - Kayleen Cross and the  
Intentions of All Parishioners

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> (9am @ OLOL)**

### **Pentecost Sunday**

**9:00am** + Laura & + Louis Tardiff - Grace & Fern

**11:00am** + Bea & + Carla Galbraith - The Sivonen  
Family and + Don DeBenedet - The  
Family

### **The Ascension of the Lord**

1st reading: (Acts 1.1-11)

2nd reading: (Ephesians 1.17-23)

Gospel: (Matthew 28.16-20)

### **Ministry Schedule**

May 16 - Rabi/Gemma (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

May 17 - Jeremiah/Miranda (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

May 23 - Kim/Marie (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

May 24 - Michael/Ingrid (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

May 15- 23 - Novena to the Holy Spirit

**May 18 - Victoria Day - Church & Office closed**

May 19 - Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville  
Meeting - 1pm

May 26 - Mysteries of the Rosary Group Study  
- after the 6pm mass

May 27 - CWL Crowning of Mary - 6:30pm  
followed by reception in parish hall.

May 29 - Youth Night - 5:30 - 8:30pm



**The Novena to the Holy Spirit is a nine-day Catholic devotion prayed in preparation for Pentecost, invoking the Holy Spirit for guidance, strength, and renewal of spiritual gifts.**

**The Novena to the Holy Spirit  
May 15<sup>th</sup> until May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am**

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm**

**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm**

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm (before mass)**

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm**

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:30pm**

**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9:00am**

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9:00am**

**Please join us!**





All Youth of the Parish in grades 7-12 are invited

to a Youth Night on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> beginning with a spaghetti dinner at 5:30pm.

**Time: May 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Location: St. Mary's Parish Hall**

**Please rsvp by May 27<sup>th</sup> to Parish office or Ken Desjardins @ 807-276-4079**

**Parents are invited to attend at 7pm for dessert and for information and forms.**

**The Pope's Pastoral Works 2026 - May 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Pope's Pastoral Works (Papal Charities) include special collections aimed at supporting various humanitarian efforts and initiatives. These collections are a way for the Church to gather financial resources to aid disaster relief, education, healthcare, and other charitable activities worldwide. The collections are a testament to the Pope's commitment to spreading love, justice, and peace, and they play a crucial role in supporting the Holy Father's charitable endeavours. By contributing to these collections, individuals can join the Pope's mission of bringing hope and healing to the vulnerable and make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need.

**There are envelopes at the back of the church.**



**Saint Rita** - St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!

**The Ascension | Sacred Art** - Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on Formed, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.

**Saint Rita of Cascia: The True Story** - A compelling docu-drama that tells the whole story of the amazing life of St. Rita of Cascia, the very popular saint who lived in Italy in the 14th century. Famous as the patroness of hopeless situations, St. Rita dealt with many very difficult and tragic events in her life. Through it all she developed a profound faith in God that was the source of her great strength, and why she is such a popular saint for all those dealing with difficult events in their own lives.

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

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

**The next gathering will be on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> after 6pm the mass.**



Every May, throughout the Church, a simple and beautiful ceremony takes place — a crown of flowers is placed on the head of Mary's statue, and the Church proclaims her Queen. It is one of the most tender expressions of Marian devotion in the Catholic tradition, and one of the most beloved. Join us for a celebration honouring the Crowning of Mary, our queen & mother on **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

There will be a reception in the parish hall following the service.

**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, Dan Pierroz

**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 - \$1081.40

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