

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



# May

## Month of Mary,

## Our Blessed Mother

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### Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Kevin Ezeobi, SMMM, Pastor

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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 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.**



**BELIEVE IN GOD;  
BELIEVE ALSO IN ME.**

**May 3, 2026  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> (Rosary @ 6:00pm)**

**6:20pm** + Dolly Lemieux – Diane Darvell and The Intentions of Israel – A Parishioner

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> (Rosary @ 9am)**

**9:20am** + Duncan Smith – Anna McNay

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> at Rainycrest**

**10:00am** Intentions of Rainycrest Volunteers – St. Mary's Church

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Rosary & Adoration @ 9:00am then Mass @**

**10:00am** + Beloved Deceased - The Bereavement Group and the Intentions of Marg Rousseau – Jim & Sandra McKinnon

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00pm** + Mary Kolynchuk – The Family and The Intentions of All Parishioners

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> (9am @ OLOL)**

**9:00am** + Glenn Jourdain – The Family

**11:00am** + Joao Goncalves – John Leschinski and + Lawrence Desserre – Anna McNay

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

1st reading: (Acts 6.1-7)

2nd reading: (1 Peter 2.4-9)

Gospel: (John 14.1-12)

**Ministry Schedule**

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

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

May 9 – Kim/Gilles (Lectors), TBD (EMHC)

May 10 – Dale/Ingrid (Lectors), TBD (EMHC)

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)

May 8 – Confirmation Candidates Reconciliation – 6pm

May 9 – Confirmation during 5pm mass

May 12 – Bereavement Group Meeting – 1pm

May 12 – Catechism Class - after 6pm mass



**CWL General Meeting,  
Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at**

**6:30pm.** Spring has come!

Let us join together in prayers

and fellowship! **Note:** Rosary for Palliative care will be prayer prior to the meeting from 6:00 to 6:30 in the church.

**Reminder:** The financial report for 2025 will be presented at the meeting.



 **First  
Communion**

**Confirmation** 

**First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>** starting at 2:30pm and ending with the 5pm Mass.

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

**Confessions will be on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**



Congratulations on your  
**First Holy Communion**

May you feel the warmth and comfort of the Lord's Love with you every day.



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 spiritual gifts.

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

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am  
Sun., May 17<sup>th</sup> & Mon., May 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm  
Tues., May 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm (before evening mass)  
Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30pm  
Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> & Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:00am

**Please join us!**



**The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis** - Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness. **St. Philip the Apostle | Catholic Saints** - Dr. James Prothro and Taylor Kemp reflect upon St. Philip the Apostle. St. Philip often brought others to Jesus Christ. His feast day is May 3. Jesus shows Philip that by following Himself, he will see God the Father, and that we can be bold in our evangelization and intercession in praying for others. **Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer** - "Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

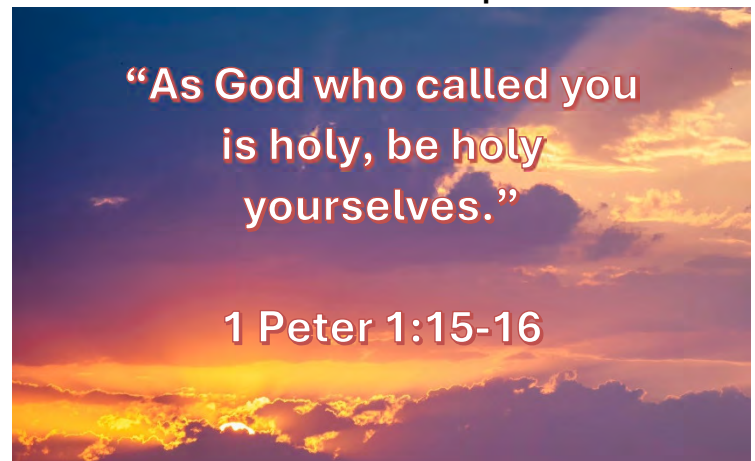
<http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>



**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

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