

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



A Special 115th Anniversary Year

Heavenly Father,

Prayer

We thank You for the blessings poured upon St. Mary's Parish over these past 115 years.

You have gathered us as Your family and made our parish a sanctuary of faith.

As we celebrate this holy milestone, we look to our Patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Grant us grace to take her words to heart, choosing each day to "do whatever He tells you."

Lord Jesus, open our ears to Your voice and strengthen our hearts to obey.

We bring the ordinary "water" of our lives- our prayers, talents, and service.

Fill our jars to the brim, and transform our offerings into the choice wine of Your grace.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into our parish. Honour the legacy of those who came before us, and inspire us to build a vibrant future for the generations to come.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.



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Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Kevin Ezeobi, SMMM, Pastor

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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 - Wednesday - 9:20am

Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

Friday - 10:00am

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Sunday - 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9:00 - 10:00am

Rosary

Weekdays before mass

Sunday 8:40am OLOL

Confessions

Tuesday - 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

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.**



*So the last will be first,
and the first last.*

September 20, 2026 **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 22nd (Rosary at 8:40am)

9:00am + Dagmar Plumhoff – Margrit Schaum

Wednesday 23rd

9:20am + Rob Belluz – Neil & Shirley Whitefield

Thursday 24th @ Raincrest

10:00am + Jeff Busch – Pam Makarchuk and The
Intentions of Red Beaudry on his 100th
Birthday – The Family

Friday 25th Rosary & Adoration@9am then Mass@

10:00am + Rob Belluz – Gemma Lamonato

Saturday 26th (Baptism during 5pm mass)

5:00pm + Scott McLeod – Ian McLennan and + Rob
Belluz – St. Mary's Choir and The
Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday 27th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + The Toffan Family – Dawn Ash

11:00am + Scott McLeod – Rita & Cam Moorhouse and
+ Rob Belluz – Myron & Paulette Romaniuk

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Isaiah 55.6-9)

2nd reading: (Philippians 1.20-24, 27)

Gospel: (Matthew 20.1-16)

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 19 – Kim/Rabi (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Sept. 20 – Dale/Kayden (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)

Sept. 26 – Gilles/Kim (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Sept. 27 – Miranda/Ingrid (Lectors), Greg(EMHC)

What's going on?!

Sept. 19 – St. Mary's Youth Group – 5-9pm

Sept. 20 – Men's Group Meeting – 2pm

Sept. 23 – Catechism Class after morning mass

Sept. 28-Oct. 2 – Father away on Retreat

Oct. 4 – Annual Life Chain Event – 2pm

Oct. 7 – CWL Potluck & Meeting – 6pm



The Catholic Women's League
50/50 tickets are now
available! CWL members are
encouraged to pick up books of
tickets to sell from the Raffle

Convenor, Anita Artyszuk or at the Parish Office.
Tickets are \$2 each and each book has 10 tickets.
The 2026 *maximum jackpot* is \$3500! The draw
date is Sunday, November 15. All proceeds are
donated to our community!



St. Mary's 115th Anniversary Potluck Celebration

Thank you to the organizers and clean up crew and
all who attended this event! It was a great day to
start our year long celebrations for our 115th
Anniversary!

OUR CHURCH HISTORICAL TRIVIA

Did you know???

As well as missionaries promoting the Catholic
faith, the French traders and explorers also did.
Most of them were Catholic and promised their
mothers they would practise their faith. When
starting on a trip they usually blessed
themselves with the Sign of the Cross and sang
religious hymns as they paddled along. They
had rosary beads, crucifixes, medals and other
religious articles.

**Our next Catechism class will be on
Wednesday, Sept. 23rd after 9:20am mass.**

CATECHISM

Answering questions about faith



**The annual CWL Harvest
Basket Raffle will be held at the
October Potluck gathering on
October 7th. Please consider
dropping off a donation for the basket. A basket
is in the church lobby to receive donations. Your
support is appreciated!**

Join us on Sunday, October 4th for the Annual Life Chain Event. **We will start with special prayers at 2pm at St. Mary's. We will have signs available at 2:30pm then we will head to Scott Street. Everyone is welcome to peacefully, publicly, and safely call upon our community to protect human life.**



St. Mary's Choir welcomes back all returning members and any new members (high school age and up). Our first mass will be on Saturday, September 26th at 5pm. We will meet at 3:45pm to practice for the mass. We will discuss future practices and schedules after this. We hope to see you!

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 or talk to Father Kevin if you are willing to help inspire faith in our children.



The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on 26 and 27 September 2026. Each year, this collection gives Catholics in every parish an opportunity to support the shared mission of the Church in our country. When you give, your offering begins in your parish but does

not end there. It strengthens the mission of your diocese or eparchy and helps sustain the common work of the Bishops of Canada through the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). In this way, Catholics in communities across the country support one another in a truly shared mission.

Job Opportunity: The Diocese of Thunder Bay is seeking a Full-Time Executive Secretary. The successful candidate will work closely with the Bishop's Office and collaboratively with ministry offices at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. They will also provide assistance to Roman Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Thunder Bay. If you wish to be considered for this position, please submit your resume to: Director of Personnel, P.O. Box 10400, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6T8, Fax (807)343-9114, Email: bpsec@dotb.ca



The date has been set for the Annual

CWL Christmas Tea & Bazaar – Nov. 15, 2026!

Ladies, when doing your fall cleaning and you come across items you no longer need, please consider donating them to the bazaar (i.e. Silent Auction, prize tables, jewellery table, scarfs, belts, hats, purses, Christmas table and Sewing table (sewing, knitting, etc.). You are welcome to drop donations off at the parish office. Your donations ensure a successful bazaar.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Padre Pio: Miracle Man - This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church. **Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints** - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist. **Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25** - Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they begin studying the Gospel of Matthew by introducing St. Matthew and looking at chapter 1 of this incredible gospel <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, Joyce Gosselin, Isabella Keuler, Arlene Kolynchuk, Maria Langenfurth, Beatrice Lambert, 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, 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

Sept. 13, 2026: St. Mary's - \$2231.20

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$842.00

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