

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.**



How Many Times?

September 13, 2026
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 15th (Rosary at 9am)

9:20am + Charles & + Albert Turgeon – The Family

Wednesday 16th

9:20am + Roland Brucker – Margrit Schaum

Thursday 17th @ Rainycrest

10:00am Intentions of Grandchildren Starting New School Year – Frank & Monique Strain

Friday 18th Rosary & Adoration@9am then

Mass@

10:00am + Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 19th

5:00pm + Mary Kolynchuk – The Family and + Luke Schill – Josie and The Intentions of Carole MacKintosh for her 90th Birthday – Jim & Sandra McKinnon

Sunday 20th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + Lee Kloer – Mary O'Connor and The Intentions of All Parishioners

11:00am + Bea Galbraith – Terry & Kathy Mueller

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Sirach 27.30-28.7)

2nd reading: (Romans 14.7-9)

Gospel: (Matthew 18.21-35)

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 12 – Gilles/Gemma (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Sept. 13 – Jeremiah/Marie(Lectors), Kathy(EMHC)

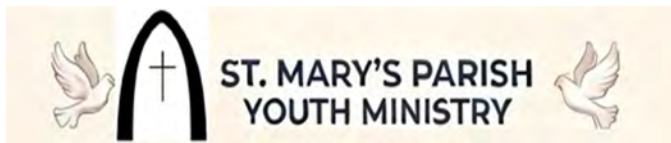
Sept. 19 – Kim/Anna (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

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



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.



St. Mary's Youth Group for grades 7-12 will be starting this fall. We are planning our first **Youth**

Night Saturday, September 19th from 5-9pm.

Please contact Kenny Desjardins at 807-276-4079 for more information.



Please pick up a copy of the 115th Parish Anniversary and information regarding the special Marian Grotto project. They are available in the lobby by the bulletins.

St. Mary's 115th Anniversary Potluck Celebration

Please join us on Sunday, September 13th following the 11am mass for a Parish Potluck to mark our first Parish Feast Day. The potluck is the first event of the Anniversary year and will 'Kick-off' our 115th celebrations. Let's come together as a parish family to commemorate this wonderful milestone with good food, fellowship, and gratitude for our parish community.

We look forward to celebrating with you.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

We will need some help with clean-up and dishes after this event. Thank you!

OUR CHURCH HISTORICAL TRIVIA

Did you know???

The beginning of Christianity in the Rainy Lake region dates all the way back to 1732 when the first Catholic priest, a Jesuit named Charles Messaiger appeared in the region with LaVerendrye, his sons, Pierre and Francois, and a complement of 25 men. They stopped here at Fort St. Pierre long enough to celebrate the first mass in the region, most likely on July 15th.

What's going on?!

Sept. 13 – 115th Anniversary Potluck Celebration Luncheon after the 11am mass

Sept. 15 – Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Meeting – 1pm

Sept. 16 – 115th Anniversary Committee Meeting – 5:30pm

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



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 26 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!

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!



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, after the weekend masses 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 15th. All proceeds are donated to our community!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the *After the Bell* food pack program this summer. We were able to distribute **205 food**



packs and fresh fruits and vegetables to children throughout the months of July and August. 40 of the food packs were provided to children that were evacuated from their communities due to the fires during the month of July. This program helped ensure that local kids had access to nutritious snacks during the summer break.



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 Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary - The

Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. **Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori** - The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer. **Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer** - Discover the value of redemptive motherhood by tuning in to Anna Mitchell, co-host of EWTN's "The Son Rise Morning Show." Anna shares the story of her five-year-old's serious illness along with the miraculous intercession of a fourth-century martyr.

<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

Aug. 30, 2026: St. Mary's - \$2008.95

Sacred Heart - \$130.00

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$1235.35

Sept. 6, 2026: St. Mary's - \$1620.00

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$871.75

The third Sunday of every month will be Food Box Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items for the needy.



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