

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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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 - 6:00pm
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 8:30am OLOL

Confessions

Tuesday - 5:45pm
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

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.**



**For many are called,
but few are chosen.**

October 11, 2026
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY ROSARY MONTH
OCTOBER

MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Monday 12th Thanksgiving Day Mass

10:00am Intentions of Georges & Linda Blanc in
Celebration of Their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday 13th (Rosary 5:40pm)

6:00pm + Jack & + Mary Ducharme – The Family

Wednesday 14th (Rosary 9am)

9:20am + Robert Belluz – The LePine Family

Thursday 15th @ Rainycrest

10:00am + Ella Desserre – Marg Rousseau

Friday 16th Rosary & Adoration@9am then Mass @

10:00am + Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 17th

5:00pm + Wayne Armstrong – The Family and + Don,
+ Eileen & + Eloise McGee – Lynn & Phyllis
Kellar and The Intentions of All
Parishioners

Sunday 18th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + Janice Parks – Kathy & Donna

11:00am + Perpetua & + Rommel Blasé – The Family
And + Claude, + Helen & + Claude Jr.
DeBenedet – The Family

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Isaiah 25.6-10a)

2nd reading: (Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20)

Gospel: (Matthew 22.1-14)

Ministry Schedule

Oct. 10 – Kim/Anna (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Oct. 11 – Jeremiah/Miranda (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)

Oct. 17 – Rabi/Kim (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Oct. 18 – Anne/Ingrid (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Oct. 12 – Thanksgiving Day Mass – 10am

Oct. 13 – Catechism after morning Mass
– Bereavement Meeting – 1pm

Oct. 15 – EMHC Meeting – 6:30pm

Oct. 16 – World Food Day Event – Rosary @6:30pm
followed by reception in the church hall

Oct. 17 – Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville
Commitment after the 5pm mass followed
by refreshments

Oct. 18 – Men's Group Meeting – 2pm

**Our Children's Liturgy Team would
like to invite new volunteers and
interested parishioners to come and
see a session in action! The Children's
Liturgy will be on October 18 & 25.
We invite you to join us on one of these Sundays.
We need you to continue to offer this program.**

**OUR
CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY
NEEDS YOU**



**The next Men's
Group Meeting will
be on Sunday, Oct.
18th at 2pm.**



**Please pick up an updated copy
of the 115th Parish Anniversary
(we have changed some of the
future dates) and information
regarding the special Marian
Grotto project.**

**They are available in the lobby
by the bulletins and at the back of the church.**

OUR CHURCH HISTORICAL TRIVIA

Did you know???

**While Fort Frances was still considered a village,
the Venerable Marguerite d'Youville – founder of the
Grey Nuns – was designated the Patron Saint of Fort
Frances. As a note of interest....her brother was
Christopher Dufrost de le Jemmerage who built Fort
St. Pierre in 1731 and who was also LaVerendrye's
nephew.**

**We have been asked to help provide
some meals for the displaced
residents of Rose Manor. We will
deliver a hot lunch on Oct 17 and Oct
29. We are looking for donations of
loaves sandwiches and ingredients for stews. There is
a signup sheet in the lobby - you are also welcome to
donate money for ingredients. Contact Kim LePine
@8072757832 if you have any questions or would like
to help prepare. Thank you!**



World Food Day 2026 is Friday October 16.

St. Mary's CWL is hosting a World Food Day
event! Everyone is welcome! We will begin
with a rosary at 6:30pm followed by a
reception in the Church Hall where we will
share a light snack and enjoy an activity that
illustrates the inequity of food distribution in our world.

Please bring a loonie or a toonie as a token of
acknowledgement that we get more than our share. A
donation will be made to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (a
Christian response to hunger in the world). **We will also
accept donations of non-perishable food items on World
Food Day as well as at all weekend masses October 17 and
18.** Thank you for your generosity and your support of
"Setting the Table for Peace", the theme of World Food Day
2026. We look forward to seeing you!

We will have Catechism Class on Tuesday,
Oct. 13th and Wednesday, Oct. 28th after mass.

CATECHISM

Answering questions about faith



The Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign has begun and runs until December 31, 2026. The theme this year is **"Love as Jesus Loved"**. The goal for St. Mary's is \$21,000. The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$5,100.

Bishop Campeau has asked us "to work together to build the diocesan Church and serve one another. I

pray that the image of the Sacred heart of Jesus not simply be an image to look at, but be an image that speaks to us, and calls us to know Jesus' heart, to appreciate the depth of His love, and to share that love generously."



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.**



MASS TIMES

Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday	9:20am
Thursday @ Rainycrest	10:00am
Friday (Rosary and Adoration @ 9:00am)	10:00am
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am (LOL)
	11:00am

The Parish Office is back to regular hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm



The Associates of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville will renew their yearly commitment after the **5pm Mass on Saturday, October 17th**. This will be followed by refreshments served in the church lobby. There will also be information available about the Associates Group.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Women's League

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CASH PRIZE of 1/2 TICKETS
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To Be Drawn: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 6, 2026

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FORMED

An Ardent Heart - This film tells the dramatic story of Lupe Valdes, a best-selling writer who investigates the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in search of inspiration for her next novel. Guided by an expert in sacred mysteries, she discovers the historical evidence of the mystical revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary. **St. Teresa of Avila** - A powerful epic mini-series shot on location in Spain that tells the story of one of the most amazing women in history, St. Teresa of Avila. With meticulous attention to detail and historical accuracy, this acclaimed major film production is the definitive film on the life of this great saint. **St. Ignatius of Antioch** - Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. <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, Mason Hebert

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - Curtis Jourdain, Dale Krueger, Roger Fillion, Marilyn Perreault, Heather Jeffers

Offertory Collection for Weekend of

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Our Lady of Lourdes - \$738.50



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