St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



A Special 115th Anniversary Year

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

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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Rev. Fr. Kevin Ezeobi, SMMM, Pastor

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Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary
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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.



October 18, 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 20th (Rosary 8:40am)
9:00am + Bob Mitchelson – Nadine & J. Paul Condon and **+** Daren Henry – Mel & Jeannette DeGagne

Wednesday 21st NO MASS

Thursday 22nd @ Rainycrest
10:00am + Ella Desserre – The Roth Family

Friday 23rd Rosary & Adoration@9am then Mass @
10:00am + Rob Belluz – Bruce & Evelyn Rawn

Saturday 24th
5:00pm + Louis Quesne and **+** Robert Belluz – Gerald & Peggy Armstrong

Sunday 25th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)
9:00am + Ed Bruneau – Ernie & Jeanine Cousineau and The Intentions of All Parishioners
11:00am + Lourdes Pimentel – John Leschinski and **+** Brian Giroux – Jean Bujold

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st reading: (Isaiah 45.1, 4-6**)**
2nd reading: (1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab**)**
Gospel: (Matthew 22.15-21**)**

Ministry Schedule
Oct. 17 – Rabi/Kim (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)
Oct. 18 – Anne/Ingrid (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)
Oct. 24 – Anna/Gilles (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)
Oct. 25 – Miranda/Dale (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)

What's going on?!
Oct. 20 – Morning Mass @ 9am, rosary @ 8:40am – Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville – 1pm
Oct. 21 – No Mass – Father away
Oct. 25 – Lectors Training Meeting & Lunch after mass
Oct. 28 – Catechism Class after morning mass
Oct. 30 – Youth Group Pumpkin Carving – 6-8pm

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



Thank you to everyone who donated ingredients and offered to help with the meals for the residents of Rose Manor. We have everything we need for the dates we are supplying meals.





Calling all Lectors and those wanting to join the Lectors. We are having a training meeting and luncheon in the parish hall on Sunday, Oct 25th following the 11am mass. Please RSVP to Kim LePine @8072757832. We are looking forward to seeing you!



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???

In 1893 Fort Frances was considered a good-sized village. Shortly after coming here, the priest decided to open a school for Catholic pupils. There were not enough rate payers to organise a Separate School Board, so the school had to be designated a "Private School". A little house belonging to John Dwyer was rented. On the first day of school, November 8, 1892, only three pupils answered the call of the school bell.



Theme: "One in Christ, United in Mission"

World Mission Sunday stands as a powerful testament to our shared Catholic identity. Held annually on the second to last Sunday of October, this special day unites Catholics across continents in a singular purpose: supporting the Church where it faces its greatest challenges. Instituted by Pope Pius XI nearly a century ago, this collection remains unique as the only worldwide effort directly sustaining 1,124 mission territories where the Church is nascent, vulnerable, or facing persecution. World Mission Sunday calls Catholics worldwide to support the Church where it's young or challenged. Your prayers and donations provide essential resources for communities that cannot sustain themselves—funding church construction, pastoral care, education, and healthcare. When your parish participates, you join Catholics everywhere in making possible the work of missionaries who build churches, train seminarians, support catechists, and serve vulnerable communities. Together, we fulfill our baptismal call to share the Gospel and become one Church bringing hope to all peoples.

The next Men's Group Meeting will be this Sunday, Oct. 18th at 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.

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 Scared 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.

CWL 50/50 tickets will be for sale at next weekend's masses. They are also available from CWL members and the parish office.

Thank you **Adam Cousineau** for replacing the cement at the back entrance. Special thanks to **Mike at Belluz Concrete** for the donation towards the cement replacement. We are blessed by your generous talents and treasures you have shared with us.

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St. Luke | Catholic Saints - Known as the beloved physician and faithful friend of St. Paul, St. Luke is a crucial figure for the Church's knowledge of Christ's earthly ministry and the early Church. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore the life and legacy of the author of the Gospel according to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. **Pope John Paul II** - Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. **Slaves and Kings** - Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
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

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Our Lady of Lourdes - $967.50

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