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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Pastoral Team

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 25, 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 27th (Rosary @ 5:40pm)
6:00pm + Louis Quesnel – The LePine Family and
+ John Joseph – The Family

Wednesday 28th (Rosary @ 9am)
9:20am + Yvonne Audet – Mel & Jeannette DeGagne And The Intentions of George & Linda Blanc on Their 60th Wedding Anniversary – Your Dear Friends

Thursday 29th @ Rainycrest
10:00am + Lawrence & **+** Ella Desserre – Marg Rousseau

Friday 30th Rosary & Adoration@9am then Mass @
10:00am + Pat Basaraba – Gemma Lamonato

Saturday 31st
5:00pm + Louis Quesnel – Gemma Lamonato and The Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday 1st (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)
9:00am + Pat Basaraba – Marg Rousseau
11:00am + Anita Lat – The Family and **+** Louis Quesnel - Bernice, Mike & John Kempf

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st reading: (Exodus 22.21-27**)**
2nd reading: (1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10**)**
Gospel: (Matthew 22.34-40**)**

Ministry Schedule

Oct. 24 – Anna/Gilles (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)
Oct. 25 – Miranda/Dale (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)
Oct. 31 – Kim/Gemma (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)
Nov. 1 – Marie/Dale (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Oct. 25 – Lectors Training Meeting & Lunch after 11am mass
Oct. 28 – Catechism Class after morning mass
Oct. 30 – Youth Group Pumpkin Carving – 6-8pm
Nov. 2 – Memorial Mass @ OLOL – 12pm
– Memorial Mass @ St. Mary's – 6pm
Nov. 4 – CWL Mass for Deceased – 6pm followed by Reception and General Meeting
Nov. 6 – Mass for Deceased Priests and Parishioners - 6pm (no morning mass)

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





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 1894, religious services were held at the Louis Hamel house located on the site of the old Fort Frances High School on Portage Avenue. On September 9, 1894 High Mass was chanted for the first time.



OLOL Memorial Mass will be on Monday, November 2nd @ 12pm.
St. Mary's Memorial Masses will be on Monday, November 2nd @ 6pm.

At these masses we will remember our deceased parishioners in a special way who passed away between November 2025 and October 2026. If you have a loved one who has passed away during this time, please contact the parish office at 807-274-5233 or stmarys@tbaytel.net to be assured they are on the list.





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 25. We invite you to join us. We need you to continue to offer this program.

The Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign 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."



November 15, 2026

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

Calling all bakers!

Our Christmas Bazaar bake table NEEDS your donations! All donations are most welcome. Please pass this information along to friends and family. Please drop off your baking (marked "bake table") in the church basement: on the afternoon of Saturday, November 14th or before/after the weekend masses.
Happy baking!
Thank you!





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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
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What Catholics Believe About Halloween - Is Halloween really a pagan holiday—or is it deeply Christian? In this episode of What Catholics Believe, Dr. Ben Akers explains the Catholic roots of Halloween, its connection to All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and how Catholics can celebrate it faithfully. Discover the history of trick-or-treating, the dangers of the occult, the meaning behind costumes, and even the Catholic perspective on vampires and zombies. **Eternal Rest** - We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a new offering of the Augustine Institute. **Who is St. Jude? | Catholic Saints** - Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle St. Jude.
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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