

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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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 - 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.**



THE PARABLE OF THE WICKED TENANTS

October 4, 2026
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 6th (Rosary 5:40pm)

6:00pm + Robert Belluz – Marg Rousseau & Family

Wednesday 7th (Rosary 9am)

9:20am + Beloved Deceased – The Bereavement Group and Intentions of Frank & Monique Strain – Margrit Schaum

Thursday 8th @ Raincrest

10:00am + Clora McEvoy – Marg Rousseau

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

10:00am + Dorothy Dokuchie – St. Mary's Catholic Women's League

Saturday 10th

5:00pm + Gaston Godbout – Vince & Barb Godbout and + Bud & + Betty Kellar – Lynn & Phyllis Kellar

Sunday 11th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + David Fontana – Louella Anderson and The Intentions of All Parishioners

11:00am + Lourdes & + Dionisio Bernardez – The Family



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.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Isaiah 5.1-7)

2nd reading: (Philippians 4.6-9)

Gospel: (Matthew 21.33-43)

Ministry Schedule

Oct. 3 – Gemma/Gilles (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Oct. 4 – Jeremiah/Marie (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

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

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

What's going on?!

Oct. 4 – Annual Life Chain Event – 2pm

Oct. 7 – CWL Mass, Potluck & Meeting – 6pm

Oct. 9 – Mass for those who received the faith, the First Christians

Oct. 13 – Bereavement Meeting – 1pm

Oct. 15 – EMHC Meeting – 6:30pm

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

Our Children's Liturgy Team would like to invite new volunteers and interested parishioners to come and see a session in action!

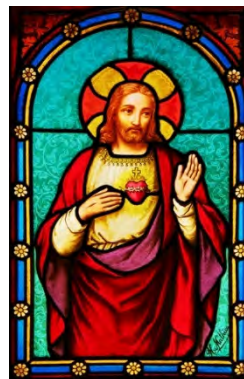
The Children's Liturgy will be on October 4, 18 & 25. We invite you to join us on one of these Sundays. We need you to continue to offer this program.



OUR CHURCH HISTORICAL TRIVIA

Did you know???

On September 21, 1893 four priests, all Oblates of Mary Immaculate, arrived in Fort Frances to establish a permanent mission centre. They went to the little house belonging to the missionary. This building stood on what is now Mowat and Portage Avenue, near Sinclair Street. They were Father Charles Cahill, Father Adelard Langevin, Father Joseph Camper and Father Philip Vales.



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."

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

**St Mary's Parish
Scholarship/Bursary & The
Albert & Ron Bernardi**

Memorial Bursary - St. Mary's Parish offers a scholarship and two bursaries for active members of St. Mary's Parish completing high school and continuing for higher education. The students must also be active with our Youth Program. The program is just getting started again. Please keep this in mind when applying for these awards.



**The date has been set for the Annual
CWL Christmas Tea & Bazaar – Nov. 15, 2026!**

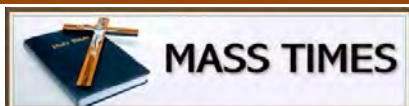
Ladies, when doing your fall cleaning and you come across items you no longer need, please consider donating them to the bazaar (i.e. Silent Auction, prize tables, jewellery table, scarfs, belts, hats, purses, Christmas table and Sewing table (sewing, knitting, etc.). You are welcome to drop donations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



**Fall Mass & Potluck Supper,
Wednesday, October 7th beginning at 6pm**

All women of the parish are invited to join us as we welcome visiting Catholic women from our district parishes for prayer and fellowship. As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded to be grateful for our faith communities and for the opportunities we have to be of service to others.

Hope to see you there!



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**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Women's League

50/50 DRAW

**CASH PRIZE of 1/2
TICKETS SOLD**

To Be Drawn: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 6, 2026

2,000 Tickets Printed | \$2/ticket

Available from CWL members and the parish office.



FORMED

Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy - This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.

Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi - In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ. **Into Great Silence** - Nestled deep in the postcard-perfect French Alps, the Grande Chartreuse is considered one of the world's most ascetic monasteries. In 1984, German filmmaker Philip Gröning wrote to the Carthusian order for permission to make a documentary about them. They said they would get back to him. Sixteen years later, they were ready.

<http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>



CAUTION

**MAINTENANCE
IN PROGRESS**

Next week we will be having the cement slab at the back door replaced. Please use the main front entrance on Victoria Avenue or the meeting room entrance off the parking lot.

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

Sept. 27, 2026: St. Mary's - \$6123.00

Our Lady of Lourdes - \$847.38



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