

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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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.**



THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

September 27, 2026
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 29th – Friday 2nd

NO MASSES – FATHER AWAY

Saturday 3rd

5:00pm + Sue Bagacki – A Parishioner and + Terry
and + Shannon Kawulia – The Revus Family

Sunday 4th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + The Brunetta Family – Dawn Ash

11:00am + Maria Emilia and + Fernanda Freitas – The
Leschinski Family and The Intentions of
All Parishioners

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Ezekiel 18.25-28)

2nd reading: (Philippians 2.1-11)

Gospel: (Matthew 21.28-32)

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 26 – Gilles/Kim (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)
Sept. 27 – Miranda/Ingrid (Lectors), Greg(EMHC)
Oct. 3 – Gemma/Gilles (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)
Oct. 4 – Dale/Marie (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Sept. 28-Oct. 2 – Father away on Retreat
Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- Parish closed
Oct. 4 – Annual Life Chain Event – 2pm
Oct. 7 – CWL Mass, Potluck & Meeting – 6pm



**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!**

**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.**



**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???

**After being visited by many pioneer
missionaries, usually sent from St. Boniface,
Fort Frances became a permanent mission with
Father Charles Cahill being appointed the first
resident priest.**



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.”



**“On the National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation, we honour the resilience and
strength of Indigenous peoples, acknowledge
the past with a commitment to a future build
on understanding, justice and unity.”
The parish will be closed this day.**

Join thousands across Canada in a pro-life demonstration on Sunday, October 4th for the Annual Life Chain Event. **Please gather at St. Mary's for special prayers at 2pm**



followed by the distribution of signs and the silent prayerful vigil for the sanctity of life. For those unable to attend, you may participate by praying at home. Thank you for your caring hearts!

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.

This weekend, our parish joins Catholics from coast to coast in supporting the shared mission of the **Church in Canada**. Your gift strengthens the mission of our diocese and, together with the gifts of Catholics across the country, supports work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone. Through this collection, we help the Church proclaim the Gospel, support families and communities, promote respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, accompany migrants and refugees, and provide catechetical resources for Catholics throughout Canada. What begins as a gift in our parish becomes part of the shared mission of the Church across the country. Please give prayerfully and generously. There are extra envelopes at the back of the church.

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World Day of Migrants and Refugees

27-IX-2026



"Even just one of these children"

"Each year the World Day of Migrants and Refugees invites us to turn our attention to different aspects of the complex phenomenon of migration. For this 112th World Day, the theme, "Even just one of these children," draws our attention to the minors directly involved in the experience of migration and flight, to the care owed to them, and to the Lord's promise that "whoever receives one such child in my name receives me" (Mk 9:37). Let us entrust migrant and refugee children to the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary who, together with Saint Joseph and the child Jesus experienced the cruelty of Herod's violence and the tragedy of exile in Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-15). May she accompany their steps and help our communities to become living and credible signs of the Gospel."

LEO PP. XIV



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.



St. Therese | Littlest Saints - Which flower in Jesus's garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her "little" answer to these questions. **St. Jerome | Catholic Saints** - An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." **Who Are the Archangels?** - Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives. <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, Laverne (Gabby) Caul, Marilyn Perreault, Heather Jeffers

Offertory Collection for Weekend of

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Our Lady of Lourdes - \$837.60

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