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

Parish Staff

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.

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK
Tuesday 17th (Rosary @ 5:40pm)
6:60pm + Robert Belluz – Bev Mylenchuk
Wednesday 18th (Rosary@9am)
9:20am + Jim Craig – The Family
Thursday 19th @ Rainycrest @ 10am
10:00am + Eva Collett – Josie Schill
Friday 20th Rosary & Adoration@9am then Mass @
10:00am + Tony Morelli – The Family and **+** Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 21st
5:00pm + Robert Belluz – Kyleigh & Susan Ossachuk and **+** Josephine Belluz – The Belluz & Gurski Families
Sunday 22nd (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)
9:00am + George Supinski – The Family and **+** Louis Quesnel – Ian McLennan
11:00am + Clement Sampaio – John Leschinski and **+** Bea Galbraith – Jamie & Tina Roth and The Intentions of All Parishioners

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st reading: (Proverbs 31.10-13,16-18,20,26,28-31**)**
2nd reading: (1 Thessalonians 5.1-6**)**
Gospel: (Matthew 25.14-30**)**

Ministry Schedule
Nov. 14 – Gilles/Gemma (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)
Nov. 15 – Jeremiah/Mizziel (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)
Nov. 21 – Kim/Anna (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)
Nov. 22 – Miranda/Ingrid (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

What's going on?!
Nov. 15 – CWL Christmas Tea & Bazaar – 2-4pm
Nov. 15 – No Children's Liturgy
Nov. 17 – Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville – 1pm
Nov. 18 – Catechism Class after mass
Nov. 21 – Youth Mexican Night – after 5pm mass (6-9)



The Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign runs until December 31, 2026. The theme this year is ***"Love as Jesus Loved"***. **St. Mary's has collected $8,550 towards our goal of $21,000. Our Lady of Lourdes has collected $300 towards our goal of $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
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE PRESENTS

A CHRISTMAS TEA & BAZAAR
Sunday, November 15, 2026
2:00 – 4:00pm
Admission
$6.00 Adults/$2.00 Children (under 7)
Crafts/Mini-Draws/Special Draws
Clothesline/Cookie Draws/50/50
Diamond Dot Art/Jewelry Table
Sewing Table/Bake Table/Kid's Zone
White Elephant/Silent Auction

Christmas Choir



Come and join the Christmas Choir!! Tentative practice dates are: November 30, December 7, 14, 21, from 6:30-8:30pm. Please contact the parish office or Debbie Jean. Your participation adds a special touch to our Christmas celebrations!



OUR CHURCH HISTORICAL TRIVIA
Did you know???
A second attempt at a Catholic School occurred at the house/chapel. On school days the Blessed Sacrament was removed from the chapel and a drop-curtain hid the altar during school hours. Miss Boileau was the only teacher. After a year the school was abandoned. After that, Catholic students went to public school and on Saturdays came to the chapel for catechism classes.

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Meat Pies for Mary Fundraiser



We are excited to offer a special *Meat Pies for Mary* fundraiser to help raise funds for our Marian Grotto Project. Every pie purchased will help bring us closer to completing this beautiful space of prayer for our parish family. Pre-sales will be available before and after all weekend Masses and at the Parish office until November 22nd.

Cost: $20 for a hearty 9" Cousineau family recipe pork and potato filled meat pie – perfect for family meals or holiday gatherings. **Pick up Date**: All pre-ordered pies will be ready for pick up on Saturday, November 28th between 12-2pm.

We need volunteers and warmly invite parishioners to sign up and help prepare the pies on Friday, November 27th and Saturday November 28th. Whether you're a seasoned cook or simply eager to lend a hand, your help makes a meaningful difference. Cooking together is always filled with fellowship, laughter, and the joy of working together for Our Lady. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. For more information contact Miranda Sigurdson.



Event Date: November 21st | RSVP by November 15th to the parish office or Kenny Desjardins

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Pope Leo XIV has declared Sunday **15 November 2026 to be the tenth World Day of the Poor**, with the theme of ***"The Lord is the refuge of the poor."*** *(Ps 14:6)*

In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father reminds us that God is "the refuge of the poor," urging Christians to re-examine their own commitment to justice and solidarity and to reflect Christ by becoming a tangible refuge for the vulnerable and marginalised. The Holy Father emphasises that God's refuge becomes a concrete reality in Jesus Christ, who shared in human poverty all the way to the Cross. In the Church, his Body, it is Jesus "who offers bread and friendship; he brings light and opens a horizon of hope; he calls each person by name and restores dignity to all." On this day we are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. As we reach out with love and support, let us hold all members of our global family in our prayers.

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How to Advent | Episode 3 - The often-forgotten Jesse tree reminds us of God's faithful fulfillment of all his promises (of which there are so many throughout all of salvation history!). In Christ, he keeps every promise he has made, from Adam and Eve to John the Baptist. His promises of peace and salvation apply not just to ancient Israel, but to all of us today. Join us in learning about this hidden gem of an Advent tradition and how it can help you and your family walk through Advent in the light of Sacred Scripture**. The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3** The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death. **Lectio: Mary** - Join Dr. Brant Pitre in this 8-part Bible Study on Mary, the Mother of God. http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed

Please pray for……..



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

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