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

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.



November 22, 2026

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 24th (Rosary @ 5:40pm)
6:00pm + Dorothy Brita Hahn – The Sivonen Family
Wednesday 25th (Rosary@9am)
9:20am + Darren Henry – Micaela, Doug & Tyler Jensen
Thursday 26th @ Rainycrest @ 10am
10:00am + Ella & **+** Lawrence Desserre – Marg Rousseau and The Intentions of Betty Mueller – Anne Zucchiatti
Friday 27th Rosary & Adoration@9am then Mass @ 10:00am + Brian Giroux – Jean Bujold
Saturday 28th
5:00pm + Denis & + RoseMarie DeGagne – Alan & Marie Brady and **+** Diego "Dino" Morelli – Francesco & Julian Morelli
Sunday 29th FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)
9:00am + Louis Quesnel – Teresa Dennis and The Intentions of All Parishioners
11:00am + Almerinda Sampaio – John Leschinski and **+** Perpetua & **+** Rommel Blasé – The Family

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
1st reading: (Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17**)**
2nd reading: (1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28**)**
Gospel: (Matthew 25.31-46**)**

Ministry Schedule

Nov. 21 – Kim/Anna (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)
Nov. 22 – Miranda/Ingrid (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)
Nov. 28 – Jean/Gilles (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)
Nov. 29 – Marie/Adrielle (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Nov. 21 – Youth Mexican Night – after 5pm mass (6-9)
Nov. 25 – Parish Council Meeting – 5:30pm
Nov. 28 – Meat Pies for Mary Pie pick up – 2-4pm
Dec. 2 – St. Mary School Mass @ 9:30am @ Church
Dec. 2 – CWL Christmas Mass & Potluck – 6pm
Dec. 9 – Mass for All Parishioners
Dec. 9 – 115th Anniversary Meeting – 5pm
Dec. 13 – Men's Group Meeting – 2pm

The Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign runs until December 31, 2026. The theme this year is ***"Love as Jesus Loved"***. **St. Mary's has collected $9,250 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."



OUR CHURCH HISTORICAL TRIVIA
Did you know???
On December 25, 1897 Midnight Mass was held at the little chapel in Fort Frances. Participants included not only people from International Falls, but quite a number of people from Protestant, Anglican and Methodist congregations. Everyone played a rose in what was deemed a lovely Midnight Mass.

Meat Pies for Mary Fundraiser



Please get your orders in for a hearty 9" Cousineau family recipe pork and potato filled meat pie for **$20**.
Pick up Date: All pre-ordered pies will be ready for pick up on **Saturday, November 28th between 2-4pm**.
For more information contact Miranda Sigurdson.





St. Mary's Catholic Women's League would like to thank our 50+ volunteers and bakers for all your contributions and to everyone who came out to make our Annual Christmas Tea & Bazaar a huge success. Details and winners will be announced soon!

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!

MEN'S GROUP

Our next Men's Group Meeting will be on **Sunday, December 13th at 2pm**. At this meeting we will be discussing the following: 1 Corinthians 6.9-10, Galatians 5.13, 19-21, Ephisians 5.5-6, Revelation 22.14-15, John 20.21-23, Luke 15.11-24, and Matthew 16.19.

FORMED

Sacred Art: Christ the King - Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. **The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4** - What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians. **How to Advent | Episode 4** - In this episode, we explore the incarnational meaning of the nativity set, traditions to follow within your own family, and how we're not only preparing for the birth of Christ that happened 2000 years ago – but the present reality that Christ will one day come again for us. Are you ready? http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed

The Volunteer Bureau is accepting winter coats, mitts, hats, etc. Donations can be dropped off at their location at 140 Fourth St. (CN Station) at the middle doors. Thank you!



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

If you have a loved one in the hospital or in Rainycrest, please let the parish office know so we can make arrangements to visit them and bring the Eucharist. Thank you.

Please pray for……..

ST. MARY'S - Shirley Fraser, Noella Hamilton, 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, Alfred Lowey

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