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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Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary
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Mr. Gerald Cousineau, Custodian

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.

Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

November 8, 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 10th (Rosary @ 5:40pm) Mass for Deceased Priests and Parishioners
6:00pm + Brian Giroux – Jean Bujold
Wednesday 11th (Rosary@9am) REMEMBRANCE DAY
9:20am + Beloved Deceased – The Bereavement Group
Thursday 12th @ Rainycrest
10:00am + Marjorie Smeeth – Marg Rousseau
Friday 13th Rosary & Adoration@9am then Mass @
10:00am + Robert Belluz – Dan & Kathy Loney
Saturday 14th
5:00pm + Anne Turgeon – The Family
Sunday 15th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)
9:00am + Jerome & **+** Valeda Cousineau – Ernie & Janine Cousineau and the Intentions of All Parishioners
11:00am + Almerinda Lesczynski – John Leschinski and the Intentions of Jesse & Nissa Blasé on their 56th Wedding Anniversary – The Family

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st reading: (Wisdom 6.12-16**)**
2nd reading: (1 Thessalonians 4.13-18**)**
Gospel: (Matthew 25.1-13**)**

Ministry Schedule

Nov. 7 – Anna/Ellen (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)
Nov. 8 – Anne/Kayden (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)
Nov. 14 – Gilles/Gemma (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)
Nov. 15 – Jeremiah/Mizziel (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

What's going on?!

Nov. 8 – Men's Group Meeting – 2pm
Nov. 10 – Bereavement Group Meeting – 1pm
Nov. 10 – Mass for Deceased Priests and Parishioners - 6pm followed by refreshments
Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day – Parish Office closed
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



The Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign runs until December 31, 2026. The theme this year is ***"Love as Jesus Loved"*. St. Mary's has collected $6,250 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."

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE PRESENTS

A CHRISTMAS TEA & BAZAAR

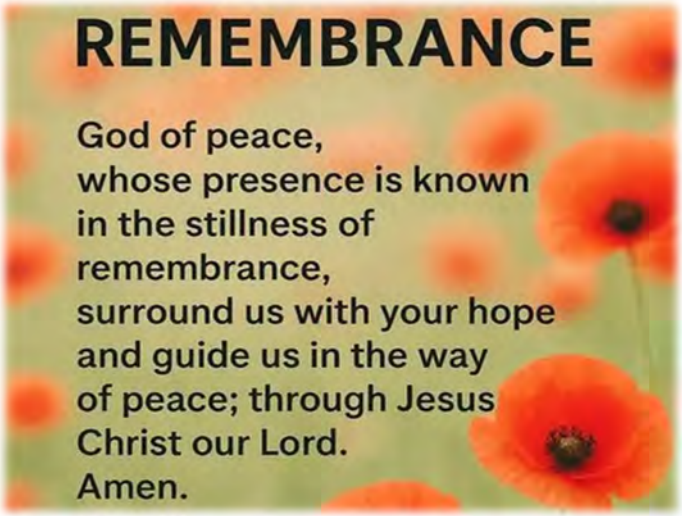
Sunday, November 15, 2026
2:00 – 4:00pm
Admission
$6.00 Adults/$2.00 Children (under 7)

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

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!
We also need help in the kitchen with baking and sandwich making. Please sign up in the lobby. Your contribution is deeply appreciated! Thank you.

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

ALL SOLD TICKETS NEED TO BE RETURNED by Tuesday, November 10th.



Christmas Choir



Come and join the Christmas Choir!! Tentative practice dates are: December 2, 9, 16 & 23, 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???

In September 1895 Father J.B. Baudin, o.m.i. became the first resident priest at "Our Lady of Perpetual Help" mission in Fort Frances.

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.

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.

MASS FOR THE DEAD

Join us on **Tuesday, November 10th** for a special mass at **6pm in Memory of Deceased Priests and Parishioners**. The mass will be followed by snacks and refreshments in the lobby.



Cabrini - From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of Sound of Freedom, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen. **The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2** - What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death. **How to Advent | Episode 2** - The Advent wreath is an invitation to enter into the waiting and preparation for the birth of our Savior! As we explore the meaning of the Advent wreath – its light, colors, and components – we can better grasp how we should be preparing our hearts. As the light from the candles grows brighter and brighter throughout the four weeks of Advent, so too grows our longing for the coming Light of Christ. 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, Marilyn Perreault, Heather Jeffers

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Our Lady of Lourdes - $752.00

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