

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

Serving the Roman Catholic Communities of Fort Frances  
and Couchiching First Nation



## Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00pm  
Sunday - 9:00am OLOL, 11:00am  
Tuesday - 6:00pm  
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 9:20am  
Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

## Parish Office

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## Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

## Parish Staff

Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary  
[stmarys@tbaytel.net](mailto:stmarys@tbaytel.net)  
Mr. Gerald Cousineau, Custodian

## Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Process begins in September, please call  
at any time

## Baptisms

Please call 3 months 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

## Confessions

Tuesday - Saturday - 9:00am  
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm  
Sunday 10:00 - 10:40am  
8:20 - 8:50 am OLOL  
or by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9:45 - 10:30am

## Holy Hour

First Friday 9:45 - 10:45am

## Rosary

Weekdays before mass  
Sunday 8:30am OLOL

## Join Us!

To become a parishioner, please complete  
a Parish Registration form at the entrance  
of the church.

## May 12, 2024 Pentecost Sunday

1st reading: (Acts 2.1-11)

2nd reading: (1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13)

Gospel: (John 20.9-23)

## MASSES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

### Tuesday 21st

6:00pm Intentions of Anne Zucchiatti - M.  
Mathews

### Wednesday 22nd

9:20am + Ray Taylor - Anna McNay

### Thursday 23rd @ St. Mary's

9:20am + Denis DeGagné - Frank Ball

### Friday 24th

9:20am + Mavis Dick - Dawn Ash

### Saturday 25th

9:20am + Anna & + Julius Woerz - Margrit  
Schaum  
5:00pm + Julie Halvorsen - Micaela, Doug &  
Tyler Jensen

### Sunday 26th The Most Holy Trinity (9am@OLOL)

9:00am + George, + Dolly, & + Chuck - The  
Family  
11:00am + Rommel Blase - The Family and  
+ Mickey Christiansen - The LaRoche  
Family

### Tuesday 28th

6:00pm + Mavis Dick - Marg Rousseau

### Wednesday 29th

9:20am + Carroll McFayden - St. Mary's  
Catholic Women's League

### Thursday 30th @ Rainycrest

10:00am + Ray Cousineau - Mel & Jeannette  
DeGagné

### Friday 31st

9:20am + Carroll McFayden - Gemma  
Lamonato

### Saturday 1st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:20am + Joe & + Mary Nell Gust - Frank Ball  
5:00pm + Ray Taylor - Marg Rousseau and  
The Intentions of Nicole LePine  
- The Family

### Sunday 2nd Corpus Christi (9am@OLOL)

9:00am The Intentions of Mel & Jeannette  
DeGagné  
11:00am + Robert Jolicoeur - Greg & Kathy  
Mercure and + Carroll McFayden  
- Frank & Monique Strain

(Events celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish are denoted by OLOL)

\*\*\*\*\*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.





May 19, 2024  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

# From the Pastor's Desk

## New Mission

Dear Friends,

I guess that few of us might have noticed our new mission statement in our bulletin.

Earlier it was:

**"We are bonded together by a deep, personal faith in Jesus Christ, and called to the fullness of Christian life by virtue of Baptism and Confirmation and the perfection of love."**

The new mission statement is:

**"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."**

This statement has two missions which take us to the two visions.

*Missions:* i) To glorify God. ii) To foster a belonging church.

*Visions:* iii) A church where everyone entering through our doors feel that they are welcomed and loved joyfully. iv) A church which leads everyone into an authentic, life changing relationship with Jesus.

I hope we all can assimilate these missions and work towards our visions. May the good Lord bless and keep us all safe.

In love and truth,  
Fr. Gino Mathias



The next "Gate of Healing" prayer group meeting will

be on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am. We will gather in the church immediately after mass.

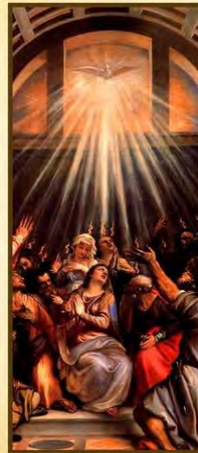
**JUST IN TIME FOR THE FISHING OPENER & MAY LONG WEEKEND!**

The winner of the fishing rod & tackle is Shawn Brady!!



Courtesy of Don Marquis and Gerald Cousineau

# Pentecost



Coming 50 days after Easter and ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, Pentecost ranks among the great feasts of Christianity along with Christmas and Easter.

Known as "**The Birthday of the Church**", it commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples, ushering the completion of the work of redemption and the gift of faith for all nations.

Catholic Fortress

## Ministry Schedule

- May 18 – Gilles/Ingrid (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)
- May 19 – Marie/Michael (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)
- May 25 – Kim/Gemma (Lectors), Karen (EMHC)
- May 26 – Dale/Miranda (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)

## What's going on?!

- May 21 – Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville – 1:00pm
- May 24 – The Crowning of Mary Prayer Service – 6:30pm followed by refreshments
- May 29 – Gate of Healing Prayer Group – 9:45am
- May 31 – Sacrament of Reconciliation – 6:00pm – Followed by FHC Rehearsal
- June 2 – First Holy Communion @ 11:am mass



CROWNING OF MARY

The Crowning of Mary prayer service will be held on Friday, May 24 at 6:30 followed with refreshments in the church hall. The May crowning is a special devotion expressing love and gratitude to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. For many decades, the lovely words and melody of the hymn "Bring Flowers of the Rarest" have been gracing the beautiful traditional crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The crowning is symbolic of Mary as Queen of Heaven and of our lives. Let us join in prayer and fellowship.





**2024 SCHEDULE**

**Friday, May 31, 2024 @ 6:00pm**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**  
**Followed by First Holy Communion**  
**Rehearsal**

**Sunday, June 2, 2024 @ 11:00am Mass**  
**Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

The celebration of these Sacraments will take place at St. Mary's Church.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Parish Office at 807-274-5233 or email [stmarys@tbaytel.net](mailto:stmarys@tbaytel.net).

**If your child needs to be baptized before they can receive their Sacrament of First Communion, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make arrangements.**



**Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel**

The first mass will be on **Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will start with a **Pilgrimage at St. Mary's at 5:30pm**. We will proceed to the Fire Hall. We will then have a **Rosary Procession at 6:30pm**. The Feast Day mass begins at 7:00pm.



If you want to dive into the beauty of the faith, if you and

your family want to grow closer to Christ and His church, we are here to help you. Click the link to take a look at what's on this week:

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



**Bishop Colli will be 75 years old in June and will most likely be retired by the end of June. His last public Mass in the Western Region will be on Sunday May 26, 2024 at St. Joseph's Church in Dryden at 3:30 pm. This will be a Mass honouring those in ministry and a farewell to Bishop Colli from the Western region. Everyone is welcome.**



**Please pray for.....**

**ST. MARY'S**

Shirley Fraser, Noella Hamilton, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Frank Strain, Bridger Hands, Ewan MacKintosh, Father Ben Hadrach, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Casey Hendrixx, Linda Blanc, Dave Egan, Rosanna Tweedie, Allison George, Lillian Bodnar, Sue Sivonen, Anna Busch, Murray Gibson, Lorraine Smith, Diane Gibson, Loretta Foran, Theresa Olson, Elma Wepruk, Pam Makarchuk, Yves Aucoin



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Dale Krueger, Roger Fillion, Gwen Beadle, Brian McPherson

<i>Offertory Collection for Weekend of</i>	
<i>May 5, 2024:</i>	<i>St. Mary's - \$6493.40</i>
	<i>Our Lady Of Lourdes - \$562.40</i>
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	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes - \$1200.40</i>



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