

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

## Parish Staff

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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 9:00am@OLOL, 11:00am  
Tuesday 6:30pm (in December)  
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 9:20am  
Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

## Confessions

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

## Eucharist Adoration

Friday 9:45 - 10:30am

## Holy Hour

First Friday 9:45 - 10:45am

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

## 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

## Rosary

Weekdays before mass  
Sunday 8:30am OLOL

## 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 let into an authentic, life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.





# December 1, 2024

## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT

*And then shall they see the Son of man  
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:00pm Rosary, followed by Novena to  
St. Anthony @ 6:20pm then mass**

**6:30pm + Jenny Biasiol – Margrit Schaum  
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am + Almerinda & + Clement Sampaio – John  
Leschinski**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am + Queenie Leschinski – Alan & Anne  
Zucchiatti**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8:40am Rosary followed by Novena to the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus @ 9:00am  
then mass**

**9:20am + Rick Ricard – The Family**

Pray that this Jubilee year strengthen our faith,  
helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily  
lives, that it may transform us into pilgrims of  
Christian hope.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am + Paulette DeVos – The Gurski Family**

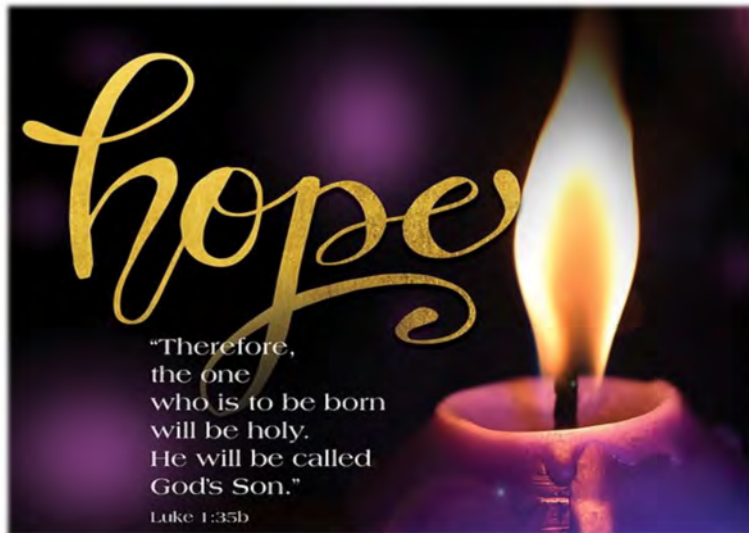
**5:00pm + Anne & + Albert Turgeon – The Family**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**9:00am + Bonnie Roach – Margrit Schaum**

**11:00am + Rommel Blasé – The Family and The  
Intentions of Estranged Loved Ones  
- Shelley**



### What's going on?!

Dec. 1 – Family Advent Making Workshop – 12-2pm

Dec. 3 – Rosary @ 6pm, Novena to St. Anthony  
@ 6:20pm, Mass @ 6:30pm followed by  
Eucharistic Adoration

Dec. 4 – CWL Christmas Potluck Supper @ **Senior  
Centre - 6pm**

Dec. 6 – Rosary @ 8:40am, Novena to the Sacred  
Heart of Jesus @ 9am followed by Mass

Dec. 9 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary – Rosary @ 10:40am followed  
by Mass @ 11am

Dec. 12 – Mass @ St. Mary School – 11:30am

Dec. 15 – Christmas Crafting for Children & their  
Families – 12-3pm

### December 1, 2024

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

1st reading: (Jeremiah 33.14-16)

2nd reading: (1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2)

Gospel: (Luke 21.25-28, 35-36)

### Ministry Schedule

Nov. 30 – Gilles/Kim (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)

Dec. 1 – Dale/Jeremiah (Lectors), Gayle (EMHC)

Dec. 7 – TBD (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)

Dec. 8 – TBD (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

*Join your sisters in the  
League at The Senior  
Centre (Sister Kennedy) on  
Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
at 6pm for*



*our CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK  
SUPPER. Members are encouraged  
to join in prayer and fellowship!*



**You are invited to join us on  
Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
following mass for Christmas  
crafts. Children & their families  
are encouraged to sign up at the  
back of the church. A light lunch will be  
served before the crafting begins!**



*Thank you  
for  
your donation*

Many thanks for giving  
such a generous amount

*We would like to thank Larry &  
Mitzi Armstrong for the  
donation to cover the costs of  
our new laptop in the church.*

*We also plan to purchase a  
Bluetooth speaker and a new microphone  
headset for Father Gino with these funds. We  
would also like to acknowledge a donation of  
funds to repair the elevator. We are so grateful to  
have such kind & generous parishioners.*

# From the Pastor's Desk

## Advent - Trust – Entrust

Advent is all about waiting with patience and trust. We can distinguish two specific kinds of waiting. The first kind is waiting for things we are certain will take place. The second kind is waiting without knowing what will happen. The first kind requires patience and belief while the second kind requires patience and trust.

Most of the waiting in our life is of the first kind. We know that if we are patient, time will pass, the day will come, and we will have the celebration. This first kind of waiting has a close and clear object as a goal.

The second kind of waiting has a goal that is less clear and less certain. It is an act of faith, a trust that our lives are not random or arbitrary, that there is a God who is guiding our life out of love and toward salvation. It is the waiting of Advent.

Advent leads us to a trust that, however our life unfolds, God is a part of that unfolding. What we are waiting for is God's own Advent, God's own coming into our lives. Advent is waiting with patience and trust in a God who is with us and who will emerge in our lives. Let us entrust ourselves to God in this Advent season.

In love and truth,  
Fr. Gino Mathias

*Advent Wreath Prayer*  
*O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. Amen.*



Families or Individuals are invited to light the candles on our Advent Wreath for the coming three weekends! Please let Father Gino or the parish office know if you are interested.

**FORMED** THIS WEEK ON FORMED:  
The profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa. Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more on Formed.org! Please check it out. Our parish has a subscription to Formed. You have free access to this great faith platform. Click the link to take a look at what's on this week: <http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>



**to donate to the Annual Diocesan Campaign.**

**St. Mary's has collected \$8,380 of our goal of \$24,500.**

**LOL has collected \$600 of our goal of \$4,000.**

The campaign runs until December 31, 2024.

**We need your support to reach our goal!**

**The balance that we do not collect comes out of the general funds of the parishes.**

Please pray for.....



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Shirley Fraser, Noella Hamilton, David Whalen, Frank Strain, Ewan MacKintosh, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Linda Blanc, Dave Egan, Rosanna Tweedie, Lillian Bodnar, Sue Sivonen, Anna Busch, Lorraine Smith, Loretta Foran, Theresa Olson, Yves Aucoin, Susan Hunking, Ronald Haukaas, Anita Artyszuk, Betty Mueller, Joyce Gosselin, Isabella Keuler, Arlene Kolynchuk, Maria Langenfurth

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Dale Krueger, Roger Fillion, Brian McPherson, Laverne (Gabby) Caul

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