

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



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## Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

## Parish Staff

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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 9:00am@OLOL, 11:00am  
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 9:20am  
Tuesday 6:30pm (in December)  
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 15, 2024 GUADETE SUNDAY

Prepare the Way  
For the Lord

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

**6:00pm Rosary then mass**

**6:30pm** + Kenneth Lee Hyatt – George & Bev Mylenchuk

**Followed by Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

**9:20am** + Carl Schaum Sr. - Margrit

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> @ Rainycrest

**10:00am** + Rosanna DeGagné-Tweedie – Margrit Schaum and + Eileen Klymko – Alan & Anne Zucchiatti

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Rosary then mass**

**9:20am** + Jo Belluz – Neil, Shirley & Bailey Whitefield

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> **(5pm – Reconciliation Mass with General Absolution)**

**9:20am** + Josephine Belluz \_ Margrit Schaum

**5:00pm** + Dennis Huntley - Grace

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> **(9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**(Reconciliation Mass with General Absolution)**

**9:00am** + Jennifer & + Jessica Perrault – The Family

**(Reconciliation Mass with General Absolution)**

**11:00am** + Jim, + Linda & + Mom – The Family

## December 15, 2024

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

1st reading: (Zephaniah 3.14-18a)

2nd reading: (Philippians 4.4-7)

Gospel: (Luke 3.10-18)

### Ministry Schedule

Dec. 14 – Shelley/Gemma (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Dec. 15 – Kim/Shelley (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)

Dec. 21 – Kim/Anna (Lectors), Karen (EMHC)

Dec. 22 – Miranda/Dale (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

Thank You  
for your donation

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank **George & Bev Mylenchuk** for the generous donation to our Roof Fund. We are grateful for your support of our parish!

## Third Sunday of Advent

"REJOICE IN  
THE LORD!"

*Let us look for moments of light and joy around us this week wherever we can; they might be nearer to us than we think!*

*Let us keep each other in our prayers and thoughts these days and soon we will be able to celebrate and pray with courage and conviction, that (we) the people in darkness have seen a great light.*

### What's going on?!

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

Dec. 18 – Coffee & refreshments with the Pastor after mass

Dec. 21 – Reconciliation with Mass with General Absolution @5pm mass

Dec. 22 – Reconciliation Mass with General Absolution @9am mass @ OLOL and @11am mass @ St. Mary's

Dec. 28 – Healing Mass @9:20am @ St. Mary's

Dec. 28 – Coffee & Cookies after the 5pm mass

Dec. 29 – Coffee & Muffins after the 9am mass @ OLOL

Dec. 29 – Coffee & Cookies after the 11am mass

**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. This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season. Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about 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>





**RECONCILIATION  
MASS WITH  
GENERAL  
ABSOLUTION**  
Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>  
5pm @ St. Mary's  
Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
9am @ OLOL  
11am @ St. Mary's

CONFESSION IS  
NOT FOR GOD'S  
GOOD; IT'S FOR  
OUR GOOD.



The campaign runs until  
December 31, 2024.  
We still have a way to go  
to reach our goal!

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



**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S  
MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, Dec. 24**

5pm Mass @ St. Mary's  
8pm Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes  
11pm Mass @ St. Mary's

**Wednesday, Dec. 25**

11am Mass @ St. Mary's

**Tuesday, Dec. 31 Thanksgiving Mass**

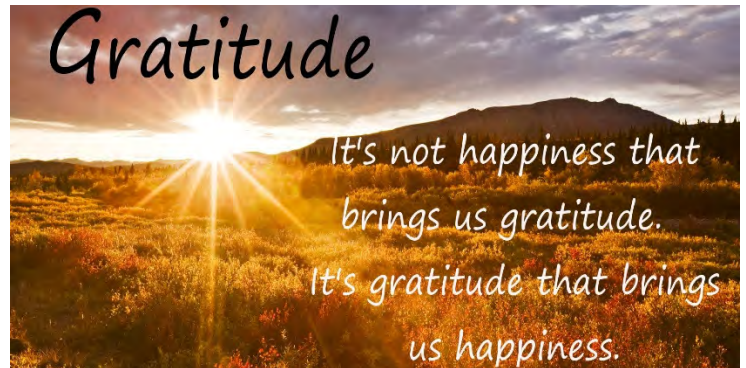
11am Mass @ St. Mary's

**Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025**

9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes  
11am Mass @ St. Mary's

The office will be closed for the holidays on  
December 24<sup>th</sup> and will remain closed until  
January 3<sup>th</sup>.

The office will re-open on January 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Sorry for any inconvenience this  
may cause.



Please pray for.....

**ST. MARY'S**

Shirley Fraser, Noella Hamilton, David Whalen, Frank Strain, Ewan MacKintosh, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Linda Blanc, Dave Egan, 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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