

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

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Pastoral Team

Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

Parish Staff

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 9:00am@OLOL, 11:00am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday@9:20am
Friday @ 10:00am
Thursday 10:00am@Rainycrest

Confessions

Tuesday - Saturday 9:00am
Saturday 3:00 - 4:30pm
8:30 - 8:50am OLOL or
by appointment

Eucharist Adoration

Friday 9:20 - 10:00am

Visit with Father Gino

at the Church/Office Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday 9:00 -
11:00am, 1:00 - 3:00pm

(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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
@ 9:00am

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.





January 12, 2025 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 14th

9:20am + Tony Morelli – Marg Rousseau

Wednesday 15th

9:20am + Tony Morelli – Frank & Monique Strain

Thursday 16th @ Raincrest

10:00am + Eileen Klymko – Pam Makarchuk

Friday 17th

10:00am + Tony Morelli – Evelyn Rawn

Saturday 18th

9:20am Special Intentions – Mel & Jeannette DeGagne

5:00pm + Casey Hendrikx – The Family and + Toni Edgett – The Wood Family

Sunday 19th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + Jim & + Linda MacDonald – Jim, Lori & Family

11:00am + Paulette DeVos – Greg & Kathy Mercure

Baptism of the Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7)

2nd reading: (Acts 10.34-48)

Gospel: (Luke 3.15-16, 21-22)

What's going on?!

Jan. 12 – Youth Group leaders/volunteers meeting after the 11am mass

Jan. 17 – Youth Group Game & Pizza Night @ St. Mary School from 4-7pm.

Jan. 22 – Coffee & Conversation after the morning Mass

Jan. 22 – Parish Council Meeting @ 5:00pm

Jan. 25 – Healing Mass @ 9:20am

Jan. 29 – Gate of Healing Prayer Group meeting after the morning mass

Ministry Schedule

Jan. 11 – Shelley/Kim (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Jan. 12 – Kayden/Michael (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

Jan. 18 – Anna/Gilles (Lectors), Karen (EMHC)

Jan. 19 – Dale/Marie (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)



First Friday of Every Month -

Novena to Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:40am Rosary, 9:00am Novena,
9:20am Mass

First Tuesday of Every Month -

Novena to St. Anthony – 8:40am Rosary,
9:00am Novena, 9:20am Mass

Every Wednesday - Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help 8:40am Rosary, 9:00am Novena, 9:20am Mass

From the Pastor's Desk

Jubilee Year 2025

Dear friends,

The Jubilee Year 2025, themed "Pilgrims of Hope", marks a significant spiritual event in our Catholic Church, inviting all of us to embark on a journey of revival, renewal, reflection, and hope. The Jubilee provides a unique opportunity for deepened faith and communal prayer, encouraging acts of mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Pope Francis inaugurated this Holy Year on December 24, 2024, by opening the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. The act symbolizes the call to open one's heart to God's mercy and grace.

Key features of the Jubilee:

Pilgrimages to Rome: Pilgrims from around the world are encouraged to visit the Holy Doors of the four major papal basilicas, representing the path to spiritual transformation and renewal.

Focus on Mercy and Community: The Jubilee emphasizes reconciliation, unity, and outreach to the marginalized, fostering a spirit of hope and healing.

The Holy Year will conclude on January 6, 2026, providing a sacred time for spiritual growth, reflection, and a renewed commitment to living as witnesses of hope in a world in need of compassion and peace.

We, St. Mary's and Lourdes, will be planning all the activities in our parishes connected with the jubilee year. Let us all make this jubilee year a time for introspection and improvement in our spiritual journey as 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

In love and truth,
Fr. Gino Mathias

2024 Diocesan Ministry Campaign

We extend our heartiest thanks to all who participated in the Diocesan Ministry Campaign for the year 2024.

St. Mary's received \$22,130.00 in donations and Our Lady of Lourdes received \$4,000.00.

FORMED THIS WEEK ON FORMED:

The Bible (Part 1) Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers the Internet's most-asked question about the Bible. Interior Life: The focus of this episode is developing a consistent prayer life. A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism: This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism!. Learn this 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>



St. Mary's Youth Group is having a Game & Pizza Night! Come out for an evening with friends while having fun, food & faith. For those in Grades 6-8.

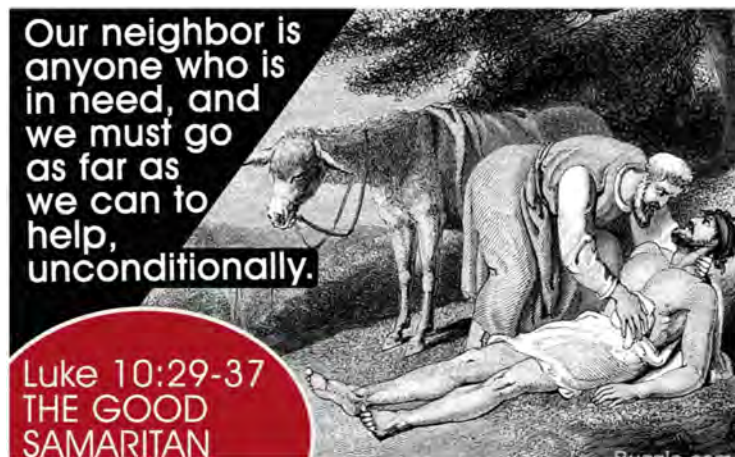
Time: 4:00-7:00pm

Location: St. Mary School Gym

Date: Friday, January 17th

Cost: Non-perishable food items for local Food Banks

Volunteers – please join us on Sunday, January 12th after the 11am mass for a planning meeting.



**Luke 10:29-37
THE GOOD SAMARITAN**

In honour of the Year of Hope 2025 Jubilee, we are starting a Good Samaritan fund as an example of being “Pilgrim’s of Hope”. You are welcome to contribute to this fund to help those in need in our parish and community.



We are pleased to announce that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Alan CAMPEAU, presently pastor at St. Joseph church, Dryden, as the bishop of the Diocese of Thunder Bay. Bishop Elect Fr. Alan Campeau will be consecrated Bishop and installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of Thunder Bay on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 7 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. We wish the bishop Elect Alan Campeau all the success in his mission as the chief shepherd of the diocese.



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, Beatrice Lambert, Tate Foley

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

<i>Offertory Collection for Weekend of</i>	
<i>Dec. 22, 2024:</i>	St. Mary's - \$6600.50
	Our Lady of Lourdes - \$1050.00
<i>Christmas:</i>	St. Mary's - \$8586.05
	Our Lady of Lourdes - \$601.86
<i>Dec. 29, 2024:</i>	St. Mary's - \$3204.05
	Our Lady of Lourdes - \$566.25
<i>Jan. 5, 2025:</i>	St. Mary's - \$1579.30
	Our Lady of Lourdes - \$602.00

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