

# 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

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, 2:00 - 5:00pm

(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.



**MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am + Tony Morelli – Betty Mueller**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am + Beatrice Lambert – A Friend**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> @ Rainycrest**

**10:00am + Eileen Klymko – Marg Rousseau**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**10:00am + David Fontana – Louella and The Intentions of Grace Huntley – A Friend**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:20am Intentions of Sherry Briemhorst – Jerry, Diane & Megan Darvell**

**5:00pm + Luke Schill – Josie & Family and + Bennie Beck – The Wood Family**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)**

**9:00am + Carolyn Stamarski - Rick**

**11:00am + Kevin & + Robert Hanzuk - Michael**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st reading: (Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10)

2nd reading: (1 Corinthians 12.12-30)

Gospel: (Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21)

**What's going on?!**

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

Feb. 5 – CWL General Meeting – 6:30pm

Feb. 9 – Youth Group – Cookies – after 11am mass

Feb. 11 – Bereavement Group Meeting – 1:00pm

Feb. 11 – World Day of the Sick – Rosary & Gathering – 2:00pm

Feb. 14 – Youth Group @ St. Mary School – 4-7pm

**Ministry Schedule**

Jan. 25 – Kim/Shelley (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)

Jan. 26 – Ingrid/Miranda (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Feb. 1 – Gilles/Gemma (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Feb. 2 – Jeremiah/Marie (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Columbus Club for the substantial donation to help

pay off our roof debt. We appreciate your support and assistance!



**From the Pastor's Desk**

**“Word of God Sunday”**

Dear friends,

6 years ago Pope Francis dedicated the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as “Word of God Sunday”. The theme for this year’s is taken from the Psalms: “I hope in Your Word.” (Ps 119:74) It is a cry of hope: man, in a moment of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cries out to God and puts all his hope in him.

“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life” (Jn. 6:68). The words of Jesus remained for Peter and his companions as the last thread of hope in a fullness of life they could only hope for from God.

God’s presence is inseparable from His Word, offering an unfailing source of hope and renewal. In this year of hopeful Jubilee, open the Scriptures and rediscover the life-changing power of God’s promise.

I encourage the use of the scripture in our day-to-day activities. Our lives are grounded in God’s holy words. Let us all deepen our engagement with Scripture, living it with renewed faith, and sharing the message of hope it brings with others.

In love and truth,  
Fr. Gino Mathias

**Are you grieving the loss of someone special in your life?**

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

St. Mary’s Bereavement group is here for you! Meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm in St. Mary’s meeting room. For more info, please contact our Parish Office @ 807-274-5233 or Margrit Schaum @ 807-274-6149 or Ria McPherson @ 807-274-6979 or Grace Huntley @ 807-274-9692.

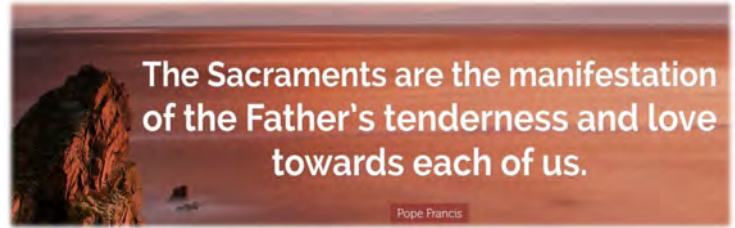
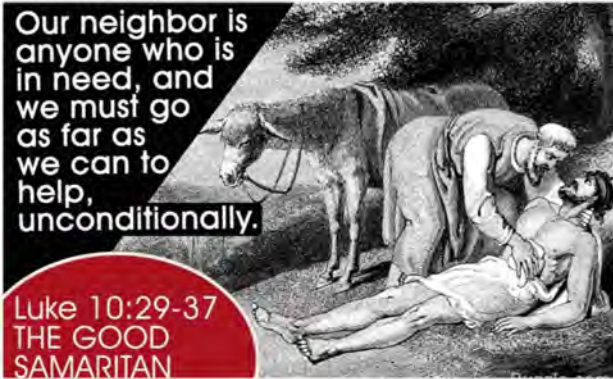


**Bishop Elect Fr. Alan Campeau will be consecrated Bishop and installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of Thunder Bay on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 7 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral.**



*Celebrating The Sacraments*

**We are making plans for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If your child does not attend St. Mary School but would like to receive one of these Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.**



**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**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.**

**CWL Memberships**

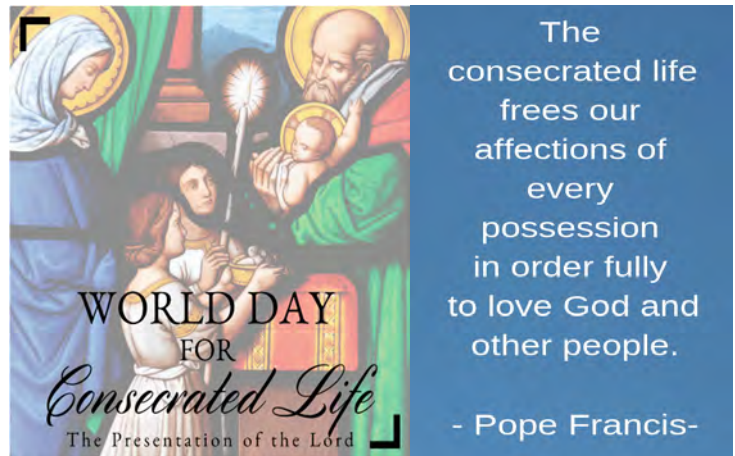
Thank you to all those who renewed or took out new Cwl memberships for 2025 during the membership drive. For those still wishing to do so, forms with envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. The fee is \$35. It can be paid by cash, cheque payable to the Cwl or by EFT to [diane58@tbaytel.net](mailto:diane58@tbaytel.net).



**CWL General Meeting is Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm: In celebration of Valentine's Day and in remembrance of Jesus saying "... love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12), let us put on some red and join in prayer and fellowship.**

**Note: the rosary for world peace will be prayed before the meeting for those who wish to participate @ 6:00pm.**

**FORMED THIS WEEK ON FORMED:** St. Thomas Aquinas : One of the greatest minds in history. Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth Ongoing Formation : Turning down the noise and forming our minds. 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>



**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

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