

# 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@St. Mary's

## 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.



But I say to you who hear,

# LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

## February 23, 2025

### 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am +** George Mylenchuk – Don & Rachel Marquis

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am +** George Mylenchuk – Jill Perasalo

**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES ON Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**5:00pm +** Josephine Belluz – Frank & Monique Strain

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

**9:00am +** Lee Bartush – Jan & Lori

**11:00am +** Filomena & + Esperidion Cardona - The Family and the Intentions of Bishop Elect Alan Campeau – St. Mary's Parish

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25)

2nd reading: (1 Corinthians 15.45-49)

Gospel: (Luke 6.27-38)

#### What's going on?!

Feb. 27 – Installation of our new Bishop, Father Alan Campeau at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Thunder Bay at 7:00pm

Mar. 2 – Brunch Celebration after 11am mass

Mar. 3 – CWL General Meeting – 6:30pm

Mar. 5 – Ash Wednesday Mass – 6:30pm

Mar. 7 – World Day of Prayer @ 2pm at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church

Mar. 7 – First Lenten Fish Fry – 4pm

#### Ministry Schedule

Feb. 22 – Kayden/Kim (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Feb. 23 – Shelley/Michael (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Mar. 1 – Gilles/Anna (Lectors), Monique(EMHC)

Mar. 2 –Michael/Marie (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)



**Join us for Brunch after mass on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will celebrate paying off our debt with**

**the Diocese! Ray Armit will provide entertainment! A good will offering will be accepted to cover costs. Hope to see you there!**

**2024TAX** Receipts are in the lobby.

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Prayerful Wishes! Bishop Elect Father Alan E. Campeau

Father Alan E. Campeau, appointed by Pope Francis as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Thunder Bay, is scheduled to be consecrated and installed on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Thunder Bay.

Born on August 1, 1959, in Belle River, Ontario, Father Campeau was ordained a priest for the Diocese of London on April 28, 1990. After serving in parishes within the Diocese of London, he responded to a call for priests in the Diocese of Thunder Bay in 1995. Over the past three decades, he has served in various parishes and missions across the diocese.

As he steps into this new and sacred role, may God's wisdom guide him in all that he does. We, St. Marys and Our Lady of Lourdes, pray that his heart remains open to the Holy Spirit's direction, and that he leads with humility, compassion, and a steadfast love for his flock. May his ministry be filled with grace, strength, and an abundance of peace, as he shepherds the Diocese of Thunder Bay.

May the prayers of the faithful surround him, and may he always feel the comforting presence of God's love in his life. Congratulations and blessings on this new chapter of service to the Church.

In Love and Truth,  
Fr. Gino Mathias

P.S: The episcopal ordination and installation ceremony will be livestreamed on the Diocesan YouTube Channel. (DOTB.CA)

**If you have any old palms, please drop them off in the box outside the Parish office. We will burn them to use at our Ash Wednesday Service. Thank you!**



## ST. MARY'S CHURCH



FRIDAYS, Mar. 7 – Apr. 11, 2024

PICK-UP STARTS AT 4:00PM,

DELIVERY 4:30PM

Deadline for orders is 3:00pm the Thursday before.

For more information contact

Barb @807-276-1226

PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE:

**\$25.00** (Price includes walleye and all the fixings!)

A colorful poster for a paint night event. It features a yellow pencil, a blue pencil, and a green leaf. The text is in large, bold, black letters.

# JOIN US FOR PAINT NIGHT!

Join us in the St. Mary School Gymnasium on February 27th from 6:00-8:00 PM for a Northern Lights acrylic paint workshop led virtually by Rhonda Bobinski Beckman.

All materials will be provided. The session is intended for those aged 12 years and up. The cost is \$35.00 and can be paid at the St. Mary School office between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.



**We will not have Tuesday morning masses in March. Starting Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, we will start with Rosary @ 6:00pm followed by the Holy Mass @**

**6:30pm then Eucharistic Adoration.**

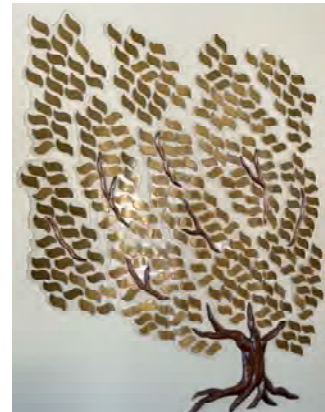
A graphic for the World Day of Prayer Service 2025. It features a blue and white cross icon, a tropical scene with palm trees and a sailboat, and the text "The Cook Islands" and "'I made you wonderful'".

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2025

The Cook Islands

'I made you wonderful'

This is the **Tree of Life** located in the lobby of St. Mary's Parish. Our *Tree of Life* supports ongoing maintenance and renovations to our church building so that it continues to be the spiritual home for many generations to come. **The leaves on the tree are a legacy, a lasting way to honour and remember**



**families of our parish or deceased family members.**

With a \$500 donation you will receive one leaf on the *Tree of Life* with the name of a parish family or name of a deceased loved one. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in purchasing a leaf.

**Friday, March 7, 2025 @ 2pm**  
**St. John The Baptist Anglican Church**  
**360 Church Street**  
**JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**formed** An American Blessed, this documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity; The Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself; Discerning God's Will-Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us. Learn this and more on Formed.org! 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, Ronald Haukaas, Anita Artyszuk, Betty Mueller, Joyce Gosselin, Isabella Keuler, Arlene Kolynchuk, Maria Langenfurth, Beatrice Lambert, Tate Foley, Evan Armit, Linda Gill, Leanne Crompton

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

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


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*Our Lady of Lourdes - \$615.00*

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