

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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



SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

March 25th

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Hours: Monday - Friday
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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 - 6:30pm
Wednesday - 9:20am
Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest
Friday - 10:00am

Confessions

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00am
Saturday 3:30 - 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 - 4:00pm

(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 - 6:00pm
Wednesday - 9:00am
Sunday 8:40am 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 25th **The Annunciation of the Lord**

6:30pm The Intentions of Anne Zucchiatti
– M. Mathews and + Dennis Huntley
– Grace

Wednesday 26th **Healing Mass with Anointing**

9:20am + Maria Palmira Texeira – John Leschinski

Thursday 27th @ Rainycrest

10:00am + Eileen Klymko – Mel & Jeannette DeGagne

Friday 28th

10:00am + Denyse DeCaire – St. Mary's Catholic Women's League

Saturday 29th

5:00pm + Lolly & + Ernie Brunetta – Dawn Ash

Sunday 30th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + George Supinski – The Family
11:00am + Wayne Harris – Murray & Margie Gibson

Third Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15)

2nd reading: (1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12)

Gospel: (Luke 13.1-9)

What's going on?!

Mar. 26 – Healing Mass with anointing – 9:30am
Mar. 28 – First Lenten Fish Fry – 4pm
Mar. 28 – Stations of the Cross – 6:30pm
Apr. 2 – CWL General Meeting – 6:30pm
Apr. 4 – Stations of the Cross – 6:30pm
Apr. 5 & 6 – Sacrament of Reconciliation with
General Absolution @ weekend masses

WE WILL NO LONGER HAVE SATURDAY MORNING MASSES

Ministry Schedule

Mar. 22 – Gemma/Marie(Lectors), Monique(EMHC)
Mar. 23 – Jeremiah/Dale (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)
Mar. 29 – Gilles/ Kim (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)
Mar. 30 – Kayden/Shelley (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)



We are looking for volunteers to bring Communion to the homebound. If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please let the

Parish Office know. You can also contact Anne Zucchiatti @807-275-9343 or Marg Rousseau @807-274-9446.

From the Pastor's Desk

A Perfect Example of Total Surrender to God's Will

The Annunciation of the Lord is a Solemnity in our catholic faith that commemorates the moment when the Angel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and bear Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This is celebrated on March 25, nine months before Christmas, symbolizing the period of Christ's conception and birth. The Annunciation is the first Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.

This event fulfills Old Testament prophecies, such as Isaiah 7:14: "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Mary's response, "Fiat" (Let it be done to me), is an example of perfect surrender to God's will. It teaches us: Trust in God's plan even when it is not fully understood.

The Annunciation is an invitation for all Christians to imitate Mary's virtues: Faith – Trusting in God's word. Humility – Accepting God's call with a servant's heart. Obedience – Following God's will completely.

The Annunciation of the Lord celebrates God's love for humanity and Mary's unique role in God's plan. It invites us to respond to God's call with faith, humility, and openness—just as Mary did. Lets celebrate this significant moment in salvation history with pure joy and gratitude.

In love and truth
Fr. Gino Mathias



**Fridays
6:30pm**

Mar. 28 Blessed Is She

Apr. 4 Assoc. of Ste.

Marguerite d'Youville

Apr. 11 Bereavement Group



"If you want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to Adoration."

- MOTHER THERESA

SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

On Lenten Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:00pm. A short reflection followed by long silent Adoration, ending with the Healing Prayers and Final Blessing. Mark your calendar to join the Blessed is She group March 25th & April 1st.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH



LAST 3 FRIDAYS, Mar. 28, Apr. 4 & 11

**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!)**

St. Mary's Fish Fry dinners include a muffin & a cookie. We are looking for volunteers to donate 2 dozen muffins or cookies. We need baking for March 28th and the following Fridays. Please contact Evelyn Rawn at 807-276-8507 or Sandy McKinnon @ 807-274-5055/807-271-0450 (text or call) to donate or for more information. Thank you for your support. We are so fortunate to have such a generous and dedicated church community!



formed™ A Bible Study on the Annunciation; The Annunciation, Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene. The Annunciation: Hail Mary - Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." 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>.

External debt and ecological debt:



Who owes whom?

Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights.

These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled.

Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives.

This Lent, discover the work of CEAS and IBC by reading our [Mini-magazine](#) and watching our testimonial video at devp.org/lent.

For more information regarding this year's Share Lent campaign or to become a member of D&P, contact Marie Brady at 274-5105 or mabradylf1@gmail.com.

Please pray for.....



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

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