

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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Reverend Gino Mathias, Pastor

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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 11th

6:30pm + George Mylenchuk – Bob & Leanne Crompton

Wednesday 12th

9:20am + Rose Mary Mallory – Marg Rousseau

Thursday 13th @ Rainycrest

10:00am + Eileen Klymko – St. Mary's Catholic Women's League

Friday 14th

10:00am + Beloved Deceased – The Bereavement Group

Saturday 15th

5:00pm + Casey Hendrixx – The Family

Sunday 16th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + Betty Jean Nicholson – Marie Supinski & Family

11:00am + Perpetua & + Rommel Blasé – The Family and + Vitaliana Hinayon – Evelyn Rawn

First Sunday of Lent

1st reading: (Deuteronomy 26.4-10)

2nd reading: (Romans 10.8-13)

Gospel: (Luke 4.1-13)

What's going on?!

Mar. 11 – Bereavement Group – 1pm

Mar. 14 – First Lenten Fish Fry – 4pm

Mar. 14 – Stations of the Cross – 6:30pm

Mar. 18 – Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d-Youville – 1pm

Mar. 19 – Coffee with the Pastor – 10am

Mar. 26 – Healing Mass – 9:30am

THERE WILL NOT BE SATURDAY MORNING MASSES

Ministry Schedule

Mar. 8 – Gemma/Shelley (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Mar. 9 – Dale/Miranda (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)

Mar. 15 – Kim/Gilles (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Mar. 16 – Ingrid/Anne Z. (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

We will not have Tuesday morning masses in March. Starting Tuesday, March 11 we will start with Rosary @ 6:00pm followed by the Holy Mass @ 6:30pm then Eucharistic Adoration @ 7:00pm.



From the Pastor's Desk

The Goal of Lent

Dear Friends..

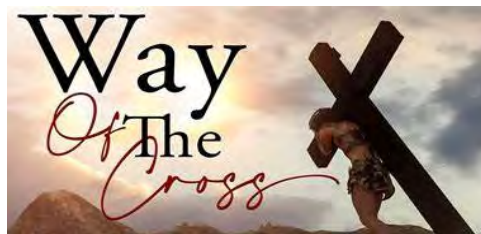
Lenten season starts with the symbol of death—ashes--and ends with the symbol of Easter—new light and life. Lent isn't about returning to our old selves, business as usual, without any permanent transformation. The goal is to get to the resurrection, to become a new person, a new community of faith.

Pray, fast, and give alms not as a way of flexing your spiritual muscles for 40 days. Pray, fast, and give alms so that God can create a new heart in you. With courage and God's grace, we will be made into a new creation, a resurrected people. The ashes will have served their purpose and will give way to flowing water.

As you walk the way of the cross this Lent be honest, but be gentle with yourself. Yes, repent and ask for forgiveness but do not beat yourself up. Show yourself some mercy, remember that we are all broken and need Christ's help to follow in his footsteps. So in your prayers, ask for courage and strength to be forgiving, compassionate and full of love no matter what the world thinks.

Wishing you all a great season of Lent!

In love and truth,
Fr. Gino Mathias



Fridays 6:30pm

- Mar. 7** **Knights of Columbus**
- Mar. 14** **Catholic Women's League**
- Mar. 21** **Lectors**
- Mar. 28** **Blessed Is She**
- Apr. 4** **TBD**
- Apr. 11** **TBD**

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!)

St. Mary's Fish Fry dinners will once
again be available on the 6 Fridays
during Lent – March 7, 14, 21 & 28,
April 4 & 11. Included with each
dinner will be a muffin & a cookie.



We are looking for volunteers to donate 2 dozen
muffins or cookies. We need baking for March 14th
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!

A signature to Turn Debt into Hope



Next Sunday, March 16, you will be
invited to sign the global **Turn Debt
into Hope** campaign petition that
calls for an end to unjust debt. With
inequalities widening as rich
countries continue enriching
themselves by exploiting the
resources of the poorest countries,
we respond to Pope Francis's call:

“In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I
urge the international community to

work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the
ecological debt existing between the North and the South of
this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for
justice.” (Message for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2025)

Help us reach the Canadian goal of 100,000 signatures, which
will feed into the global goal of 10 million signatures. **Sign
now at devp.org/debt**. or on the paper copy available in the
Church foyer after all masses during the Lenten season. Thank
you for your solidarity! 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 mabradyff1@gmail.com.

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Week One of the Restore Lent series
with Sr. Miriam James Heidland; St.
Frances, patroness of homemaking;

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the link to take a look at what's on this week:
<http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>.



**Our Sunday breakfast was a
great success! A big thank
you to our organizers &
helpers: Marie & Alan,
Shelley, Evelyn, Miranda & Sam, Mike & Kali,
Aria & Cecilia, Kayla, Cassandra & Taya.**

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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,
Janice Parks, Kenny Desjardins, Murray Gibson
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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



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