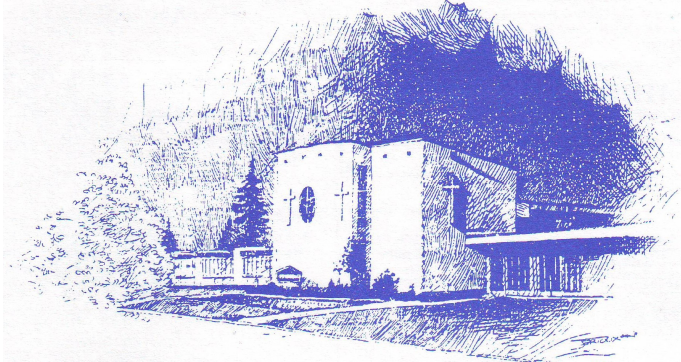

St. Mary's Parish



SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Mon to Fri 7:20 am
(8 am on Holiday Mondays)

MORNING PRAYER

Mon to Fri 7:00 am
(no morning prayer on holiday Mondays)

EVENING VESPERS

3rd Sunday of the month 4:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 pm

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of disciples called together:
To share the life and mission of Jesus, to proclaim the word,
to celebrate liturgy,
to educate and to serve, to seek justice and reconciliation.
We confirm the gifts given by Christ to enable each person
to actively participate in the mission of the Church.
We are thus the living Body of Christ,
in an ever changing world.

PARISH STAFF

Richard Beaudette, OMI	Pastor
Jude Van Baalen, OP	Pastoral Associate
Roberta Chartrand	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Jeannine Walker	Parish Secretary

SCHOOL STAFF

Brent Arsenault	Principal
Jacqueline Boyes	School Secretary
School Phone 563-7502	School Fax 563-7818
School Email	office@stmaryspg.org

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2009

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2009

SENIORS' BARBECUE

Tuesday, August 18
St. Mary's Gym
Doors open for refreshments at
5:30 p.m.
Barbecue served at 6:00 p.m..



All members of the parish 65 and older
are invited for an evening of relaxation
and good fellowship. Feel free to invite
a friend too.

Please call the parish office with an
RSVP before August 14 so we have an
idea of numbers for shopping!

1088 Gillett Street, Prince George, B.C. V2M 2V3
Office Hours—Mon to Fri—8:00 am-11:30 am AND 12:30 pm-4:00 pm (2:00 on Fridays)
Telephone—564-4097 Fax—562-3540 After Hours Emergency—562-4921
Email—stmarys.parish@shawcable.com Web—www.geocities.com/saintmaryspg

YOUTH MINISTRY

HELP US – Please support St. Mary's Youth Group by donating CANADIAN TIRE money to the collection plate... every bit helps!

UPDATE... we have raised over \$190! Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Youth!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Maria Amaral, Balbir Dhillon, Greg and Vicki Gutfriend, Ann Whyte, Jamie McCloskey, Lena McCallum, Ruth Keiss, Evan Dyck, Anne Drazba, Andre Frigon, David Nelson, Norman Louis, Claude Crossland, Rose Marie Seager, Al Foulon, John and Emilia Mauro, Georgie Boyle, Trudy Petraschuk, Estelle Struck, Denise Cote, Brooklyn Kennedy, Blaine Lavoie, Larry Crooks, Michael Fernandes, Austin Lacalle, Brenda Ducharme, Andrew Becker, George Callaghan, Lori Wall, Jean Callaghan, Gabrielle Hamelin, Lori McGinlay, Lisa Norman, Josephine Nykoluk, Eugene Nykoluk, Louie Thomas Family, Gilles Orioux, Maurice VanCaesele, Jim Punch, Veronica Becker.

PLEASE NOTE: Our prayer list is updated monthly. Please call the parish office if you would like someone to remain on the list, or to be added to the list.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	July 25	7:00 pm	RIP Terry McCloskey
Sun	July 26	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Wayne Callaghan & Marie Carswell
Mon	July 27	7:20 am	RIP Ruth Martin
Tue	July 28	7:20 am	RIP Harvey Anderson
Wed	July 29	7:20 am	RIP Andre Albinati
Thur	July 30	7:20 am	RIP Eileen Plouffe
Fri	July 31	7:20 am	RIP Eileen Plouffe
Sat	Aug 1	7:00 pm	RIP Terry McCloskey
Sun	Aug 2	9:00 am	Special Intention
		11:00 am	People of our Parish
Mon	Aug 3	7:20 am	RIP Terry McCloskey
Tue	Aug 4	7:20 am	RIP Jim Whyte
Wed	Aug 5	7:20 am	RIP Deceased Oblates
Thur	Aug 6	7:20 am	RIP Angele Kieser
Fri	Aug 7	7:20 am	RIP Terry McCloskey
Sat	Aug 8	7:00 pm	RIP Shirley Gannon
Sun	Aug 9	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Esilda DiBenedetto & Filomena Sacco

DONATIONS

Envelopes \$2681.05 Loose \$378.70 **Total \$3059.75**

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

SALT + LIGHT TELEVISION

Are you Watching Salt + Light Catholic Television yet?
Shaw Digital Cable (Channel 160): Local Shaw Number, www.shaw.ca
Bell TV (Channel 654): 1-800-SKY-DISH (1-800-759-3474), www.bell.ca
Directly via Internet website: www.saltandlighttv.org

WESTERN CONFERENCE FOR LITURGY

The next gathering will be held Oct. 2 - 4, 2009 in Abbotsford, BC, at St. Anne's Parish Centre. This Conference will focus on the proposed changes in the *Order of the Mass* and the revised *General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM)*. The presenters will be: Rev. Bill Burke, Director of National Office of Liturgy, Bernadette Gasslein, Editor of *Celebrate!*, and Rev. Renato Pasinato, Western Conference for Liturgy Executive Committee. This conference is open to Pastors, Pastoral Associates, Diocesan Liturgy Commissions, Parish Liturgy Committees and anyone interested. Cost \$100 per person. Brochures will be available before the fall. For Information on this conference, contact Susan Campbell at the Diocesan Centre (250-964-4424).

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Catholic Health Association of BC will be held at the Executive Plaza Hotel in Coquitlam on September 17th. The theme this year is "Nurturing a Living Mission in Today's Health Care Culture" with our keynote speaker addressing this issue from both a facility and a parish perspective. We will also have a series of short presentations by those who work and volunteer in caring for the sick and the elderly in our care facilities and our parish communities throughout the province. The conference will include Mass with Archbishop Miller to start the day. The registration brochure is available at chabc.bc.ca or by calling 604-524-3427. Everyone is welcome to attend..

RAINBOWS

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Contact: Ursula Morris (250)562-3347 or (250)563-5584. Website: www.rainbowspg.com

HELP NEEDED AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Drop-In Centre on 2nd Avenue is in need of volunteers to help serve breakfast on the first Sunday August and September from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. If you can help for any or all of these mornings, please call Jim West at 250-562-4684.

SHEPHERD'S CORNER REQUESTS

Looking for two second hand guitars, a used computer with a printer and some hygiene products, such as shampoo, laundry soap, toothpaste, etc.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next baptism preparation sessions will be July 27 and 28 at 7 pm in the parish office. Please register ahead of time if you are planning to attend. If you know of anyone who might be needing preparation, please let them know. We will not be having another session until late September or early October.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Jeannine and Sister Jude are on holiday until after August 9, and Fr. Roger has left for Fort Nelson, so Fr. Richard is alone in the parish. He will be in the office each day for a time, but not on a regular schedule. If you need to see someone in the office, please call ahead to be sure that he will be there. Please do leave messages, and they will be returned as promptly as possible.

We will not be publishing a new bulletin next weekend.

WONDERING ABOUT JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH??

Since becoming a member of the Catholic Church requires a deep commitment to God and a worshipping community, a person who wants to join or to find out more about being Catholic enters a process of preparation and discernment. In our day this process is usually referred to as the RCIA, an acronym for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

In this process, the person journeys with the RCIA team and others wishing to learn about and deepen their relationship with God. A big part of deepening that relationship means that you learn more about God's Church, how it was formed and many of the particulars that are unique to the Catholic faith.

Learning about Catholicism is essential to the process but it is not the most essential aspect. Most important is the recognition that you are a loved child of God, and that God wants to fill your heart with joy and peace.

If you feel in your heart a calling to a deeper relationship with God, the parish community of St. Mary's welcomes you. The RCIA is open to anyone who is either not baptized or baptized in another Christian faith tradition who would like to become Catholic, or a baptized Catholic who never completed the sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the RCIA, or for more information, please call the parish office, 250-564-4097 and ask for Sr. Jude. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

We are One With Each Other

St. Paul reminds us of the greatness out of which we live: "bear with one another in love" and realize we are one with one another - already. If we are in such solidarity by virtue of being created by God, then how much more must we live out God's act of creation by treating one another with respect, caring for one another, looking out for those who don't have what we have? (based on Catholic Social Teaching)

'ADULT FAITH — ADULT CHURCH'

Accept the Challenge to Grow in your Faith

Lay Formation

Beginning Sept. 25-27 in Prince George

Are you ready to explore your faith in a deeper way? Do you want something more from your spiritual life? Are you considering a new path or form of service in the community?

If so, **Consider taking the next diocesan Lay Formation Program beginning this September in Prince George.** The purpose of this two year program of adult faith education is to provide laity with the opportunity to deepen their faith, grow in their baptismal commitment and to serve more effectively within the church and society. The program is offered one weekend each month for ten months over two years. The program is held at the Domano Renewal Centre. Each weekend includes input on specific topics, time for prayer, personal reflection and social activities. Brochures and application forms are available in the parish.

Contact Susan Campbell at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre for more information—(250)964-4424 or email smcampbell@pgdiocese.bc.ca

HELP NEEDED—MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Ministry is vital to our celebrations—it provides a way for us to enter more fully, actively and consciously into the celebration of the Eucharist. Our parish needs people to take responsibility for music ministry at the 11 am Mass on the first and third Sunday of the month. If you are able to assist in any way – as leader of song, accompanist or member of a group, please contact Theresa at 250 562-9426.

NEW TO THE PARISH

Are you new to the parish? Have you filled out a parish registration form yet? They're available on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the Church. Better yet, introduce yourself to Fr. Richard or Sr. Jude after Mass. We'd love to meet you and get the chance to know you.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the Date - Ness Lake Bible Camp's Women's Weekend 2009. November 6-8, 2009 with internationally acclaimed author and speaker, Grace Fox. More details to follow.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is a familiar one, and has many lessons, not least of which is how our willingness to share who we are and what we have - exercising good stewardship - releases God's power and bountifulness on the world and its people. Do we realize that there is enough for all if we are willing to share? Are we aware that God is at work when we share our time, our money and our other resources in His name?

AROUND THE PARISH

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS

Baptism preparation sessions for the parents of infants are held every two or three months in the parish office. Please contact the parish office for more information.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

We have revised our baptism preparation program for older children. Parents who wish to have their child baptized (age 5 to 12) are asked to register their child in the Religious Education program. During the year they will have special sessions that will prepare them for baptism. Children in Grade 2 and up will also receive preparation for Confirmation and First Communion. Please phone Sr. Jude at the parish office.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

In the Diocese of Prince George, Confirmation and First Communion are celebrated together in Grade 2. Our sacramental preparation programme usually begins in January or February for the children in St. Mary's School and for the children attending Religious Education classes. For more information, please phone Brent at the school or Sr. Jude at the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Various options for marriage preparation are available (see bulletin board for details). Please make an appointment with the pastor, at least 6 months before your intended wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual reconciliation may be celebrated on Saturday evenings between 6:15 & 6:45 p.m. or by appointment. Communal celebrations of the sacrament are generally held during Lent and Advent.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? In learning more about the Catholic faith? Each Monday evening the RCIA candidates from throughout the city meet here at St. Mary's to share the Word and explore our faith and practice. For more info call Sr. Jude at the parish office.

PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK, ELDERLY & DYING

If you or anyone in your family is sick, elderly or home bound, and would like to receive communion or anointing of the sick or a pastoral visit, please give us a call.

FUNERALS

Please contact the pastor before making final arrangements with the funeral directors.

FAITH EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Mary's offers Religious Education classes have concluded for this year.. Please see the note inside the bulletin regarding the changes for next year's program. More details will be given in the bulletin at the end of summer and early September. Please call Jude at the parish office for more information. 564-4097.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. The children celebrate their Liturgy of the Word with their adult leader and are given a chance to hear and reflect on the readings at their own level.

PARISH & FINANCE COUNCILS

Erin Beardwood

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

VACANT

Chair, Finance Council

PARISH GROUPS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL is open to all ladies of the parish. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room (Freeman St. Entrance) at 7:00 p.m. Please phone Barb Marwood (563-0846), Carmen Foucher (564-8091) or Kathy Labonte (563-5581) for more information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (COUNCIL 5246)

The Knights of Columbus is open to all men of the parish. Our General Meeting is on the third Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room at 7:30 p.m. For more information, phone 563-9192 or 563-8465, or visit their new website: <http://members.shaw.ca/kofc5246/>



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please call Aime Trottier at 564-8943 for more information.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Development and Peace is the Canadian Catholic organization that works for social justice for the people of Latin America, Asia and Africa. The Development and Peace web-site is www.devp.org

COMMUNITY GROUPS

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Drop-In Centre is located at 1220—2nd Avenue. We are open:
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sat, Sun & Hol 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Phone 564-7871

Our Thrift Store is located at 1180—3rd Avenue. We are open:

Mon-Sat 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone 562-5136

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Shepherd's Corner is a place where people who are experiencing challenges can gather, share their stories and be heard. Our volunteers provide a listening ear and a compassionate heart. We offer coffee, tea and basic personal items to about twenty people a day. Your time as a volunteer and/or donation of the following items is greatly appreciated: toothpaste, shampoo, soap, skin cream, combs, socks, pens, pencils, etc). Thank you and God bless.

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COUNSELLING SERVICES

Brian Bulgin, a registered counselor, offers counseling services out of the Domano Renewal Centre for couples and individuals. Please call 964-4475 for more information.

Sr. Tarianne deYonker, OP, a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist, offers counselling for individuals, couples and families. She can be contacted at 964-4424 Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30 for an appointment. One need not be Catholic to receive these services. Care will be taken to make the service affordable.

Sr. Donna Dolan RSCJ offers Spiritual Direction. Ongoing Spiritual Direction enables a person to pay attention to God's personal communication in life and prayer, to grow in intimacy with God and to live out of that relationship. Phone Sr. Donna at 964-4475.