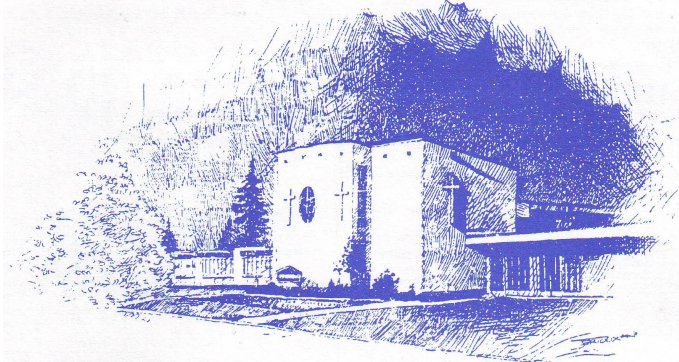


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# St. Mary's Parish

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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

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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 6, 2009

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## *Becoming Church*

You're invited to a reception with

*Bishop Gerald Wiesner, OMI*

as we kick off our

## 2009 Diocesan Annual Appeal

This year we have a choice of two receptions to attend:

Monday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.  
at Christ our Saviour Parish

Friday, September 18, 7:00 p.m.  
at Immaculate Conception Parish.

All parishioners are urged to attend one of the receptions – it is an excellent way to meet members of the other city parishes and strengthen our bonds as Church as well as to hear Bishop Gerry as he shares his thoughts on how we are called to respond to the mission of Jesus Christ.

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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

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

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**PARISH YOUTH \*\*\*CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK\*\*\*** Due to a previously booked farewell party for our current Camp Morice Managers on the eve of Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> we will move our St. Mary's 2009/2010 kick off to **SATURDAY SEPT. 12<sup>th</sup>!** 7-9pm in the gym! Everyone grades 7 through 12 is most welcome! Bring your friends! ☺

**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 just about \$200!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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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, 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, 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 VanCaeselee, Jim Punch, Veronica Becker, Coral Britton, Mike Howlett, Robert Nootebos, Sandra DaSilva.

**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.

If anyone is sick at home or preparing to go for surgery and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office to make arrangements for a priest to visit

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

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Sat	Sept 5	7:00 pm	INT. Dianne Dauvin
Sun	Sept 6	9:00 am	RIP Odiane & Hermel Michaud
		11:00 am	People of our Parish
Mon	Sept 7	8:00 am	RIP Odiane & Hermel Michaud
Tue	Sept 8	7:20 am	RIP Jack Santos
Wed	Sept 9	7:20 am	RIP Deceased Oblates
Thur	Sept 10	7:20 am	INT. Jackie Ollenberger
Fri	Sept 11	7:20 am	RIP Joe Hamelin
Sat	Sept 12	7:00 pm	RIP Ed Dias
Sun	Sept 13	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Saverio DiBenedetto

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## DONATIONS

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**August 30, 2009**

Envelopes \$2216.25 Misc. Donations \$200.00  
Loose \$250 **Total \$2666.25**

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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### CAMP MORICE GOODBYE DINNER

There will be a good-bye pot luck dinner for Richard and Jackie Deutsch, camp managers of Camp Morice. The dinner will take place on Sunday, September 13 at Camp Morice. A social gathering will take place at 4:00pm with the dinner starting at 5:00pm. Bring your favourite dish and join us in thanking Richard and Jackie for their six years of dedicated service at Camp Morice. For further information please call Joe Haddock -250-563 0159 or haddock\_joe@hotmail.com

### KAIROS

KAIROS Prince George invites members of all KAIROS member churches to join in a harvest potluck dinner celebrating local food in and around Prince George. Please come to St. Mary's Catholic Church (1088 Gillett St) on Saturday September 26th, for dinner at 5:00 pm. Please bring a dish made primarily from food within a 100 mile radius of Prince George (for example: backyard garden produce, or food from the Farmers' Market). If possible, also bring the recipe that was used to make the dish and indicate where the food came from. For more information, call Carla Moffat at 250 596 3699. KAIROS will also hold a meeting on September 9th at 7:00 in the conference at St. Mary's Church (enter on the Freeman St. side of the building). Please join our meeting if you would like to take part in this dinner and other KAIROS events! We extend a warm welcome to all who join in the feast, as well as anyone interested in coming to our September 9th meeting

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## DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

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Brochures are ready in the back of the church for the Fall term.

### Christian Meditation

Come and experience the ancient tradition of prayerful stillness. We begin by listening to a short audio tape by Abbot John Main, OSB. This is followed by thirty minutes of silent sitting. The group is open to both experienced meditators and those who would like to learn to practice Christian Meditation.

**Mondays, September 14** 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Emmaus House #111** No Fee  
Facilitator: Donna Dolan, RSCJ

### Retreat Day for Artists

Allow artistic expression to be a part of your personal spiritual journey. Spend time with your particular art form in a peaceful supportive environment; bring your particular medium. There will be a brief thematic input, time for personal artistic expression and personal reflection. **Thursday, September 17**, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Fee: \$15.00 Bring a lunch; beverages provided

Facilitators: Joy Cotter,  
Jean Brandel, Donna Dolan, RSCJ



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Please return your registration immediately so materials will be ready or the first gathering on Sunday, September 20 after the 11:00 Mass in the Conference Room. Any questions, contact Sr. Jude

### LIVING ROOM DIALOGUES

We are planning to hold Living Room Dialogues during the weeks of October 25 through November 20. If you are willing to host a group in your home, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number and the day or evening of the week that is best for you.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Liturgy of the Word for children will begin again at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, September 13. Children aged 4-8 are encouraged to attend. This gives them an opportunity to hear God's word on their own level as well as pray and sing with the community. Parents are asked to accompany their child if they are under 4 or participating for the first time.

### SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY

This Wednesday morning, September 9 from 10:00-11:30 am downstairs in the Parish Office, we will begin our study of The Shack by William P. Young. Come and bring your copy of The Shack.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

### RAINBOWS

Rainbows is a peer support group for children, adolescents and adults who are grieving a death, divorce or any other painful transition in their family. Sessions run for 14 weeks each Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30, beginning in September and January at St. Mary's School. There is no cost to participants. Contact: Ursula Morris (250) 562-3347 or (250) 563-5584. [www.rainbowspg.com](http://www.rainbowspg.com)

### 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.

### *We Are All Connected*

*Creating interdependence among human beings, God allows us opportunities to help others hear and see how God is constantly at work in the world. By the way we choose to live, WE provide others with the example of living so every person matters! (based on Catholic Social Teaching)*

### ST. MARY'S PARISH EXPO AND BRUNCH

Plan to gather in the gym to get to know our parish and find out about everything that happens in our community. There will be displays after the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27. Sunday morning will also feature a delicious brunch. See you there!

### TABLE FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS

We will be having a dinner for students of UNBC and CNC on Friday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. Please invite and students you know—the more the merrier! We also will need some volunteers to help with cooking, serving and cleanup. Let us know if you can help or if you have invited students who will be attending.

### PARISH FALL SUPPER

The Parish and the Knights of Columbus will be holding a Fall Supper on Sunday, October 4 from 4:30—7:00 p.m. Mark the date on your calendars and watch for further details in the bulletin during the coming weeks. Tickets will be available after Mass in the coming weeks: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-10, children under 6 for free. We invite you to also bring a non-perishable food item to be added to the proceeds from the dinner, which will all go the St. Vincent de Paul.

### RCIA

In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults we welcome people who are interested in what the Catholic Church is about. Do you know someone desiring to learn more about the Catholic Church. Have you ever encouraged anyone seeking to know more about God or looking for a church where people worship God with joy and try hard to live out Jesus' teachings. If you know someone who may be interested, let them know now that a **New Inquiry will begin in the Fall**. For information contact Sister Jude at 250-564-4097 or [jvabaalen@jmvb@shawcable.com](mailto:jvabaalen@jmvb@shawcable.com).

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

St. James teaches that those who are poor in the eyes of society are the ones who have been chosen to inherit the Kingdom of God. Indeed, we are saved because of our poverty; we are redeemed out of our need; not because of our material wealth or achievements that the world finds praiseworthy. St. James also suggests that we are stewards of others, especially the poor; and it is how we respond to the poor and needy that will define our relationship with the Lord. How do we respond to the less fortunate right within our own parish?

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Sept 6	Mon Sept 7	Tues Sept 8	Wed Sept 9	Thurs Sept 10	Fri Sept 11	Sat Sept 12
16 Ordinary 9 & 11 a—Mass	8 a—Mass		10 a - Book Club 7p—KAIROS	7:30 p—Pr. Group 7:00 p—Parish Pastoral Council	8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

# 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](http://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.