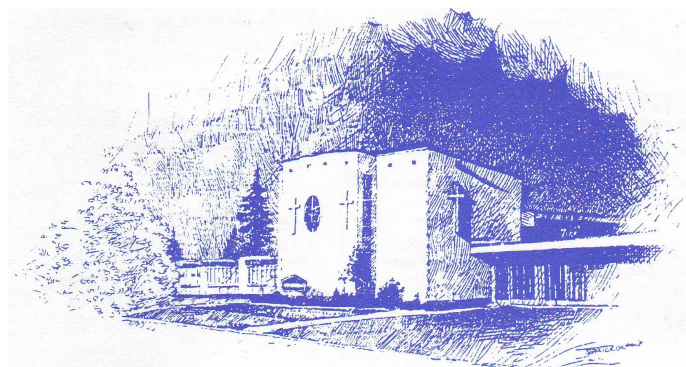

St. Mary's Parish



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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2009

LIVING ROOM DIALOGUES

*Want to learn more? Wondering about
certain topics regarding Church and
faith?*

*You are invited to take part in small
group study of four topics. Groups meet
at various times and in various homes
beginning October 25.*

**SIGN UP WILL TAKE PLACE THIS
WEEKEND AND NEXT.**

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO STOP AT
THE TABLE AFTER MASS, GET INFOR-
MATION ABOUT THE SESSIONS AND
SIGN UP.**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

As we pause to reflect on our blessings
and give thanks to God for all we have
received, may we also reflect on ways
we can share our blessings with others
as a way of giving thanks.

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

PARISH YOUTH

No Youth Group this weekend due to Thanksgiving, nor next week because of our trip to Edmonton! We meet again October 24th for a Shane Lake hike and Aquatic Center swim! Stay tuned for more details!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: John Martin, 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 Orieux, Maurice VanCaeseele, Jim Punch, Veronica Becker, Coral Britton, Mike Howlett, Robert Nootebos, Sandra DaSilva, Peter DaSilva, Leonila Prado, Noemia Delay.

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

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: If you want a priest or chaplain to visit, you must request it of the nursing staff—and be sure to state you are Catholic when admitted. as the admitting staff cannot ask your religion any longer because of privacy legislation.

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Oct 10	7:00 pm	RIP Prior Family Members
Sun	Oct 11	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Viep Vu
Mon	Oct 12	8:00 am	RIP Anna Fernandes
Tue	Oct 13	7:20 am	Special Intention
Wed	Oct 14	7:20 am	RIP Deceased Oblates
Thur	Oct 15	7:20 am	Special Intention
Fri	Oct 16	7:20 am	Special Intention
Sat	Oct 17	7:00 pm	RIP Kay McEwen
Sun	Oct 18	9:00 am	RIP Anita Plante
		11:00 am	People of our Parish

DONATIONS

October 4, 2009

Envelopes \$2925 Loose \$296 **Total \$3221**
St. Mary's School \$306 Needs of the Church \$25

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Crisis Pregnancy Centre warmly invites you to a community wide (inter-faith) memorial service, in support of all who have experienced pregnancy loss, or losses, through miscarriage, termination or still birth. Come on Thursday, October 15, 2009, at 7:30 pm to the Chapel at the Prince George Cemetery, corner of Ferry and Hwy 16. The chapel is to your immediate right, through the iron gates. Please join us for the opportunity to grieve, bond, and heal for closure to your pregnancy loss.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Sunday, Oct 11th at Sacred Heart Auditorium. We welcome all who are alone or otherwise in need. A few volunteers are needed Saturday Oct 10th from 11 am to noon for table setup and hall preparation. Many Volunteers are needed Sunday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Dessert donations are gratefully accepted at 1220 2nd Avenue, our Drop In Centre, on Oct. 8th & 9 from 8 am to 4pm. or at Sacred Heart Auditorium on Sunday Oct 11 after 8:30 am. To ensure sufficient help, please confirm your volunteer assistance by calling Norm at 250- 562-6034.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We will be accepting applications for our next homeowner between, October 1st – November 30th 2009.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

www.domanorenewalcentre.org

Christian Meditation

Come and experience the ancient tradition of prayerful stillness. The group is open to both experienced meditators and those who would like to learn to practice Christian Meditation.

Mondays, October 5, November 2, December 7

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Emmaus House #111

No Fee Facilitator: Donna Dolan, RSCJ

Contemplative Living

Series: Thursdays, October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Emmaus House #111

Fee: \$5.00 per session. Booklet #2 Becoming Who You Already Are purchased separately.

Facilitator: The Rev. Peter Zimmer

Day of Stillness

Touching the Heart of Jesus

This silent retreat day will be based on Jean Vanier's book Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus. There will be some thematic input and prayerful scriptural passages for personal reflection.

Tuesday, October 20

Time: 9:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$25.00 includes lunch

Facilitator: Donna Dolan, RSCJ

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

CAMP MORICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Camp Morice will be holding its Annual General Meeting on at 7pm on October 21 in the Conference Room at St. Mary's - Prince George. Our new caretaker, Mindy Thompson, will be at the AGM and is excited to meet everyone. Please prayerfully consider being on the board this year; Camp Morice can use your gifts and talents (big or small) to help make summer camps the highlight of every child's summer.

PHOTOS REQUESTED

At Bishop Gerry's request, the Diocesan Pastoral Council has launched an initiative to highlight the role of Christian Marriage and Family. We are currently having a D.V.D. developed and we need your assistance. Throughout the presentation we would like to feature photos of family moments: children at play, families at prayer, at play, at meals, in celebration...every day moments. If you're able to help with this initiative please send your photos directly to: corrine@onreelvideo.com. If any of your photos are chosen, an image release form will be sent to you at that time. Thank you in advance for your participation.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Portuguese Catholic Community will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, October 25th with Mass at 4:30 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Procession to follow. Everyone is welcome. For details call 250 564-1838 or 250 562-5436.

PROLIFE NEWS

The Prince George ProLife Society will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday, October 26, 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Conference Room, 1088 Gillett Street. Coffee, tea and juice, along with goodies will be provided and there will also be a silent auction as well as a dessert auction. Come join us and learn more about how you can help make a difference in the lives of the unborn and their families!

VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of November 6 -8 there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604.826.8715

INTRODUCTION SESSION—BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD

Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 10:00 - 11:30 am at Christ Our Saviour Church, 4514 Austin Rd West
Please register ASAP by calling 250-596-5939.

The Billings Ovulation Method is based on awareness of the woman's natural cycles of fertility and infertility. It takes advantage of the biological fact that women are infertile more often than fertile throughout their reproductive years. This knowledge can be used to achieve or to postpone pregnancy. Scientific studies indicate that the Billings Ovulation Method is over 99% effective.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

This year our goal is \$39,163.,
To date, we have received gifts of
\$24,216, or 61.8% of our goal
from 57 parishioners.



Thank you for your generous response.

For the parish project of renovating the public washrooms to make them accessible and more eco-friendly, we would like to raise an additional \$20,000. Remember that all the money received over the goal is returned to the parish for our own use.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Development and Peace is mobilizing its network to reach out to the victims of recent tropical storms and has announced an initial donation of \$50,000 to Caritas Philippines for emergency relief activities. Torrential rains hammered down on the country last week. Contributions can be made through Development and Peace by telephone (1-888-664-3387), online (www.devp.org) or by cheque (marked "Philippines: Floods"), sent to the following address:

Development and Peace
425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor
Montreal, Quebec H3G 1T7

MASS OF ANOINTING

We will celebrate a Mass of Anointing on Wednesday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the Conference Room. Donations of baking are gladly accepted and can be left in the Conference Room.

BIBLE STUDY

An opportunity to reflect together on next Sunday's readings will begin Wednesday, October 7 at 7p.m. the Jamin residence 4246 Punchaw Crescent. Everyone is welcome.

BOOK STUDY

The Shack by William P. Young, continues Wednesday Mornings 10 – 11:30 at the parish office.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Every parish across the world will celebrate World Mission Sunday next week. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. World Mission Sunday is our chance to assist Catholic communities throughout the world become self-sufficient and flourish. By sharing the gift of faith we can bring hope and love to those who need it most.

Am I Doing All I Can?

Jesus challenged the wealthy young man, the disciples and us to set our priorities according to God's values.

God favors people who are poor. That should give us pause to consider what else we could do for those who have less of this world's goods. We are God's extension of care and concern in this world of ours!

(based on Catholic Social Teaching)

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

For children in the elementary grades is a home based program. Families come together every six weeks to participate together in activities to build community and an understanding of belonging to a local parish Church. For information or to register please contact Sr. Jude or leave your name and phone number at the Parish Office.

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

Colleen Mahoney

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 Trotter 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.

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. Website: www.rainbowspg.com

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.