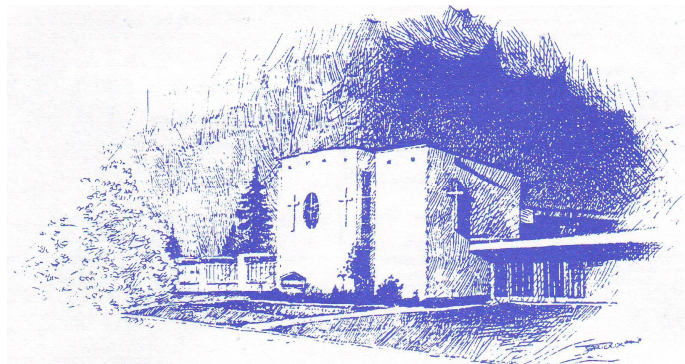

St. Mary's Parish



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
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2009

Do You Ever Wonder...

WHAT DOES AN ADULT CATHOLIC LOOK LIKE?

Catholics at one time had a pretty clear idea of what it meant to be 'a good Catholic.' Today church leaders worry that we have lost our sense of Catholic Identity. Join other St. Mary's parishioners in the **Living Room Dialogues** this week as they discuss

Nine Things that Make Us Catholic,
found in today's bulletin.

LIVING ROOM DIALOGUES

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. Please call the parish office this week.



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

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Parish Youth – Next Youth Group is October 25th 7-9pm in the gym.

Food Drive – All PG Youth Group members are invited to a food drive for St. Vincent de Paul on Halloween. Meet at Sacred Heart at 5:45pm. Dress up! Bring friends! Pick up time there is 8pm.

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 \$200. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Youth!

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, 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 VanCaeseele, Jim Punch, Veronica Becker, Coral Britton, Mike Howlett, Robert Nootebos, Sandra DaSilva, Peter DaSilva, Leonila Prado, Noemia Delay, Helen Roberts.

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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Oct 24	7:00 pm	Special Intention
Sun	Oct 25	9:00 am	RIP Maria & Manuel Ferreira, INT Jose Ferreira
		11:00 am	People of our Parish
Mon	Oct 26	7:20 am	RIP Redempto Soliva Sr.
Tue	Oct 27	7:20 am	Lay Led Liturgy
Wed	Oct 28	7:20 am	Lay Led Liturgy
Thur	Oct 29	7:20 am	Lay Led Liturgy
Fri	Oct 30	7:20 am	Lay Led Liturgy
Sat	Oct 31	7:00 pm	RIP Branco Federucci
Sun	Oct 32	9:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy
		11:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy

DONATIONS

October 11, 2009

Envelopes \$2940 Loose \$331 **Total \$3271**

St. Mary's School \$5 Evangelization of Nations \$473

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE

The Prince George Crisis Pregnancy Centre will be holding a new round of Volunteer Training for men and women who may be interested in volunteering at the Centre. The training will be held Thursday and Friday evenings and all day Saturday, November 19-21 and 26-28. Topics include A Biblical View of Sexuality, Pregnancy and Fetal Development, Abortion Risks and Techniques, Helping Skills and The Role of the Gospel. Pre registration is required by November 13. The cost is \$45 which includes the training Manual. To register or for more information please call the Centre at 250-562-4464.

AN INVITATION FROM SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart School in Prince George extends an invitation to all to participate in their upcoming Alumni Mass on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 7 p.m. To be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, the mass will continue the celebration of the school's 60th anniversary. There will be a reception after mass in the lower hall with refreshments, a power point presentation and historical photos on display.

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

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!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

www.domanorenewalcentre.org

Book Discussion

The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart

In this book Joan Chittister OSB asks "Are the Ten Commandments a set of rules or a way of life? How does each one call us to reflect and act in the world of our time?"

Morning Session: Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17, 24

Time 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$5.00 per session

Facilitator: Claire Petrucci

Evening Session: Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Mary Anne Jamin

Book purchased separately at Books and Company.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

PREPARING FOR H1N1

Please see the back page of the bulletin for information. The BC Centre for Disease Control reported on October 20th that there have been no new severe cases of H1N1 in the Northern Health Authority (i.e. cases requiring hospitalization). The 33 new severe cases reported in BC since October 13th have all been in other health districts. The BC Centre for Disease Control updates its figures each week and the diocese monitors these updates and informs parishes. While the H1N1 virus is evident throughout the Northern Health region, the people infected have not become sick enough to require hospitalization. Parishes are asked to take the normal precautions used during any flu season (e.g. to inform parishioners to stay home if they are sick, to not receive communion from the cup if they are feeling unwell, to wash their hands frequently and to cough into their elbow rather than their hand.) Please visit Northern Health Authority website for more information (www.northernhealth.ca).

HOSPICE PETITION

Thank-you to all who have signed the on-line petition to fully fund hospices in BC, this is the last week we have to get the word out. We need many more signatures for this petition to carry any weight. Please encourage everyone who thinks hospices are a valuable asset to the community and should have adequate funding to go to <http://www.petitiononline.com/hospice/petition.html> and sign the petition. Any BC resident can also address the select standing committee on finance via letter or attending any of their consultation sessions.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be a Necrology celebrated by Fr. Richard Beaudette, OMI at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Wednesday, Nov 4 at 7:00 pm. This mass is to remember all our knights and spouses who have passed away in the last two years. Please mark your calendar for this mass. All Knights and their families and parishioners are invited. There will be refreshments served in the conference room after mass.

FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE AND COFFEE

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate will be available after all masses on October 31 and November 1.

BIBLE STUDY

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you very much for your generous support of World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and donations will make a huge contribution to the growth of the Church and to the well-being of the poor of our world. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve—the world's most vulnerable.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

As pastor and as Diocesan Appeal director, I want to express a sincere thanks to all who so generously responded to the Annual Appeal. Every gift is deeply appreciated as every gift, no matter the size, helps fulfill the mission of the diocesan church. At St. Mary's, we have exceeded our goal by \$4793 or 12.2%. Congratulations! We are one of five parishes that have met or exceeded their goal after Commitment Weekend. The diocesan goal stands at 83.4% or \$333,546 (see the newsletter for all the details). The Appeal year runs until the end of August, so if you were not able to contribute at this time but would like to in the future, know that your gift will always be welcomed. I invite all to pray for the works of our diocese and for all the members of the diocesan church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Collection for St. Vincent de Paul in October was \$512.01. The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you all very much for your generosity.

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.devpo.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

CWL NEWS

St. Mary's Craft Fair - Sat. Nov. 7th and Sunday Nov. 8th from 10am to 4pm Join us for fun and good food. Stop by after Mass and purchase a raffle ticket from the CWL, you may win one of the great cash prizes.

MASS OF ANOINTING

We will celebrate a Mass of Anointing on Wednesday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. All who are sick, elderly, preparing for surgery or who need healing in any way are invited to celebrate this Sacrament of Anointing. Please invite anyone you know who may be in need of celebrating this sacrament. A reception will follow in the Conference Room. Donations of baking are gladly accepted and can be left in the Conference Room.

Will You Do Something for Me?

When was the last time you asked another person, "What do you want me to do for you?" Sometimes it means speaking up and giving voice to the needs of others for basic food, shelter and clothing. It can mean the difference between human dignity for the person and groveling for basic human necessities.
(based on Catholic Social Teaching)

PREPARING FOR H1N1

The Diocese of Prince George sent the following statement, a summary of the policy and protocol they have put in place:

The flu season is upon us and there is particular concern over the H1N1 virus. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has prepared a series of responses to be taken once an outbreak has been declared in a particular region. Everyone is reminded to take extra precaution and act prudently during any cold/flu season. Stay home if you are sick or are caring for someone who is ill. It is not a sin to miss mass if you are sick.

At the present time there are no serious cases in the Northern Health Region, so we simply continue to practice good hygiene and to avoid communion from the cup if you are not well. The Diocese will be monitoring the situation on a weekly basis and will send instructions if and when we need to move into any of the stages. In the meantime, we continue with our normal practices at our celebrations—we have not implemented any of the stages in the diocese at this point. Instructions will be sent to the parishes when there is need to implement any of the stages.

Stage one: The virus is spreading through the general population and there is a high risk for some segments of the population (those with severe chronic or acute stages of illness).

Recommended practices include:

- Good personal hygiene: washing hands frequently and correctly, coughing into one's arm rather than one's hand.
 - Avoiding handshakes and physical touch. The sign of peace, for example, may be expressed with a bow.
 - Receiving communion on the hand, rather than on the tongue.
 - Refraining from receiving communion from the cup if you have any cold or flu symptoms. At this stage it is not necessary to discontinue communion from the cup.
- Holy water fonts are to be emptied.

Stage two: The virus leads to deaths within the high-risk population (those with severe chronic or acute stages of illness).

Recommended practices include:

- As in stage one, with the discontinuation of communion from the chalice.
- Hand sanitizers available at the entrance of the church for parishioners to use before and after mass.

Stage three: H1N1 is pervasive in all the population and all segments are at risk.

Recommended practices include:

Limiting public assemblies, including the Mass and other liturgical or social gatherings. Civil authorities would issue such restrictions on public gatherings.

Dr. David Bowering, chief medical health officer for Northern Health made the following comments:

H1N1 "is a relatively mild disease. It isn't strikingly different from seasonal flu. Often people aren't sick enough to stay home from work or school. The vast majority of cases will be mild cases they can manage at home. Some people, young people in particular, may suffer more severe symptoms. Based on others' experiences, we should expect a very intense flu season, but with generally mild symptoms. Nationally and internationally, fatalities related to H1N1 (which have been relatively few) have been in young children and young adults with other health conditions."