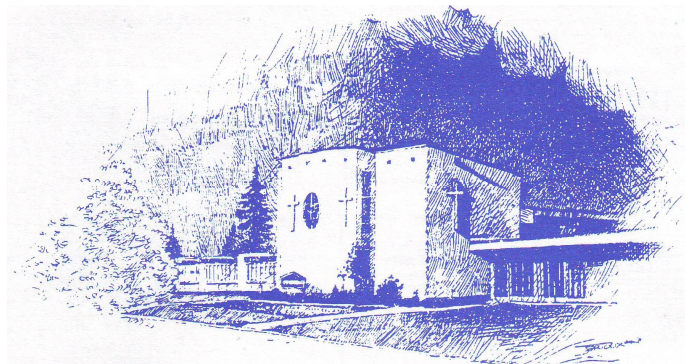

St. Mary's Parish



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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2009

FALL SUPPER

Gather for a great fall tradition on

Sunday, October 4.

The turkey supper will be served
from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Gym

This fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul is
sponsored by the Knights and St. Mary's.
Tickets will be available after Mass and
at the door

Cost per serving is:
Adults, \$10, Children 6-10, \$5
and under 6, free.

*You are invited to bring a non-perishable
food item to add to a hamper for
St. Vincent de Paul.*

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 . We meet Oct. 4, 7-9 p.m in the gym. Everyone in grade 7-12 is 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! Thank you.

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, 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 3	7:00 pm	RIP Florian Family Members
Sun	Oct 4	9:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy
		11:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy
Mon	Oct 5	7:20 am	RIP Harvey Anderson
Tue	Oct 6	7:20 am	Special Intention
Wed	Oct 7	7:20 am	RIP Deceased Oblates
Thur	Oct 8	7:20 am	Special Intention
Fri	Oct 9	7:20 am	Special Intention
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

DONATIONS

September 27, 2009

Envelopes \$3017.25 Loose \$372.25 **Total \$3389.50**
St. Mary's School \$5 Needs of the Church \$530

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.

LIFE CHAIN 2009

Life Chain - a prayerful and peaceful protest against the irreparable harm that abortion brings to women, to men, and to their families - will be held on Sunday, October 4, between 2:00 and 3:00 pm on 15th Avenue. Signs will be available at the central gathering place in the parking lot of Fort George Baptist Church on 15th Ave. and Johnson St. Everyone is encouraged to come and join in this visible witness to the sanctity of life.

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

Day: Saturday, October 10 **Emmaus House #111**

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Fee: \$25.00 includes lunch

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.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

This year our goal is \$39,163., To date, we have received gifts of \$11088, or 28% of our goal from 36 parishioners.



Thank you for your generous response.

For the parish project of renovating the public wash-rooms 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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Regular council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6th, at 7pm. In the Conference Room. See you there

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Liturgy of the Word for children takes place at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday. Children aged 4-8 are encouraged to attend.

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.

Called to Live in Right Relationship

All created beings are called by God to live in right relationships with each other. Taking responsibility for your part in relating to all people as brothers and sisters who are created out of love can inspire us to act on behalf of the good of all. (based on Catholic Social Teaching)

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be baptism preparation on October 5 and 6 (Monday and Tuesday) at 7 pm in the parish office. If you intend to have children baptized before the end of December, please attend these sessions, as there will not be another preparation until after the New Year.

ST. MARY'S CRAFT FAIR

Our annual Craft Fair takes place on Nov. 7th & 8th this year. We have a couple of tables available at this time. If anyone is interested please contact Jeannine at the parish office, 564-4097 or Maria at 562-4457.

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. If you go know someone who may be interested, let them know now that a **New Inquiry will begin October 4th.** Contact Sister Jude at 250-564-4097 or jmvb@shawcable.com.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Oct 4	Mon Oct 5	Tues Oct 6	Wed Oct 7	Thurs Oct 8	Fri Oct 9	Sat Oct 10
27 Ordinary 9 & 11 a—Mass 4:30 p -Fall supper	7 p—Baptism prep	7 p—Baptism prep 7 p—CWL meet	10 a - Book Club 7 p—Bible Study	7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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.

SISTERS IN SPIRIT VIGIL

The annual **Sisters in Spirit Vigil** will be held on **Sunday, October 4th at 1pm** outside the court house to honour the missing and murdered women from across Canada. This is event is co-sponsored by the national and local Aboriginal Women's groups, KAIROS, and Amnesty International. The vigil will include drumming, dancers and a smudging ceremony. Everyone (men, women and children) are encouraged to attend to show solidarity with those directly affected by this tragedy.

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.