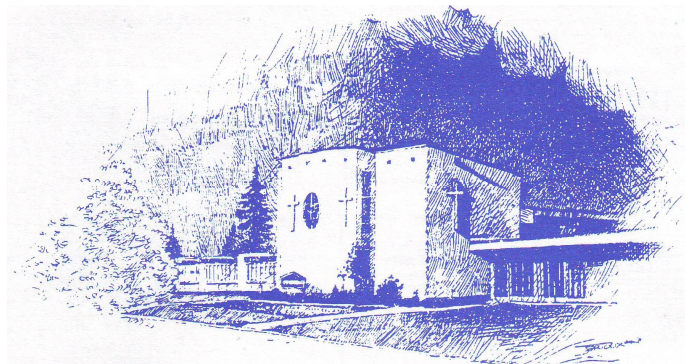

St. Mary's Parish



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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2009



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.

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 Youth Group meets tonight, Saturday, Sept. 12th, 7 to 9pm. Next week we'll meet again on Sunday, Sept 20th, 7 to 9pm.

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!

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 Orioux, Maurice VanCaeseele, 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

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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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
Mon	Sept 14	7:20 am	RIP Harvey Anderson
Tue	Sept 15	7:20 am	RIP Maurino Soda
Wed	Sept 16	7:20 am	RIP Joseph Hamelin
Thur	Sept 17	7:20 am	RIP Kay McEwen
Fri	Sept 18	7:20 am	RIP Kay Vallely
Sat	Sept 19	7:00 pm	RIP Angelo Spoletini
Sun	Sept 20	9:00 am	RIP Anita Plante

DONATIONS

September 6, 2009

Envelopes \$3536 Loose \$360.50 **Total \$3896.50**
St. Mary's School \$336 Needs of the Church \$5
Catholic Missions \$50

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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. We extend a warm welcome to all who join in the feast.

WESTERN TRANSFORM STUDENT CONFERENCE

For students aged 13-18. October 23-25, 2009. Gull Lake Bible Camp in Lacombe, Alberta September 25, 2009 early registration deadline.
Website www.transformcanada.com.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

The Domano Renewal Centre has a new website!
www.domanorenewalcentre.org

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

VESPERS

We will celebrate Vespers, the Church's evening prayer, on Sunday, September 20 at 4:30 p.m. As a community, we gather to give thanks to God for the gift of another day and we praise our God who fills us with so many graces and blessings.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Please return your registration immediately so materials will be ready for 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

Walking the Walk We Claim

St. James challenges all of us today to not just talk about what being a Christian means, but to LIVE our faith. Living our faith requires serving other people in real, practical ways. What can I do this week to be of service to others in need?

(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.

FALL SUPPER

You are invited to join in our Fall Supper on Sunday, October 4. The turkey supper will be served from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m., so you can come when it is best for you and family and friends. This supper will be a fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul and is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Parish. Tickets will be available after Mass on the weekends as well as at the parish office during weekday business hours. Cost per serving is: Adults, \$10, Children 6-10, \$5 and under 6, free. When you come to supper, we also invite you to bring a non-perishable food item to add to a hamper for 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

St. James asks what our love for Jesus Christ can possibly mean if it does not result in action on behalf of our neighbor. He suggests that that faith is demonstrated most acutely in care for the needy, the suffering, and the underprivileged. Stewardship includes proclaiming the Good News by putting our faith into action on behalf of others. In what ways have we been willing to make sacrifices and renunciations for the sake of Jesus Christ and our neighbor?

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Sept 13	Mon Sept 14	Tues Sept 15	Wed Sept 16	Thurs Sept 17	Fri Sept 18	Sat Sept 19
16 Ordinary 9 & 11 a—Mass			10 a - Book Club	7:30 p—Pr. Group	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 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.

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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.