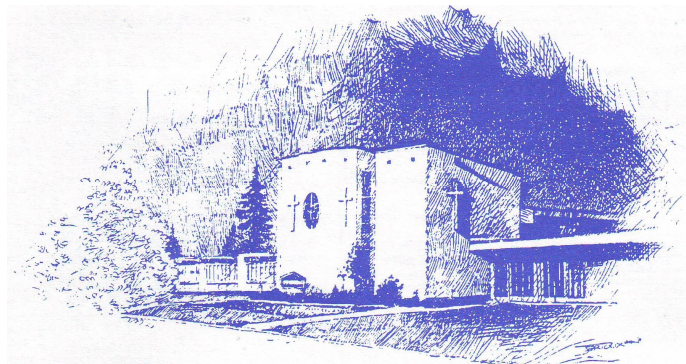

St. Mary's Parish



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2009

PARISH EXPO

Gather in the gym after the Masses
on September 26/27.

Browse through the displays, meet
members of our parish, learn about
our community and our people

Sunday, September 27:
a delicious brunch after the masses.
The cost is \$5.00 for adults.

FALL SUPPER

Sunday, October 4.
The turkey supper will be served
from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
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 parish office.

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 again Sept 20th. 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.

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	Sept 19	7:00 pm	RIP Angelo Spoletini
Sun	Sept 20	9:00 am	RIP Anita Plante
		11:00 am	People of Our Parish
Mon	Sept 21	7:20 am	RIP Lindsay Santos
Tue	Sept 22	7:20 am	RIP Linda Brannigan
Wed	Sept 23	7:20 am	RIP Deceased Oblates
Thur	Sept 24	7:20 am	
Fri	Sept 25	7:20 am	RIP Joseph Hamelin
Sat	Sept 26	7:00 pm	
Sun	Sept 27	9:00 am	People of Our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Saverio DiBenedetto

DONATIONS

September 13, 2009

Envelopes \$3569 Loose \$408 **Total \$3977**
St. Mary's School \$67 Needs of the Church \$5
St. Vincent de Paul \$50

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Sincere thanks from St. Vincent de Paul for your donation of \$551.09. Your support is a blessing.

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. 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.

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.

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS ON VISION TV

Perpetual Help Devotions on Vision TV, each Wednesday at 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. (Pacific Time) and 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) provide an opportunity to rediscover Mary, the mother of our Lord. The series features presentations by Canadian Catholic Bishops and is produced by the Redemptorists of Canada with Villagers Media Productions. This traditional Catholic devotion to Mary finds new relevance for a growing television audience with prayers, hymns and reflections. A reflection entitled "Handmaid of the Lord" by Bishop Gerald Wiesner is scheduled for October 14, 2009 and April 14, 2010. Perpetual Help Devotions can also be found on Salt and Light TV and online at www.redemptorist.tv.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

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

Walking Retreat

Not all retreats are silent and some venture beyond the retreat house grounds. While we enjoy the exercise and the beautiful scenery of Forests for the World, we can pause to pray and be aware that we are on a spiritual journey. Eucharist will be celebrated in the forest setting as part of our retreat.

Saturday September 26

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. No Fee
Retreat guide: Fr. Richard Beaudette, OMI
Meeting Place: St. Mary's Church parking lot
Bring a lunch; wear comfortable shoes.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend we kick off the 2009/10 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Once again, we are inviting members of the parish to participate in the life of the local church, our Diocese of Prince George. During the coming week, you will receive a mailing containing a letter from Bishop Gerald Wiesner, OMI, a brochure outlining the particulars of the appeal and a pledge form and envelope. Please take the time to prayerfully consider your gift to the mission of the local church. We will have five weeks in which to reflect on the Appeal, but we encourage you to make your decision early in the process. This year our **goal is \$39,163**, essentially the same as last year. To date, we have **received gifts of \$1220, or 3.12% of our goal**.

The parish we would also like to refurbish the public washrooms in the conference room area, so we are adding **\$20,000 as our parish goal**, so it is our hope to have pledges of \$59,163.

A sincere thank you to all who responded so generously last year, as we exceeded our goal by over \$20,000!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE

We will again be selling Fair trade coffee and chocolate after each mass on the third Sunday of the month. We will be selling our chocolate bars at \$4.00 each. We have changed our brand of coffee to a brand called Cafe Awasa, an organic Ethiopian coffee. Cafe Awasa comes in smaller bags of 300g and sells for \$8.00 per bag. We will still sell decaf Cafe San Miguel which comes in 454 g bags and sells for \$10.00 a bag. We thank you for your support of our Fair Trade products.

Just Society and the Common Good

To be builders of a just society, "a civilization of love," that is marked by caring and sharing, we follow Jesus' call. He said, "Whoever wants to be first will be last" and the servant of all. Followers are servants of the common good! With God's help, they create the context for it.

(based on Catholic Social Teaching)

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 any students you know—the more the merrier! We also will need some volunteers to help with cooking, serving and cleanup. Please call the parish office to let us know if you can help or if you have invited students who will be attending.

VESPERS

All members of the parish are invited to gather as we celebrate Vespers, the Church's evening prayer, on Sunday, September 20 at 4:30 p.m.

This solemn evening prayer is a wonderful way to pause, reflect on the blessings of the day and give praise to God for those blessings.

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 Jeannie 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues to turn society's idea of greatness upside down. He teaches that true greatness lies in being a servant to others; a good steward of our relationships. We want success, but Jesus defines success differently than we do. Jesus redefines our notion of greatness and success. How do we define success? Is our notion of success the same as what Jesus teaches?

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Sept 20	Mon Sept 21	Tues Sept 22	Wed Sept 23	Thurs Sept 24	Fri Sept 25	Sat Sept 26
25 Ordinary 9 & 11 a—Mass 12:30 p Religious Ed 4:30 p Vespers			10 a - Book Club	7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	5 p—Kairos dinner 7 p—Mass Parish Expo after 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

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

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.

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.rainbowsgp.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.