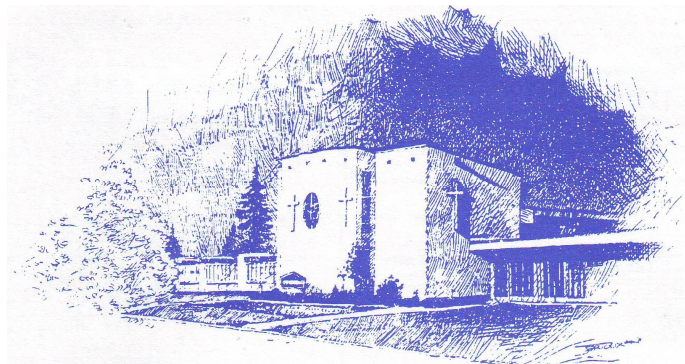


St. Mary's Parish



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
Roger Lavoie	Associate 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2009

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

Special Lecture

Venturing into the Mysticism of St. Paul

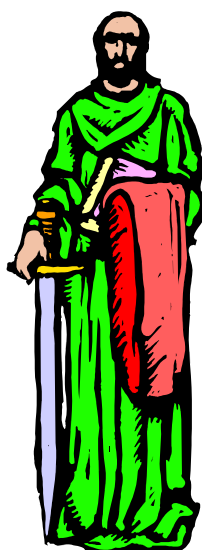
Basing ourselves on a few passages in the Letters of St. Paul, for example Galatians 2:20 ("...it is no longer I that live but Christ lives in me..."), we will come to appreciate more deeply some of Paul's remarkable insights into the richness of the Christian life in the Spirit.

Thursday, April 23

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emmaus House

Fee: \$5.00

Facilitator: Fr. Paul Fachet, OMI



Fr. Paul Fachet, O.M.I. was Professor of World Religions and Scripture at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, for 31 years. A gifted storyteller and retreat master, Fr. Fachet is now part of the Program Team at Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. On his last visit to Prince George Fr. Fachet gave a remarkable lecture series on Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

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)

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Email—stmarys.parish@shawcable.com Web—www.geocities.com/saintmaryspg

YOUTH MINISTRY

PARISH YOUTH – Back to Youth Group April 19th! 7-9pm. Anyone grades 7 to 12 are most welcome! Bring friends!

DYC 2009 – May 1-3! *Lord of Our Dance* is the Diocesan Youth Conference's (DYC) theme for 2009! Brad Henning of Life Resources is returning as our keynote speaker. Brad talks about good relationships and is very much in demand across western US and Canada. Youth from across Northern BC and other parts of Western Canada come to DYC to pray, think about important things in life, meet people and renew friendships! DYC is for youth grades 8-12. Registrations on the bulletin board!

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 over \$175! Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Youth!

DYC HOST FAMILIES AND DRIVERS

Prince George will be hosting our Fifteen Annual Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) on May 1-3. Host Families are needed for youth and youth leaders coming from outside of Prince George. As well, we need drivers with vehicles to assist Host Families who do not have vehicles. Please contact Simone Kwast at the Diocesan Centre for more information: 250-964-4424 ext 242. Thank you for your support of DYC!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Andre Frigon, David Nelson, Norman Louis, Claude Crossland, Rose Marie Seager, Al Foulon, John and Emilia Mauro, Georgie Boyle, Trudy Petraschuk, Estelle Struck, Denise Cote, Stan Cook, Brooklyn Kennedy, Blaine Lavoie, Larry Crooks, Michael Fernandes, Austin Lacalle, Brenda Ducharme, Andrew Becker, George Callaghan, Lori Wall, Ella Dougherty, Jean Callaghan, Gabrielle Hamelin, Lori McGinlay, Lisa Norman, Josephine Nykoluk, Eugene Nykoluk.

PLEASE NOTE: Our prayer list is updated monthly. Please call the parish office if you would like a family member or friend 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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Apr 18	7:00 pm	RIP Ted Turpin
Sun	Apr 19	9:00 am	INT John & Del Courteau
		11:00 am	People of our Parish
		4:30 pm	Vespers
Mon	Apr 20	7:20 am	RIP Shirley Gannon
Tue	Apr 21	7:20 am	RIP Lindsay Santos
Wed	Apr 22	7:20 am	RIP Joseph Hamelin
Thur	Apr 23	7:20 am	RIP Michael Glasser
Fri	Apr 24	7:20 am	RIP Eugenie and Stella
Sat	Apr 25	7:00 pm	RIP Gordon Meyer
Sun	Apr 26	9:00 am	RIP Elvira Ferreira
		11:00 am	People of our Parish

DONATIONS

Envelopes \$3774 Loose \$1112.80 **Total \$4886.80**
Share Lent \$475.25 Holy Land \$1421.20 School \$55
St. Vincent de Paul \$50

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

RAINBOWS FASHION SHOW & SILENT AUCTION

Columbus Community Center — Domano Blvd

Friday May 1st 2009 7:00 pm

Tickets: Clare 964-3678, Ursula 562-3477
or NORTHERN HARDWARE

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CALL TO ACTION

Disappointed by the Canadian government's recent refusal to firmly address the corporate social responsibility of Canadian mining companies operating abroad, Development and Peace asks Canadians to urge their Members of Parliament to support Bill C-300. There is clear evidence that several Canadian companies are severely harming the environment and the health of the people living in the communities in which they operate. While the current Canadian government proposes voluntary actions only and displaces the blame for irresponsible behavior from mining companies to developing countries, Bill C-300 will ensure Canadian mining companies respect Canada's commitment to international human rights standards. After second reading Bill C-300 will be submitted to a committee for review and will return to the House for voting.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

Sacred Heart Cathedral will be hosting a celebration of the Divine Mercy Prayers on Sunday, April 19th beginning at 2:00 p.m. All city parishioners invited!

TOUR OF ITALY

From September 13-23 of this year a tour of Italy will take place under the direction of a professional tour guide from Collette Vacations and the chaplaincy of Fr. John Garden. The tour will visit the major sites and shrines of Rome, Assisi, Perugia, Umbria, Siena, Florence, Venice, Murano Island, Lake Como, [a quick trip into Lugano, Switzerland], and Milan. Please call the cathedral parish office in Prince George for more information at 250-564-5225 OR call Julia Silva at Wings Travel Service Ltd. Kitimat, B.C.: 1-800-663-3397 or 1-250-632-4731.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

Please register 1 week in advance for sessions.
Phone 250-964-4475

Day of Retreat for Seniors

Intended primarily for those 50 and up or for those of retirement age, this retreat is a time to come together for a day of reflection and fun. Our reflection time this year will focus on Beauty. About Beauty, John O'Donahue says, "Beauty does not linger, it only visits. Yet beauty's visitation affects us and invites us into its rhythm, it calls us to feel, think and act beautifully in the world; to create and live a life that awakens the Beautiful."

Come and explore beauty in your life and the life of others. Lunch is compliments of the Knights of Columbus. A celebration of the Eucharist at 2:45 p.m. will conclude the day.

Thursday, April 30

Time: 9:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Place: Emmaus House

No Fee

Facilitators: Patricia Macaulay, C.S.J. and Renewal Centre Team

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY

Interested in reading some contemporary spiritual authors and discussing their works with others in a faith sharing context. Come join us as we begin a new book by Fr. Edward Hayes, a prolific writer, spiritual director. The book is entitled Chasing Joy: Musings on Life in a Bittersweet World. Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 in the parish office.

RETURNING TO SPIRIT

The Returning to Spirit, Residential School Healing and Reconciliation Workshop For Clergy, Religious and Non-Aboriginal People—**July 6-10, 2009**

Location: Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Prince George.

The workshop is a process for individuals to move ahead in life, creating a future based in empowerment rather than a future based on more of the past.

For registration information contact: Stacy Gaal 250 964-4424 or reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca

VOCATION LIVE IN

May 8 - 10 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 info, call 604.826.8715.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MOTHERS' DAY

Looking for something fun and a little different to celebrate Mothers' Day this year? Plan on staying after Mass on May 10 and treat Mom to a super brunch. Remember the brunch at the Art Show? The Knights of Columbus are planning a repeat performance for Mothers' Day! Come, enjoy a great brunch and fellowship with members of the parish community. Cost for the brunch will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

CALLING GREEN THUMBS

As noted in the GRRRAPEVINE, we are inviting donations of seedlings, plants, perennial roots and houseplants for the 4th Annual Plant Sale for St. Vincent de Paul. We are also asking for donations of baking (cookies, muffins) for the coffee table at the sale. Baking donations get you a plant coupon!

Don't Let Fear Overcome

Sometimes we, like the disciples, are "locked up" out of fear. As followers of Jesus, our call is to step through our fear to make a difference in the lives of those around us. Jesus offers, "Peace be with you!" We can take actions that change circumstances for those who live on the margins. (based on Catholic Social Teaching)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Each week a few parishioners go to Simon Fraser and Parkside Care Homes to bring Communion and/or visit with the residents. Many of the residents are Catholic and appreciate the opportunity to be in touch with a Parish Community since they are no longer able to participate on a regular basis. We would like to have enough volunteers so that everyone would not need to go every week. If you are interested and willing to hear more about this important Pastoral Ministry Outreach, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number and we will contact you soon

Spring Fling

St. Mary's School Silent Auction, Dinner and Dance

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Tickets on sale now in school office

\$20 each or a table of 10 for \$180

We are in need and accepting donations for prizes now. We need items for the silent auction and larger items for the live auction. We will be sending out a donation letter soon to everyone to use but we encourage everyone to donate something. Do you have a business or is there a service you can offer. The committee also accepts donations of cash to purchase prizes these can be dropped off to the school office cheques payable to St. Mary's PSG.

This is our major fundraiser of the year and PSG will not be able to meet its commitments to our school and children without this event. Please plan on attending. For catering reason tickets will be on sale up to the Monday prior to the event but don't wait for the last minute.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE 2009

This conference is on April 24 and 25 in Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace. The theme is **"Called into LIGHT"** (1Peter 2:9). Rev. Gabriel De Chadarevian o.p. is the guest speaker. Registration Friday at 7:00 pm. Event ends Saturday evening. All are welcome. Info: Anita 635-6451 acpage@telus.net

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION

When the risen Christ encounters his disciples in the locked room he adds a new Beatitude to the ones we've heard proclaimed before: Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. Stewards of the mysteries of God's love do not need proof of the risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them. As stewards of this great gift it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Apr 19	Mon Apr 20	Tues Apr 21	Wed Apr 22	Thurs Apr 23	Fri Apr 24	Sat Apr 25
Second/Easter 9 & 11 a—Mass 4:30 p—Vespers		6:30 p—Relig. Ed. 7:30 P—Knights	10 a—Book Study	7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Apr 26	Mon Apr 27	Tues Apr 28	Wed Apr 29	Thurs Apr 30	Fri May 1	Sat May 2
Third/Easter 9 & 11 a—Mass	7 p—RCIA	6:30 P—Relig Ed	10 a—Book Study	7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	Spring Fling 7 p—Mass

AROUND THE PARISH

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS

Baptism preparation sessions for the parents of infants are held every couple of months. 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 on Tuesday evening for those families who have children in the public school. All are welcome. Children who want to receive the sacraments are expected to be part of this program. 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. The Executive meeting is on the first Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 pm, also in the Conference Room. For more information, phone 964-6785 or 561-9225, or visit their new website: <http://members.shaw.ca/kofc5246/>



DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Development and Peace is the Canadian Catholic organization that works for social justice for the people of Latin America, Asia and Africa. If you would like to become involved in this important work, or would simply like more information please call/email Nadine Hale 563-4121 / nadinehale@gmail.com. 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.