

PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 31/APRIL 1/25, 2007

DONATIONS

Regular Envelopes	3,189.75
<u>Loose</u>	<u>587.00</u>
Total	3,776.75

D&P Total	1,907.00	
School, Pink Envelopes total for March	518.00	

SPECIAL THANKS TO ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS

The St. Vincent de Paul Society extends heartfelt thanks for your incredible generosity. The Brown Bag grocery donations were fantastic and will help so many families. We send many blessings to you all. We couldn't do this work without you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the school. The last day of classes will be April 24th. There will be no classes on April 3rd and 10th, during Spring Break. Call Giselle 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.

CWL OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP

Again this year, the CWL is offering a \$500 scholarship to a Grade 12 student from St. Mary's Parish. If you wish to apply, please pick up an application form at the parish office. Deadline for applications is June 1st.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Merlin Sullivan, Gordon Meyer, Denise Cote, Shannon Cruz, Paul Kenway, Helen Roberts, Ron Roth, John Mather, Joseph Glasser, Beverly Teegee, Teddy French, Judy Nelson, Nick Palfy, Anne Whyte, Kai Peterson, Henry Alexander, Suzanne LeFebvre, Anne Beaudette, Mary Pfliger, Becca Kennedy, Valerie Kabai, Cyril Abreau, Sharon Balkcom, George Smith, Sr. Margaret Quinn, and her sister, Detta Quinn.

MORNING PRAYER 7:00AM WEEKDAYS

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Sat Mar 31	7:00 pm	LAY LED LITURGY
Sun Apr 1	9:00 am	For the People of Our Parish
	11:00 am	RIP Alejandro & Maura Perez
Mon Apr 2	7:20 am	INT. Wishart Family
Tue Apr 3	7:20 am	RIP Sr. Paul Howlett
Wed Apr 4	7:20 am	RIP Sr. Mary Vincent
	7:00 pm	VESPERS
HOLY THURS	7:30 pm	RIP Deceased Oblates
GOOD FRIDAY	3:00 pm	LAY LED LITURGY
EASTER VIGIL	9:30 pm	INT Del & John Courteau
EASTER	9:00 am	RIP Odiane & Hermel Michaud
	11:00 am	For the People of Our Parish

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Youth – We meet April 1st from 7 to 8:30pm in the gym. Anyone grades 7 to 12 is most welcome!

DYC 2007 - The 13th Annual Diocesan Youth Conference will be held at the Diocesan Center April 27-29. Jesse Manibusan is the keynote speaker and the theme is, "Lord of all Things." Anyone grades 8 to 12 is invited. LOOK ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR REGISTRATION FORMS!!!

Host Families Needed - The DYC is approaching fast. We need families to host young people from across BC and Alberta. If you can provide accommodation and three meals for two or more youth, please call Simone @ 964-4424 ext. 242. A criminal record check will be required.

Young Adults - Anyone grades 12 and up is invited to meet after youth group the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month at 8:30pm. We meet in the St. Mary's Gym foyer.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA meets Mondays, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. For more information call Giselle at the parish office 564-4097.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

Stations of the Cross take place every Friday during Lent, 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral and Christ Our Saviour Parish.

WALK OF SORROWS

The Walk of Sorrows takes place on Good Friday, April 6th. Please join us for this touching and very impressive "walk" following the Stations of the Cross as Jesus walked on that "other" Friday. Meet at City Hall at 12:00.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY HOSTS EASTER

DINNER Sunday, April 8th at Sacred Heart Auditorium.

Dinner will be served from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. A work bee is planned Sat. Apr. 7th from noon until 2 pm. Potato peelers and turkey carvers are especially needed. Dessert donations are very much appreciated and will be accepted at the hall during the work bee. Many volunteers are needed Easter Sunday from 10:30 am until 2:30 pm for serving, dish washing and cleanup. **We typically serve 800 meals at Easter. To ensure sufficient help, please confirm your assistance by calling Bernie at 564-3416. Thrift Store opportunities:** There is an opening for a paid, part-time employee, 16 hours per week. Please call Bernie at 564-3416.

NEW MASS TIMES AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Starting Sunday, April 15th Sunday Mass times at Immaculate Conception Parish will be at 9 & 11am, & 7pm.

TO WHAT LENGTHS WOULD YOU GO?

There's not much that would stop parents from providing what's best for their children. Are there others in our lives that we would put ourselves out for if they needed help?

Be kind to your enemies...after all, you made them.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

Please call 964-4475 to register for all programs.

COUNSELING

Counseling services at the Renewal Centre for couples and individuals offered by Brian Bulgin.

An Acrylic and Watercolor Experience and Beyond, Limit of 10 participants. Bring a bag lunch, beverages provided. Mon. April 2, 9am to 3:30 pm. Instructor: Gisele Bauche, Fee \$40.

Day of Stillness on Holy Thursday, Thursday, April 5, 9:30am to 3:30 pm. Facilitator: Donna Dolan RSCJ. Fee \$25. (Includes Lunch).

Day of Retreat for Seniors

50 and up or those of retirement age. Number of participants limited to 40. Facilitators: Domano Renewal Centre Team with Bishop Gerry Wiesner, OMI Thursday, Apr 19, 2007 Time: 10:00 – 3:30 p.m. Transportation arranged with 24 hours notice. Lunch will be provided. Let us know if you have dietary needs. No Fee

Making Time for Your Marriage

“putting your partner first”! How can the mutual regard for each other serve to feed the needs of the marriage in a lively and loving fashion? Facilitator: Brian Bulgin, MED. Saturday, Apr 28 and Sunday, Apr 29, 2007 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HOLY LAND.

There are many peoples living together in the Holy Land: Christians, Jews, Muslims, Orthodox, Melchites. Armenians, Syrians, Maronites etc. They are neighbours, colleagues, classmates and friends of the Holy Sites, the cradle of faith in God. Many are young people preparing to serve the church in Jesus’ country. They follow the example of the Apostles who left Jerusalem to bring the news to the extremities of earth. The Church in Jerusalem is in dire need, and the Custody of the Holy Land must find the means to survive, to give hope and to maintain the Holy Shrines. Please be generous so that the Holy Sites sanctified by Jesus’ life on earth may be protected and preserved so that Peace may return to this land.

“IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS”

PILGRIMAGE IN THE HOLY LAND

October 25th to November 5th. This fantastic pilgrimage includes Nazareth, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Massada, the Dead Sea, and so much more. For complete itinerary and prices etc. call the parish office, or contact Boreal Tours 613-737-6972 or Commissariat of the Holy Land 514-271-1230.

BLESSING AT P.G. MAUSOLEUM & COLUMBARIA

Bishop Wiesner will bless the Prince George Mausoleum and Columbaria on April 22 at 5 p.m. The Mausoleum’s location is 2099 Ferry Av. near the Municipal Cemetery. Information can be obtained from Sandy Hewitson at 561-7679.

FULL TIME TEACHING POSITION IN TERRACE

Starting Sept.1/07. See the bulletin boards for details.

WEBSITE

If you've been reading **The Grrapevine** newsletter, you know that we have developed a website for the parish. Check it out!!! www.geocities.com/saintmaryspg

ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON PARISH NEWS?

We publish our Grrapevine Newsletter every two weeks (more or less). It's a place for information on what the Pastoral Team is up to, a place for education and a place for parish information. If you haven't picked up a copy, give it a try. It's a nice, bright gold colour!

BAPTISM PREPARATION 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 Giselle at the parish office.

THOSE SEEKING COUNSELING

Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP, a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist, can be contacted at 964-4424 Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30 for a counseling appointment. Services are open to persons of all faiths.

SINGLE AGAIN

The **Single Again** support program in April is entitled “Seeds of Growth: Weathering the Death of Your Spouse or Divorce”. Adults who are single again after separation, divorce or death of a spouse will gather on **Thursday, 12 April** from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the Lower Church. The facilitator is Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP. There is no need to pre-register for this evening.

CAMP MORICE

Want to meet some great people and enjoy some invigorating work? Join the Camp Morice Spring clean up starting on the Friday evening of April 13th and ending on the 15th. Meals are provided. Phone Camp Morice-250-996-7881 or Joe 563 0159. **Please note that you MUST register because if the snow pack is too great we may have to reschedule.**

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat is offering a retreat for anyone in need of healing because of abortion. April 12-15, 2007. Please call Janet 250-762-2273 or 1-877-683-CARE to register.

D. & P. RESEARCH PROJECT

Over the last three months many Grades 6 and 7 students in the Diocese have participated in a competition on a research project entitled “How does the work of Development and Peace reflect the teachings of the gospel?” Two winning papers were chosen from both the east and the west zones. Winners in the east zone are by Nolan Schwab from Immaculate Conception School and Brian Nadalin/Nathaniel Pawluk from St Mary’s School. In the west zone the winners were Ryan Forbes and Logan Martel/Lucas Galamini both from St Anthony’s School. Congratulations and many thanks to all who participated. There will be two overall winners for the diocese so stay tuned. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus from Immaculate Conception, St Mary’s and Christ Our Saviour Parishes who donated the prize money for this competition.