

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21/22, 2007

DONATIONS

Regular Envelopes.....2,935.00
Loose..... 413.00
Total 3,348.00

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

March total..... 636.41
April Total..... 252.68

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The last day of Religious Education classes will be April 24th. We will have half an hour of class and then a party for the children in the Conference Room. Religious Education classes will resume in the Fall Call Giselle for more information. 564-4097.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Our RCIA sessions have concluded for the year. If you know of anyone who might be interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic, please give Giselle a call at the parish office (564-4097).

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: Vicky Gutfriend, 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, Emilia Mauro, Nancy O'Malley, Peter Morris, Jo Nykoluk, Sr. Margaret Quinn, and her sister, Detta Quinn.

MORNING PRAYER 7:00 AM WEEKDAYS

MORNING MASS 7:20 AM WEEKDAYS

Sat Apr 21	7:00 pm	RIP Lindsay Santos
Sun Apr 22	9:00 am	RIP Elvira Ferreira
	11:00 am	For the People of Our Parish
	2:00 pm	Confirmation/1 st Communion
Mon Apr 23	7:20 am	RIP Dario Romanin
Tue Apr 24	7:20 am	RIP Eugenie & Stella
Wed Apr 25	7:20 am	INT Lena & Emile Bengert
	7:00 pm	VESPERS
Thu. Apr 26	7:20 am	RIP Ava Salhavikova
Fri. Apr 27	7:20 am	RIP Elvira Ferreira
Sat Apr 28	7:00 pm	RIP Ante Mijatovic
Sun Apr 29	9:00 am	RIP Jenny Labata Hoarau, John Dunn, Edmund Hoarau
	11:00 am	LAY LED LITURGY

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Youth - We meet again April 22nd from 7 to 8:30 pm in St. Mary's Gym. Anyone enrolled in Grades 7 to 12 is most welcome! Bring your friends!

THINKfast 2007 - Thank you!! Thinkfast 2007 was a great success with 25 youth from the four PG parishes taking part in the 26 hour fast. A total of \$640 was raised for Development and Peace and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported us!

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 enrolled in Grades 8 to 12 is invited. LOOK ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR REGISTRATION FORMS!!! Get those forms in as soon as you can!

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 at 964-4424 ext. 242. A criminal record check will be required.

Camp Morice - Are you over 16 and want to be a supervisor at CAMP MORICE this summer? Then check out www.campmorice.com and click on, "SUPERVISOR APPLICATION"... **New deadline** May 5th, 2007!!!

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION We will celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation & First Communion with our children on Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. Their last follow up session for Sacramental Preparation will take place on Tuesday April 24th.

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.

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 for more information.

VOCATION LIVE IN

A Vocation Live-In will take place on May 11 - 13 for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission BC. For more information, call 604-826-8715. See Bulletin boards for schedule and registration forms.

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.

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 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TEACHING POSITION -- SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Please see the bulletin board information for a full-time Elementary Teacher at Sacred Heart School, Prince George beginning September 1, 2007.

PRINCIPAL POSITION -- DAWSON CREEK

Please see the bulletin board information for a Principal at Notre Dame School in Dawson Creek, beginning August 1, 2007.

CAMP MORICE DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Hey Kids! Experience Camp Morice for an afternoon! Join the Camp Morice Team on May 6th from 2:30 to 5:30 in the St. Mary's Conference Room for fun and games. There is limited room so book your spot early by phoning Marie O'Callaghan at 964-2141.

Come out and enjoy a meal and support your Diocesan Camp! Camp Morice will be hosting its Annual Lasagna Dinner on May 6th at 5:30 in the St. Mary's Auditorium. Dinner by donation and bring a dessert to share! There will be a Silent Auction, 50/50 Draw, and loads of fun for children as they experience a taste of Camp Morice See information above!

INVITATION TO ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS

With praise and thanksgiving to God, the people of God, the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Prince George, together with the families of Mendoza-Tolentino & Dela Cruz-Sabacan, cordially invite you to the ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRESBYTERATE of Rev. Mr. Rectorino Tolentino and Rev. Mr. Venerando Sabacan through the Laying on of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit, to be conferred by His Excellency MOST REV. GERALD WIESNER O.M.I., Bishop of the Prince George Diocese. 7:30pm, Friday, May 18th, 2007. Sacred Heart Cathedral.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

A part-time Park Attendant is required for the College Heights Residential Park, which is located on O'Grady Road. Duties include: helping tenants comply with their tenancy agreement, dealing with tenants' needs, managing repairs by contractors, keeping the Park clean and delivering notices. The person should live in the area for quick access to the Park. Please contact John or Lynn at 964-5649

PEW KNEELERS

Please refrain from putting your shoes and/or feet on the carpeted pew kneelers. The carpet gets wet or dirty and when people kneel, then their pants get wet and dirty. Thank you for your consideration!!

WEBSITE

We have a website with a fair amount of information on our parish. If you haven't taken a look at it yet, give it a shot. We try to keep it relatively up to date and it has archived editions of the Grrapevine and Sunday Bulletin.

www.geocities.com/saintmaryspg

GRRAPEVINE

Have you been picking up the Grrapevine faithfully, or do you just pick up this bulletin? If you don't grab the Grrapevine, you're missing out on some key bits of parish news. That's where we advertise our next hike, post information on Theo-Tidbits and the Plant Sale, let you know who has been baptized, married or died, and toss out our latest bright idea, like the **parish camp-out** coming up in a few months. Curious? Then pick up a Grrapevine!! And remember, it only comes out every 2 weeks.

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.

AS WE STAND UP

When we take the side of those society judges as unworthy, we may be criticized and misunderstood. Doing what is the right thing on behalf of others has a cost.

P.G. CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE

The Prince George Crisis Pregnancy Centre will hold its ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Mon. Apr. 30 at the Overcoming Faith Centre, 4520 Wheeler Road. Registration at 7:00 PM, the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. You will be blessed with the testimony of God's love and healing by Leanne Ezedebebo, CPC volunteer.

Come and hear the exciting things God is doing currently in and through this ministry and the continued plans for the future. We'll even provide food! Call 562-4464 for more information."

CAMP MORICE CLEAN-UP. The Camp Morice clean-up will take place on Saturday, May 5 and the long weekend of May 19, 20, 21. If you have a truck to haul items it would be very helpful. Please phone Camp Morice 250-996-7881 or Joe 563 0159 to register.

Two Full-Time Intermediate Teacher Positions at Veritas School in Terrace

Two full-time Intermediate Teachers at Veritas School, Terrace. Both positions begin September 1st, 2007.

Full-Time Teacher at Notre Dame in Dawson Creek

Intermediate Teacher at Notre Dame School, Dawson Creek. This temporary position begins September 1st, 2007 and ends June 30th, 2008.

Why do you have to "put your 2 cents in" but it's only "a penny for your thoughts???" Where's that extra penny going?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

Organ Donor Awareness Week

April 22 – 28, 2007 is Organ Donor Awareness Week. The Catholic Church strongly encourages individuals to consider becoming organ and tissue donors. The BC Transplant Society reports that there were 223 transplant surgeries in BC in 2006. And while 42 procedures have already been done so far in 2007, the waitlist for transplants is 328. Sadly, many people die each year while waiting for an organ transplant. **The late Pope John Paul II referred to organ donation as “that love which gives life to others”.** For more information or to register as a donor contact the BC Transplant Society at 1-800-663-6189 or visit their website at www.transplant.bc.ca.

Development and Peace News

Thanks to everyone for donations to

Development and Peace during the recent **Share Lent Campaign**. It is hoped that the work and presentations of local organizers helped people become more aware of the injustice rampant in the Global South and the need to make a stand for those who are most vulnerable. It is through your donation and solidarity that grassroots organizations in these countries gain the financial ability and moral support to fight injustices.

Some good news to report: the **National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility** Advisory Group held hearings in all major cities in Canada. Development and Peace presented at every hearing. You signed cards last year to pressure the government to require the Canadian Mining Companies to act with social responsibility in the Global South. Recommendations include establishing an Ombudsman to handle complaints and a Compliance Review Committee to follow through on these. This is only a first step but a significant one and we can all take a pat on the back for helping to form these recommendations.

DON'T MESS WITH CHILDREN

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples".

SCHEDULE OF THANKSGIVING MASSES

Fr. Rectorino

Saturday, May 19, 5:30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday, May 20, 11:00am St. Mary's

Saturday, May 26, 7:30pm. Christ the King, Kitimat.

Fr. Venerando

Saturday, May 19, 7:00pm St. Mary's

Sunday, May 20, 11:00am. Immaculate Conception

Frs. Rectorino and Venerando will be celebrating Masses of Thanksgiving in the Philippines in June. See the bulletin boards for that schedule.

EARTH DAY APRIL 22, 2007

WHAT IS EARTH DAY?

On April 22, 1970, people across the country united to validate the importance of the environment and take action. Earth Day was initiated by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, who said he was determined to “forcibly thrust the issue of environmental quality and resources conservation into the political dialogue of the nation.” He manifested the nation’s environmental cause through what started as “teach-in” to protest the government’s environmental ignorance. His accomplishment in the environmental area eventually led to fundamental legislation, including the Environmental Policy Act (1969), the Clean Air Act (1970) and fuel efficiency for automobiles.

For over 30 years, on April 22nd, millions of people have united to heed this urgent call to action and celebrate the environment. Earth 911 has taken the mission of Earth Day and made it an everyday opportunity by offering information and resources available to protect the environment in every community in the United States and Canada.

BLESSING AT P.G. MAUSOLEUM & COLUMBARIA

Bishop Wiesner will bless the Prince George Mausoleum and Columbaria this Sunday (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.

I/C SCHOOL’S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Immaculate Conception School invites all former students, parents, teachers and friends to share in the celebration of their 25th Anniversary on Saturday, June 2nd, with Mass at 5:00 pm, pot-luck at 6:00 pm and a social to follow. Our out-of-town guests are not required to bring a dish to the pot luck. Please RSVP to the school office, 964-4362 or email iconceptoffice@shawcable.com