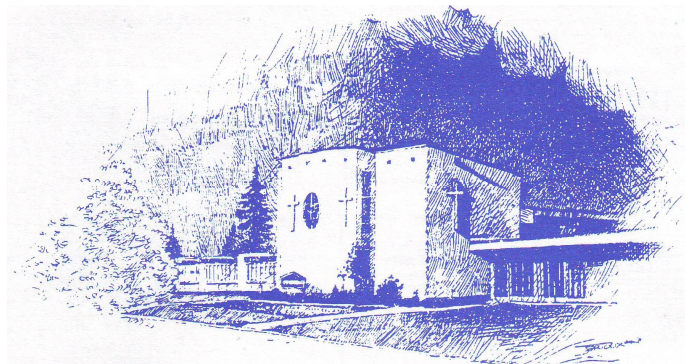

St. Mary's Parish



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2009

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

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.

Emmaus House—No Fee

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



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 No Youth Group April 26th or May 3rd due to NYC! Back again on May 10th... 7-9pm.

NYC 2009 May 1-3! *Lord of Our Dance* is the Diocesan Youth Conference's (NYC) 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 NYC to pray, think about important things in life, meet people and renew friendships! NYC 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 \$180! Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Youth!

NYC HOST FAMILIES AND DRIVERS

Prince George will be hosting our Fifteen Annual Diocesan Youth Conference (NYC) 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 NYC!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Anne Drazba, 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 25	7:00 pm	RIP Gordon Meyer
Sun	Apr 26	9:00 am	RIP Elvira Ferreira
		11:00 am	People of our Parish
Mon	Apr 27	7:20 am	RIP Dennis Pelletier
Tue	Apr 28	7:20 am	RIP Dennis Rancourt
Wed	Apr 29	7:20 am	RIP Gordon Meyer
Thur	Apr 30	7:20 am	RIP Bernice Hiller
Fri	May 1	7:20 am	RIP Sr. Teresa Landy
Sat	May 2	7:00 pm	RIP Gordon Meyer
Sun	May 3	9:00 am	Lay Led
		11:00 am	Lay Led

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

POSITION AVAILABLE

Notre Dame Parish, Dawson Creek is seeking a receptionist/ secretary/bookkeeper, 6hrs/day, 5 days/week. Familiarity with Simply Accounting is a must. The parish would consider making this a part time position, if necessary. Please contact Fr. Michael or Annette at nddc@shaw.ca or call 250-782-3456.

PRINCE GEORGE CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE

The Prince George Crisis Pregnancy Centre will hold its ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Monday, May 4th at the Salvation Army Church, 777 Ospika Blvd. Registration starts at 7:00 PM; the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM for approximately 1 hour with snacks & networking time after the meeting.

The current board invites you to consider becoming involved with this fulfilling ministry at the volunteer, committee or board level. We are in critical need of new board members that have capacity in either leadership, fund development, marketing or financial areas to ensure the ongoing growth of this very important ministry. The AGM is an excellent opportunity to learn what the Lord is doing in this ministry, and to hear of the opportunities of ways to serve.

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN

Sacred Heart Cathedral will be hosting prayers for the unborn on Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

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

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, May 11, June 8 Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
No Fee Facilitator: Donna Dolan, RSCJ

Retreat Days 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.

Saturday, May 16 Time: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00 Bring a lunch; beverages provided

Facilitators: Joy Cotter, Jean Brandel, Donna Dolan, RSCJ

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

THANK YOU

St. Vincent de Paul sincerely thanks the people of St. Mary's Parish for their donation of \$581.93 this past weekend. With the increased numbers of people accessing our service, your generosity is truly a blessing. Bernie Goold

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 (6-12).

CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS POSITIONS

There are a number of positions open in the schools throughout the diocese—check the bulletin boards.

DONATIONS

Envelopes \$2825 Loose \$363.50 **Total \$3188.50**
Share Lent \$377.50 Holy Land \$10 School \$10
St. Vincent de Paul \$50

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.

How Can We Shepherd?

Many are not employed during these challenging economic times. Let's ask ourselves how we might follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by reaching out to those who suffer lack of jobs, housing, adequate food and clothing. Could you write a letter this week to challenge a government policy that keeps people living in these ways?

(based on Catholic Social Teaching)

THIS 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 3 P- Confirmation	7 p—RCIA	6:30 P—Relig Ed Last one!	10 a—Book Study	7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA DYC	Spring Fling 7 p—Mass DYC

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun May 3	Mon May 4	Tues May 5	Wed May 6	Thurs May 7	Fri May 8	Sat May 9
Fourth/Easter 9 & 11 a—Mass DYC	7 p—RCIA Last one!		10 a—Book Study	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 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.