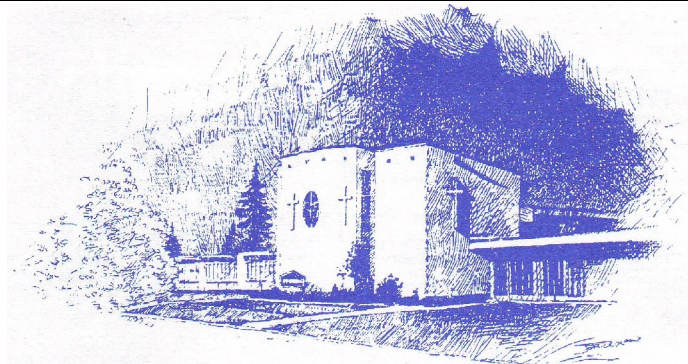

St. Mary's Parish



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
Wednesdays 7:00 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 see 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
Giselle Jakobs, MDiv	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

3rd SUNDAY EASTER
April 5/6, 2008

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a child or children ready for kindergarten?

Have you decided where you will register yet?

Have you considered St. Mary's School?

We offer the BC Ministry of Education curriculum in a faith-based environment. Our staff are committed to modeling and teaching the Catholic faith and Christian values in all aspects of our school's life. We celebrate our faith in the classroom as well as in liturgical celebrations in the parish church.

We also seek to offer smaller class sizes, with a focus on the development of each child to his or her full potential.

There are still a few spaces open in our 2008/09 Kindergarten classes. Don't miss out on the opportunity to enroll your child at St. Mary's School.

For more information, or to register, contact :

Brent Arsenault	Principal
Jacqueline Boyes	School Secretary
School Phone	563-7502
School Fax	563-7818
School Email	office@stmaryspg.org

1088 Gillett Street, Prince George, B.C. V2M 2V3
Office Hours—Mon to Fri—8:00 am-11:30 am AND 12:30 pm-4:30 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

Join us April 6th! 7-9pm! Bring friends!

HELP US!!

Please support St. Mary's Youth Group by donating CANADIAN TIRE money into the collection basket... every bit helps!

We have raised just over \$140! Thanks for your support!

DYC DANCE DJ

We are currently looking for a DYC dance DJ (evening of April 26). This person would be responsible for playing songs for youth with a positive message. Please call Joe at 964-4424 if you or someone you know would be able to help us!

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2008

The 14 Annual Diocesan Youth Conference will be held in Prince George on April 25-27. Deacon Harold of *Aerum Cordis. The Way* is our theme presenter for DYC. All high-school age youth are invited. Registration forms and further information are available from your parish.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED, DYC 2008

The Catholic community of Prince George will be hosting the 2008 Diocesan Youth Conference on April 25-27. If you can provide accommodation & meals for two or more youth during the weekend, please contact Simone at the Diocesan Centre, 964-4424 ext 242. Please note, a current Criminal Record Check is required for all adults in the household.

DYC THEME SONG – One Way by Hillsong United: Yes, One Way is our theme song for DYC 2008. Thank you to Lorna Richardson of Terrace and Andrew Johnson of Prince George who nominated One Way.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Bridgette Payne, Evangeline Donnelly, Peter & Lil Derges, Sheree Johnson, Ron Roth, Lisa Norman, Toby Studer, Denis LaRiviere, George Callaghan, Andrew Becker, Vicky Gutfriend, Eugene Bachand, Jim Punch, Shirley Gannon, Jean Callaghan, Larry Crooks, Joe & Gabrielle Hamelin, Charmaine Makelke, Emeilia Mauro, John Mauro, James McCloskey, Pam & Gordon Meyer, Bonnie, Natalie & Doug Marwood, Judy Nelson (Ann Robertson's sister), Josephine Nykoluk, Sr. Margaret Quinn, Detta Quinn.

PLEASE NOTE: Our prayer list will be updated every month. 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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Apr 5	7:00 pm	RIP Jerry Leclair
Sun	Apr 6	9:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy
		11:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy
Mon	Apr 7	7:20 am	RIP Elaine Hodgson
Tue	Apr 8	7:20 am	RIP Maurino Soda
Wed	Apr 9	7:20 am	RIP Deceased Oblates
		7:00 pm	Vespers
Thu	Apr 10	7:20 am	INT Mary Milanese
Fri	Apr 11	7:20 am	RIP Mary Golding
Sat	Apr 12	7:00 pm	RIP Ed Dias
Sun	Apr 13	9:00 am	People of the Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Europea & Guiseppi Scuccimare

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GALA

Last chance to get tickets to the Immaculate Conception Gala on April 12th! Dinner, dance and live band...A Night to Remember! Great fun, bring your friends, dress in black and white! Tickets available at the school or phone 964-4362. Donations to the Silent Auction are greatly appreciated.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Building Homes/Building Playgrounds coupon book is a partnership between Habit For Humanity Prince George and the local schools. The project is completely non profit. 50% of the proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity for building homes, and 50% to participating schools. The books are at the Re-Store on Queensway \$20. Please come and support us.

VOCATION OF THE CATHOLIC PHYSICIAN

The Canadian Bioethics Institute is holding a conference for Catholic physicians and medical students at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto on April 25-27, 2008. The aim of the conference, entitled *The Vocation of the Catholic Physician: Integrating the Practical, the Bioethical and the Spiritual*, is to provide an opportunity to discuss bioethics and spirituality within the context of recognizing and enriching the vocation of Catholic physician. As host of the conference, Archbishop Thomas Collins encourages Catholic physicians from across Canada to attend. For more information or to register contact the Canadian Bioethics Institute by telephone: (416) 926-2335; fax: (416) 926-2336; email: bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca; or go to their web site: www.cbci-utoronto.ca.

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE

The journey of our lives provides surprises and opportunities; opportunities to take care of and to treasure all that God created, human as well as other living things. All creation is on this journey together!

SINGLE AGAIN

Adults who find themselves **Single Again** after separation, divorce or death of a spouse will meet Thursday, **April 10th** at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the Lower Church from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. As usual, this session will include a brief lecture, small group sharing and refreshments in a caring atmosphere. This month's topic is: **"Letting Go of Masks and Roles"**. The facilitator is Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

It is extremely important that you call 964-4475 to REGISTER for programs!

For more info visit: www.geocities.com/domanorenewal
Info on bulletin boards and at back of church.

Evenings to Explore Women's Spirituality

April 8—7 to 9 pm

Relationships

April 15—7 to 9 pm

Day of Retreat for Seniors

April 17—9:45 am to 3:30 pm

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$3725.00	Loose	\$372.50	Total	4097.50
School	\$50	Oblates	\$75	Holy Land	\$45
		D&P Share Lent	\$325		

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT IS AN INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS?

It is a gathering of the universal Church, celebrating Jesus alive and present in the Eucharist, the source and summit of evangelization and centre of the life of the Church.

Jesus came and stood among them and said: "Peace be with you".

In what ways can I be a person of peace? Can I see 'peacemaking' as my vocation in life?

CIS TEACHING POSITIONS

Full-Time Grade 7 Teacher at Annunciation School, Prince Rupert beginning September 1, 2008.

Full-Time Grade 7 Teacher at St. Joseph's School, Smithers beginning September 1, 2008.

Full-Time Grade 5 Teacher at Veritas School, Terrace beginning September 1, 2008.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

We are planning another series of 4 sessions in April. If your older child (6 to 12) wishes to be baptized, phone Giselle at the parish office. This is your last chance before the summer!

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

We will begin our preparation sessions for Confirmation & First Communion on **Tuesday April 8 at 6:30 pm in the School Gym**. If you would like your child (Gr. 2 or older) to receive the sacraments of Confirmation & First Communion, **you must register your child by Friday April 4**. You can register your child through St. Mary's School (if they attend the school) or through Giselle at the parish office (if your child attends the parish Religious Education classes). Sacramental preparation sessions continue on the following Tuesdays: April 15, April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13. Confirmation & First Communion will take place on **Saturday May 10 at 2 pm AND at 7 pm**. Remember, you must register your child for the preparation sessions!

MAKE ROOM FOR GOD BOOK DISCUSSION

Please see the posters on the bulletin for our **revised schedule** for this book discussion. Starts April 9. Phone to register!!!

GRRRAPEVINE DIGEST VOLUME 3

Some copies of the latest GRR Digest are available at the back of the church. More copies will appear as we need them.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FAITH-BASED ECO JUSTICE?

This is an invitation from Kairos to all churches to come to a meeting to look at ways we could be reducing our carbon footprint. Kairos is a network of churches offering a faithful response to God's call for respect of the earth and justice for its people. Kairos PG hopes to plan an educational campaign on eating locally, culminating in a ecumenical 100 mile meal this September. Everyone is welcome to attend our April 22nd meeting 7:00pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church 1088 Gillett St. in the conference room. Please enter from the Freeman side. Contact Nadine Hale for more info 563-4121 / nadine-matwell@yahoo.ca

WORD OF THANKS,

This is a word of thanks to all who contributed to the Spiritual Bouquet on the occasion of the Diocesan Anniversary. Your prayerful support is recognized and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely in our Lord,
+Gerald Wiesner, O.M.I.
Bishop, Diocese of Prince George

GREENING THE PARISH

A group of us are looking at forming a "Greening the Parish" group, a group that would look at ways in which we, as a parish community, could practice environmental awareness and stewardship. We are planning a first meeting on Monday, April 28 at 7 pm, here in the parish office (1088 Gillett Street), the little grey house next to the school gym. Come and join us!

SISTERS OF MERCY

In appreciation of the Sisters of Mercy's 52 years of service to the Diocese of Prince George, there will be an Appreciation Dinner held Thurs June 12, 2008 at the Columbus Community Centre. Cocktails at 6:00 pm, with dinner to follow at 7:00 pm. For tickets and information, contact Noel at 564-4616.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE/SHARE LENT

We would like to invite you to view a video on the fantastic work that Development and Peace has been funding in the Tsunami-struck area of Indonesia. This video is a must see as it clearly demonstrates the culture and character of Development and Peace. Come and see exactly where your donated money is going. The video will be shown after all masses on the weekend of April 19th & 20th. 20 minutes very well spent. Come enjoy some goodies and fair trade coffee.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Apr 6	Mon Apr 7	Tues Apr 8	Wed Apr 9	Thurs Apr 10	Fri Apr 11	Sat Apr 12
3 SUN EASTER 9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass	4:30 p—Fin. Con. 7 p—Bapt Prep Older Children	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 6:30 p—Sac Prep Session #1	7 p—Vespers 7:30 p—Make Room for God	7 p—Theo Tid- bits—Who will be Saved? 7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Apr 13	Mon Apr 14	Tues Apr 15	Wed Apr 16	Thurs Apr 17	Fri Apr 18	Sat Apr 19
4 SUN EASTER 9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass	7 p—Bapt Prep Older Children	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 6:30 p—Sac Prep Session #2 7 p—K of C	7 p—Vespers 7:30 p—Make Room for God	7 p—Theo Tid- bits—Who will be Saved? 7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	9 a Kids Build Things 8 p—D & P Video

AROUND THE PARISH

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS

Baptism preparation sessions for the parents of infants, are held about every two 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 Giselle 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 Giselle 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? Want to learn more about the Catholic faith. Our Monday meetings are on hold for the moment. For more info call Giselle at the parish office 564-4097.

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

Religious Education classes are held every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the school. These classes are for the children of our parish who attend public school and who would like some faith formation. Please call Giselle 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

Joan Craig

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 / nadinematwell@yahoo.ca. The Development and Peace web-site is www.devp.org.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please call Bernie or Aime Trotter at 564-8943 for more information.

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.

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.