

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 7/8, 2007

DONATIONS

Regular Envelopes	3,496.60
<u>Loose</u>	<u>517.30</u>
Total	4,013.90

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the school. The last day of classes will be April 24th. Call Giselle for more information. 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: 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, Sr. Margaret Quinn, and her sister, Detta Quinn.

On Calvary

*On Calvary there was one man
brave enough to die
And one woman
brave enough to go on living,
So that all men and women
might know that
Life and death demand
the same amount of courage*

MORNING PRAYER 7:00AM WEEKDAYS

MORNING MASS 7:20 AM WEEKDAYS

Sat Apr 7	10:00am	Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food
Easter Vigil	9:30pm	INT Del & John Courteau
Sun. Apr 8	9:00am	RIP Odiane & Hermel Michaud
	11:00am	For the People of Our Parish
Mon Apr 9	10:00am	RIP Maurice Labrosse
Tue Apr 10	7:20am	INT Anne Beaudette
Wed Apr 11	7:20am	RIP Craig Dzuiballe
	7:00pm	VESPERS
Thu Apr 12	7:20am	RIP George MacDonald
Fri Apr 13	7:20am	RIP Sr. Paul Howlett
Sat Apr 14	7:00pm	RIP Florence Holmgren
Sun Apr 15	9:00am	For the People of Our Parish
	11:00am	RIP Maria Buncic
	4:30pm	VESPERS

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Youth - No gathering this week for Easter. See you April 15th!

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!!! Due date: April 9th.

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 (until the end of April). We meet in the St. Mary's Gym foyer.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Our RCIA sessions have concluded for the year. Our catechumen, Nikki, is finishing her studies at UNBC this month and will soon be moving on to seek employment elsewhere. We wish her all the best in her journey of life and of faith. If you know of anyone who has been considering exploring what it means to be Catholic, give us a call at the parish office.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

We will celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation & First Communion with our children on Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. The children have two sessions left: Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. (rehearsal) and Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. (follow-up).

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.

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.

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.

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.

**“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 September 1, 2007. See the bulletin boards for details.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sacred Heart Parish invites the parishioners of the city parishes to participate in the Devotion of Divine Mercy. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will take place on April 15th after the 11:00 am mass until 3:00 pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. At approximately 3:00 pm the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited to conclude the afternoon of prayer.

GREAT TRUTHS ADULTS HAVE LEARNED

*Raising teenagers is like nailing jello to a tree.
Wrinkles don't hurt.
Families are like fudge...mostly sweet but with a few nuts.
Today's mighty oak is yesterday's little nut that held its ground.
Laughing is good exercise...it's like jogging on the inside.*

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!

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 for more information. **Please note that you MUST register because if the snow pack is too great we may have to reschedule.**

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.

NEW MASS TIMES AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

THE IMPACT OF OUR WITNESS

Like Mary Magdalene and the apostles, we witness to God's love in this world by doing good for others. With our service we witness to the resurrection and new life that are possible for people around us.