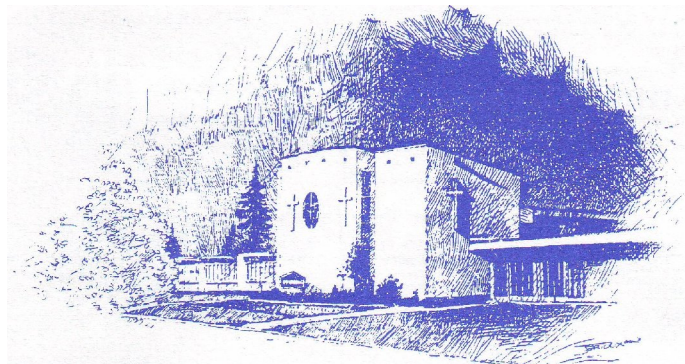

St. Mary's Parish



SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Mon to Fri 7:20 am
(10 am on Holiday Mondays)

MORNING PRAYER

Mon to Fri 7:00 am

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

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 18/19, 2007

VISION OF INITIATION MINISTRY CONFERENCE



**The North American Forum
on the Catechumenate presents
a two day conference for anyone
involved in the initiation of children,
youth or adults.**

You can register for either conference.

**September 19-20, 2007
(Wednesday/Thursday)**

OR

**September 22-23, 2007
(Saturday/Sunday)**

Location: Diocesan Centre.

**Cost: \$150 per person (includes confer-
ence fees, two lunches, one supper,
snacks)—Bursaries available**
**Full brochures are available from the
parish or you can contact
the Diocesan Centre at 964-4424**

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 (3:00 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

YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group will start up again in September.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008—SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

An information session will be held on Wed, Sept 12 at 7 pm at the Diocesan Centre. Contact Joe Glaab at 964-4424 for more information.

FUND RAISING FOR WYD 2008

Returnable beverage containers can be donated toward World Youth Day 2008 fund-raising efforts at BBK Bottle Depot, 2629 Vance Rd. Donations will support participants from Prince George. Contact Joe Glaab at 964-4424 for more information.

CAMP MORICE

There are still some Family Camps coming up. Registration forms are on the youth bulletin board!!! Also check out www.campmorice.com

FLOODS IN SOUTH ASIA

About 25 million people in Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan are facing hunger, homelessness, disease and loss of livelihood in the face of major flooding. The floods have claimed at least 1,450 lives in South Asia in the last two weeks, and there are fears that water and mosquito-borne diseases will spread in the coming days.

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) is contributing \$50,000 from its emergency fund to assist partner agency Caritas Bangladesh with food, temporary shelter and economic livelihood support. They are also assessing additional appeals from Caritas India and Caritas Nepal, but their financial capacity is limited and in need of your support.

Development and Peace is therefore also accepting funds to give emergency assistance to the victims of these floods, the majority of whom are the poor and most vulnerable. More floods are expected as the annual monsoon season lasts until September. **Your help is needed!** Development and Peace asks you to stand in solidarity with these vulnerable people and is appealing to the Canadian public to support its partners' efforts towards these victims of flooding in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Contributions to Development and Peace can be made by telephone (1-888-664-3387), or via the Internet. Please designate your donations to: Emergency: South-Asian Flooding 2007. Donations can also be made by cheque (marked "Emergency: South-Asian Flooding 2007") at the following address: Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd floor, Montreal (Québec) H3G 1T7.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

TEACHER'S AIDE

Immaculate Conception School is looking to hire a teacher's aide (mornings) for the 2007-2008 school year. This position will be primarily for the Kindergarten classroom. Experience with early childhood education and/or working with students with special needs would be an asset. Resume, with letter of application, should be forwarded to: The Principal, Immaculate Conception School, 3285 Cathedral Avenue, Prince George, BC, V2N 5R2.

SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

Over the summer, the school has been doing some renovations in the staff room. As a result, they have some old cupboards and cabinets to give away. They also have a lot of children's school desks to give away. And there is a small fridge (smaller than an apartment sized fridge but larger than a bar fridge). The material is free, but a donation would be appreciated.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Dick Neville, Ron Roth, Andrew Becker, Simone Dauvin, Rose French, Judy Nelson (Rose Palfy's niece), Judy Nelson (sister of Ann Robertson), Andy Peters, Chris Teichrob, Greg Gutfriend, Jeannette Hoksbergen, Merlin Sullivan, Ann Whyte, Gordon Meyer, Denise Cote, Helen Roberts, Joseph Glasser, Beverly Teegee, Teddy French, Nick Palfy, Kai Peterson, Henry Alexander, Suzanne LeFebvre, Anne Beaudette, Mary Pfliger, Becca Kennedy, Valerie Kabai, Cyril Abreau, John and Emilia Mauro, Peter Morris, Josephine Nykoluk, Sr. Margaret Quinn, and her sister, Detta Quinn.



PLEASE NOTE: Our prayer list will be updated every month. If you wish a family member or friend to remain on the list, please call the parish office before the end of each month. If a family member or friend falls ill, please call the parish office to have them added to our prayer list.

PERU EARTHQUAKE

An earthquake of magnitude 8.0 has brought devastation to the area south of Lima. We would ask you to keep the people of Peru in your prayers as they deal with the aftermath of the earthquake and its aftershocks.

To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.
Joseph Chilton Pearce

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

We offer many services and programs. Please call 964-4475 to register for all programs, or check out our website:

LOOKING FOR A MEETING PLACE?

We welcome your organization, education or service group to plan your next workshop or retreat at the Domano Renewal Centre. Facilities include: dining, overnight accommodations, meeting and conference rooms, chapel. For bookings, call Reina – 964-4475

NEW BROCHURE

Our new Fall 2007 brochure is available at the back of the Church. Please pick up a copy and explore the different programs we had planned for the fall. You can register via our website or via telephone.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

LAY FORMATION ALUMNI

A new season of Lay Formation is starting this fall. We'd like to invite all Lay Formation alumni to take a look at your neighbours in the pews. Do you think they might be a good candidate for Lay Formation? Suggest it to them!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

It's almost September and time for school to start! Our religious education classes will begin on Tuesday, September 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration will be held the previous Tuesday, September 11, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. You can also drop in at the Parish Office to register. Please bring your child's baptism certificate. And remember, Religious Education classes are FREE!

LECTOR RESOURCE

Any lectors who would like to receive a copy of the 2008 Lector Workbook may phone the parish office to reserve their copy (limited supply). This workbook includes all of the Sunday readings in the same sense lines as they appear in the lectionary. It also includes short reflections on the readings.

PARABLES OF JESUS—BIBLE STUDY

Do the parables sometimes leave you more confused than when you started? This fall we are going to take a look at some of Jesus' parables. We start September 26 and are offering a morning session (10 am) and an evening session (7 pm). The parish has ordered a dozen of the resource books. More info on the bulletin boards. If you're interested, call Giselle at the parish office and reserve/purchase your copy!

SENIOR'S TEA & SOCIAL

We would like to offer/host a regular gathering for senior members of the community. This could take the form of an afternoon tea and social, a soup and bun lunch, some prayer time, some teaching or information sessions, or anything that those gathered would like. It would be in the wheel-chair accessible Conference Room during the daytime. We would try to organize car pooling and rides. This is meant to serve the needs of members of the parish and help build community, so if you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact us (phone or email Giselle or Richard, or write us a note and drop it in the collection basket.)

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORIES

We have 15 extra copies of the 2007 directories for sale (\$10) at the parish office. We still have some copies of the old 2000 directory available for free at the back of the church.

MAKE ROOM FOR GOD—BOOK DISCUSSION

Does your life seem overly hectic and full? Are you having trouble making room for God? You're not alone!! This fall, we are offering a book discussion to help us make room for God. We start on October 4 and are offering a morning session (10 am). Sorry, no evening session... The parish has ordered about 10 of the books. More info on the bulletin boards. If you're interested, give Giselle a call at the parish office and reserve/purchase your copy today!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Aug 18	7:00 pm	RIP Kay McEwen
Sun	Aug 19	9:00 am	For the People of our Parish
		11:00 am	Wishart Family Intentions
Mon	Aug 20	7:20 am	INT. A. Gavini
Tue	Aug 21	7:20 am	RIP Lindsay Santos
Wed	Aug 22	7:20 am	RIP Paul & Sheila Kenway
Thu	Aug 23	7:20 am	RIP Bobby & Joyce Pennylegion
Fri	Aug 24	7:20 am	RIP Presley Simpson
Sat	Aug 25	7:00 pm	RIP Amelia & Pat McGraw
Sun	Aug 26	9:00 am	For the People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Mary & Elizabeth Pellizzari

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK



Regular Envelopes	2743.00
<u>Loose</u>	<u>427.50</u>
Total	3170.50

Can We Be Doing Something More?

*We're horrified by the cruelty
we see on the news programs.
But to whom do we need to lend
a helping hand
instead of letting them die
from starvation?*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Aug 19	Mon Aug 20	Tues Aug 21	Wed Aug 22	Thurs Aug 23	Fri Aug 24	Sat Aug 25
				7:00 pm—PPC 7:30 pm—Prayer Group	7 pm—AA	

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Aug 26	Mon Aug 27	Tues Aug 28	Wed Aug 29	Thurs Aug 30	Fri Aug 31	Sat Sept 1
				7:30 pm—Prayer Group	7 pm—AA	

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. Next session in September. Please phone to register!

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. 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. Come and join us! We meet Mondays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. For more info call Giselle at the parish office 564-4097. Our sessions will begin October 22.

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. We are on summer break right now!

PARISH & FINANCE COUNCILS

Terry Hawkes

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 Estelle Bachand (964-3836) 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 7:00 p.m. The Executive meeting is on the first Wednesday of each month, also in the Conference Room. For more information, phone 964-6785 or 561-9225.



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 provide prayer and agency referral to our guests. When possible, we journey with patients in the hospital or those who are dying at Hospice House. We also help women on the street to discover that they are loved. 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 program for children, teens and adults who have experienced a loss in their lives because of a death, separation, divorce, abandonment or any painful transition in their family. Sessions usually begin in September and January and fill up quickly. For a registration form and schedule, please contact Ursula Morris at 563-5584 or Sr. Margaret Quinn at 562-2817.

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.