

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 30/31, 2006**

**FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
JANUARY 1, 2007**

DONATIONS

Regular Envelopes.....	2,741.00
Loose	495.00
Total	3,236.00

Christmas Donations:

Envelopes.....	4,170.00
Loose	3,776.00
Total	7,949.00

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Almost 400 dinners were served at Sacred Heart on Christmas Day for the needy people of Prince George. The number of Christmas hampers given out were a bit fewer than last year, so they could be bigger, making it abundant for the families served by the Society. Area farmers donated unprecedented amounts of meat, for which we thank them SO much. The hampers will stretch a bit farther for these families. As usual, the parishioners of St. Mary's Parish were generous in their donations.....Thanks to you, life will be somewhat easier for our less fortunate neighbours and friends this month.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the school.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Immaculate Conception Church will not have the First Friday 7:30 Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration on January 5th.

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.

MORNING PRAYER 7:00AM WEEKDAYS

MORNING MASS 7:20 AM WEEKDAYS

Sat. Dec.30	7:00pm	RIP Andrew Kenway
Sun. Dec. 31.	9:00am	RIP Deceased Oblates
	11:00am	INT. Lou Veecken
	7:00pm	For the People of Our Parish
Mon. Jan. 1...	10:00am	RIP Michaud Family Members
Tue. Jan. 2	7:20am	RIP Anthony & Agnes Quinn
Wed. Jan. 3	7:20am	RIP Frances Glasser
Thu. Jan. 4	7:20am	RIP James MacLean
Fri. Jan. 5..	7:20am	RIP Jeannette Gess
Sat. Jan. 6	7:00pm	LAY LED LITURGY
Sun Jan. 7.	9:00am	RIP Manuel & Maria Ferreira
	11:00am	For the People of Our Parish

YOUTH MINISTRY

PARISH YOUTH –No Youth Group on the 31st due to New Year's Eve.. We are back to schedule on January 7th.

YOUNG ADULTS - Anyone Grade 12 and up is invited to meet after Youth Group the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month at 8:30pm We meet in St. Mary's Gym foyer.***UPDATE *** No Young Adults on the 31st. We reconvene on the 7th of January.

ST. MARY'S YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR. SEE YOU IN 2007!!!

**YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR,
ROBERTA.**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA meets Mondays, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. There will be no RCIA on Monday, January 1st. For more information call Giselle at the parish office 564-4097.

NEW YEAR'S WISH

May you have.....

Enough happiness to keep you sweet

Enough trials to keep you strong

Enough sorrow to keep you human

Enough hope to make your heart sing

Enough labour to keep you from rusting

Enough leisure to make you balanced

Enough faith to make you value the best.

JANUARY 1, MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Christmas story is familiar to anyone who frequents a church. The shepherds did something with the message they received. They shared it. Mary herself was not content to simply look at the child of her womb. Luke tells us that she thought deeply about what she had seen and heard. As we close the Christmas season, Mary's example as the Mother of God asks us to take another look. We are invited to leave the place where we are, and to think deeply on what we have seen and heard. We are invited to share with others what we have seen and heard. We are invited to tell the story, to follow in the selfless steps of Mary, to further God's plan instead of our own.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE- 964-4475

Please call 964-4475 to register for all programs.

COUNSELING

Counseling services at the Renewal Centre for couples and individuals offered by Brian Bulgin.

Retreat Day for Artists (Limit 10 Participants)

Sat. Jan. 6 - 9:30am to 4:00pm

Bring a lunch, beverages will be provided. Fee \$15.

Facilitators: Joy Cotter, Jean Brandel and Donna Dolan RSCJ

Logfire Conversation: The Stress of Life

Wednesday Jan 17, 2007 Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5.00 or by donation. Facilitator: Tarianne DeYonker, OP

Loss and Grief Group – Morning Sessions

Saturday mornings: Jan 20th – Mar 10th, 2007

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Fee: \$50 for the eight week experience.

Facilitator: Brian Bulgin, MEd., counselor

Everyday Simplicity

This reflective group is guided by Everyday Simplicity: A Practical Guide to Spiritual Growth, by RJ Wicks.

New series could begin if there is interest. Please call.

Books would have to be purchased.

Evenings for Women

Come once or come often. Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Jan 9, 2007 Fee: \$5 per evening or by donation.

Facilitator: Jean Marie Lehtinen, OP

The Second Half of Life – Book Discussion

Wednesdays, Jan 24 to Mar 28, 2007 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50.00 (10 sessions)

Facilitator: Brian Bulgin, MEd. Book required. Purchased separately.

Register by January 10th so that books can be ordered in time for you to purchase.

Retreat for Men

Presenter: Bishop Gerry Wiesner OMI

Fri. Jan.26 with light supper 6pm to Sat. Jan.27 after supper.

Fee: Live-In \$100. Commuter \$75. Deposit of \$35. with registration by Jan.22.

WE WISH ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS A MOST WONDERFUL, HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

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. We can't fit everything into the bulletin, so a lot of it goes into the Grrapevine. If you haven't picked up a copy, give it a try. It's a nice, bright gold colour!

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.

CATHOLIC COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES AND FAMILIES

Sr. Tarianne deYonker, OP, a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist and Social Worker, 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. Sessions take place at the Diocesan Centre Counselling Office.

SINGLE AGAIN

The topic for the **Single Again** support program for January: "My Life Needs Meaning Again". Adults who are single again after separation, divorce or death of a spouse will gather on **Thursday, 11 January** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart in the Lower Church. The facilitator is Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP.

FOR SALE

Mobile home on 1.003 acres. 12 ft. X 60 ft. with two large rooms added plus large sundeck, new roof, large wood shed and new wood stove. ALL household effects include new kitchen sink, new bathroom unit: tiled shower, sink, toilet bowl. Situated at Miller Creek sub-division, ten miles north of Queen Charlotte on Highway 16. Ocean view and two minute walk to the beach. Has access to well and one thousand gallon tank to collect rain water. Asking \$89,000. Call 250-599-8235 or email olim@qcislands.net

Two gas company servicemen, a senior training supervisor and a young trainee were checking meters in a suburban neighbourhood. They parked their truck at the end of an alley and worked their way to the other end. At the last house a woman watched them out of her kitchen window. Finishing the meter check, the older man challenged his younger coworker to a foot race back to the truck. As they neared the truck they realized the lady from the last house was running right behind them. They asked her what was wrong and she said "When I see 2 gas men running as fast as you guys were, I figured I'd better run too".

