

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2/3, 2006

DONATIONS

Regular Envelopes.....	3,046.75
<u>Loose</u>	<u>285.25</u>
Total	3,332.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the school. This week we will have a teaching Mass. Fr. Richard will explain all the different parts of the Mass to the Religious Education classes.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

A Special Collection will be taken after Mass today for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers for the needy in Prince George. Please be as generous as you can for those who are so much more unfortunate than we are and make your St. Vincent de Paul donation a part of your family Christmas traditions

MAINTENANCE/HANDYMAN WANTED

A Maintenance/Handyman is required by St. Mary's Parish to perform basic maintenance skills in carpentry, servicing electrical systems and plumbing on an "as needed" basis. Tasks will also include handyman functions such as snow removal, lawn maintenance, yard cleanup and gardening, which may be done by others under the direction of the maintenance/handyman. For details of work and remuneration contact Moe Gannon at 964-6922.

CWL KORNER (CHANGE OF LOCATION)

The monthly CWL meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 pm in the meeting room at the rectory, 1088 Gillett St. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. There will be an important WISE OWL presentation re: frauds and scams.

Without faith nothing is possible.

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MORNING PRAYER 7:00AM WEEKDAYS

MORNING MASS 7:20 AM WEEKDAYS

Sat. Dec. 2.	7:00pm	RIP Ilidio DaSilva
Sun. Dec. 3.	9:00am	LAY LED LITURGY
	11:00am	" " "
Mon. Dec. 4	7:20am	" " "
Tue. Dec. 5	7:20am	" " "
Wed. Dec. 6	7:20am	" " "
Thu. Dec. 7.	7:20am	" " "
Fri. Dec. 8...	7:20am	" " "

School Mass will take place Dec. 15th

Sat. Dec. 9	7:00pm	RIP Edward Burby
Sun Dec. 10	9:00am	For the People of Our Parish
	11:00am	RIP Gavin Mohns

PLEASE NOTE...ALL MASS INTENTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DATES.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Yes!! Youth Group tonight 7 to 8:30pm. See you there.

YOUNG ADULTS -Anyone Grades 12 and up is invited to meet after Youth Group the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month at 8:30pm in St. Mary's Gym foyer.

**YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR,
ROBERTA.**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA usually meets Mondays, at 7:00pm. in the conference room. On Monday, December 4, we will be meeting in the Parish Office building at 1088 Gillett Street. The conference room will be commandeered by the IPC Photo Directory crew. For more information call Giselle at the parish office 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.

RAINBOWS

RAINBOWS peer support program for children, teens and adults who have experienced a loss in their lives because of death, divorce, separation, abandonment or any painful transition in their family is now accepting applications for the sessions beginning January 11th. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS December 15th. To receive a form and schedule please contact Ursula Morris at 563-5584 or Sr. Margaret Quinn at 562-2817. Fax 562-5827

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER

DOORS OPEN AT 3:30, SUPPER AT 4:30

Mark your calendars.....**Sunday, December 10th** is our annual (& yummy) Pasta Supper hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Your cost for this superb meal is one unwrapped child's gift, which will be sorted and wrapped by our Youth Group and donated to St. Vincent de Paul to be included in their Christmas hampers. This is always a great meal, as well as a worthy cause, so plan to attend with your family and friends. Please call the parish office to let us know how many to expect...we need numbers for the meal preparation.

INVITATION FROM FR. KEN FORSTER

Fr. Ken invites everyone to come and have a cup of Free Trade Coffee (& goodies) after Mass next weekend, Dec. 9th & 10th, in the conference room. There will be a short and very interesting video about his work in Africa. See you all there.

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

(Anne Frank)

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.

Mon. Dec. 4th 7:00 to 9:00pm

Evenings for Men

Facilitator: Brian Bulgin

Thurs. Dec. 7 9:30am to 3:30pm

Day of stillness in Advent

This retreat time offers participants an opportunity to deepen their journey with God.

Fee \$25 (includes lunch)

Facilitator: Donna Dolan RSCJ

Dec. 12 7:30pm

Advent Prayer Evening

During Advent we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Jesus. We look forward to His Second Coming and we foster His coming within us. Refreshments will follow in Bethany dining room.

No Fee. Presenter: Bishop Gerry Wiesner, OMI

Wed. Dec. 20th 10:00am to 11:30am

Please join us for Christmas coffee and Open House at Bethany House # 110. RSVP, please call 964-4475.

CHRISTMAS KETTLE CAMPAIGN

The salvation Army is in urgent need of volunteers for the Christmas Kettle Campaign. If you can help, please call Pamela Laycock at 564-4000. Thank you.

DOGPATCH AIR DISASTER

Dogpatch's worst air disaster occurred when a small 2 seater Cessna 150 plane, piloted by two University of Dogpatch students, crashed into a cemetery earlier today. Search and Rescue workers have recovered 75 bodies and expect the number to climb as digging continues into the evening.

The pilot and co-pilot survived and are helping in the recovery efforts.

Come thou long expected Jesus, Born to set your people free,

From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee. Born your people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, Now your gracious Kingdom bring.

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.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN THIS WEEK.

PLEASE keep your appointment if you've made one. If you need to cancel call the parish office (564-4097) and give your full name and the date and time of your appointment (i.e. Monday December 4th, 11:00am) so that we can give that time to someone else. If you are housebound or elderly and need a ride, please call 564-4097 to arrange for a ride. If you cannot leave your home, please call the same number and we'll have someone come to take your photo.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Drs. Neil And Virginia Lettinga of UNBC will present "Being Honest in a Sometimes Not so Honest World." We will meet at the College Heights Pub tonight, December 3rd, 5pm to 6:30pm. Sunday's presentation will conclude our Theology On Tap series for the season. Thanks for making Theology on Tap a success. Stay tuned to Theology on Tap returning in 2007!

DISTANCE EDUCATION

St. Francis Xavier University Continuing and Distance Education Department offers courses in theology, ministry, spirituality and ;liturgy by distance education. Please call toll free 1-877-867-5562 or email: diplomainministry@stfx.ca for an information package. Website:

www.stfx.ca/continuing/Ministry.html

