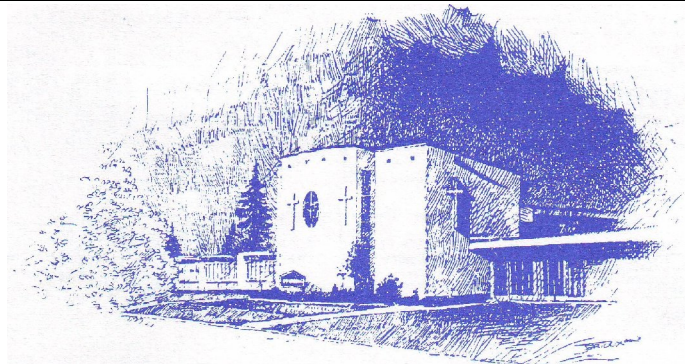

St. Mary's Parish



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

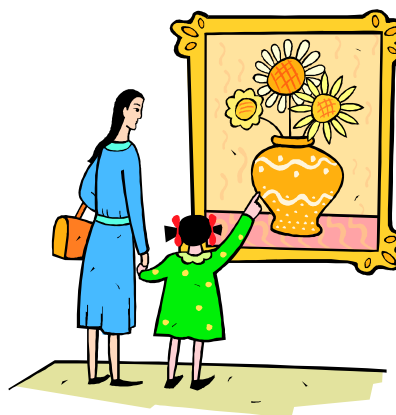
Richard Beaudette, OMI	Pastor
Giselle Jakobs, MDiv	Pastoral Associate
Roberta Chartrand	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Jeannine Walker	Parish Secretary

SCHOOL STAFF

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

1st SUNDAY OF LENT
February 9/10, 2008

FIRST ANNUAL ST. MARY'S PARISH ART SHOW



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GYM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22
WINE & CHEESE
6:30 to 8:30 pm

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23
ANNIVERSARY MASS RECEPTION
8:00 to 9:30 pm

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24
PARISH BRUNCH
10:00 to 1:00 pm

**Come and appreciate some of the
artistic talent within our parish!!**

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

Youth Group and Young Adults continue Feb 10! Bring friends!
No Youth Group Feb 17 due to ski trip!

YOUNG ADULTS

We meet the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month at 8:30 pm in the school gym foyer. Anyone ages 19 to 30 is welcome!

HELP US!!!

Please support St. Mary's Youth Group by donating CANADIAN TIRE money into the collection plate... every bit helps! So far we have raised over \$120!! Thanks for your support!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Shirley Gannon, Robert De Grace, Sheree Johnson, Jean Callaghan, Larry Crooks, Joe & Gabrielle Hamelin, Charmaine Makelke, John & Emelia Mauro, Dal Needham, Jeanette Hoksbergen, Agnes Michell, Harvey Anderson, Bud Walker, James McCloskey, 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	Feb 9	7:00 pm	RIP Kay McEwen
Sun	Feb 10	9:00 am	RIP Jack Makelke
		11:00 am	People of our Parish
Mon	Feb 11	7:20 am	RIP Steve Fedoruk
Tue	Feb 12	7:20 am	RIP Deceased Oblates
Wed	Feb 13	7:20 am	RIP Fr. Bill Walker
		7:00 pm	Vespers
Thu	Feb 14	7:20 am	INT Rita Gervais
Fri	Feb 15	7:20 am	INT Louis vanWyck
Sat	Feb 16	7:00 pm	RIP Janetta DiBenedetto
Sun	Feb 17	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Ryan Wood
		4:30 pm	Vespers

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

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

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

Christian Meditation

Tuesdays—Feb 12, 19, 26
7:00 to 8:00 pm

Adult Faith Education—Eucharist

Thursday—Feb 14
7:30 to 9:00 pm

Camino de Santiago: Two Women Journey

Wednesday—February 20
7:00 to 9:00 pm

WORKSHOP ON STEWARDSHIP—CANCELLED

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

SINGLE AGAIN

Adults who find themselves **Single Again** after separation, divorce or death of a spouse will meet Thursday, **February 14** at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the Lower Church from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This session will include a brief lecture, small group sharing and refreshments in a caring atmosphere. This month's topic is: **"Taking Back Control of Your Life From Anger"**. The facilitator is Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP.

HEALING PATHWAY PHASE 1

An introduction to the basic concepts of the Christian ministry of healing hands with an emphasis on learning how to be an instrument of God's healing power. 15 hours instruction in a weekend workshop. Knox United Church February 22 to 24.

Instructor: Elizabeth Gillott

Contact Janice Fast (562-6123), Tom Hynd (563-6188), Faye Jarabek (564-7822) for more information. knoxucpg@shaw.ca

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Interested in volunteering at the Crisis Pregnancy Centre? We have another training session coming soon. It will take place Thursday and Friday in the evening and Saturday all day. The dates are February 28, 29, March 1 and March 6, 7, 8. Attendance is required at all six sessions. If you would like to take the training, or for more information, please call the Centre at 562-4464. APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008.

PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Are you a mature, compassionate person with an interest in supporting healthy family relationships in our community? Parent Support Services is looking for volunteer facilitators!

Parent Support Circles are weekly groups for any parents who are:

- Experiencing stress or isolation in their parenting
- Would benefit from being part of a community of parents
- Want to find healthy ways to relate to their children

Training and ongoing support are provided:

- Listening and communication
- Facilitation skills
- Group process and dynamics
- Parenting issues
- Child abuse awareness and prevention
- Cultural Issues in Parenting
- Self-Care
- And other topics

Our next training session is February 16 & 23. For more information or to apply for training, please contact Julie 561-0607 or email parentnorth@shaw.ca www.parentsupportbc.ca

GOD'S COMPASSION WHEN WE ARE WEAK

Today's Gospel shows us humanity at its best, refusing to give in to temptation. When we do give in by excluding others, demeaning them, being overly critical of them, always competitive with others, we have the way Jesus shows, of God's compassion and mercy on human weakness.

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$3027.00	Loose	\$370.50	Total	\$3397.50
Mission Sunday	\$760.25	St. Vincent de Paul	\$50		
		School	341.25		

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our next marriage anniversary Mass will be on Saturday, February 23 at 7 pm (couples celebrating Jan/Feb/Mar anniversaries). A reception will be held in St. Mary's School Gym.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL PSG 2008 RAFFLE

The St. Mary's Parent Support Group will be selling tickets for their 2008 raffle on various weekends after Mass. Prizes are: 1) trip for two anywhere in continental North America, 2) Canadian Diamond stud earrings in 14K white gold and 3) \$250 cash. Tickets are also available at the school office.

A special thanks to Uniglobe Sunburst Travel and Michael's Jewelers, who donated the first two prizes. Thanks also to 3rd Avenue Pharmacy. The Parent Support Group also thanks all the members of St. Mary's Parish for their ongoing support of the school and the efforts of the PSG.

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.



**49th INTERNATIONAL
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
QUEBEC CITY, CANADA**

June 15 to 22, 2008

*The Eucharist, gift of God
for the life of the world.*

How will we as a parish community prepare to celebrate this event?

Every two weeks until the Congress there will be a question to ponder.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Catholic Women's League of Canada blocked off a number of rooms for various times between June 14-22 at the Chateau Laurier in Quebec City for the 49th International Eucharistic Congress. There are rooms still available and they are offering these to anyone in our diocese who is interested. The cost is \$175 for single or double occupancy per night and this price will be held until March 14, 2008. The toll free number at the Chateau Laurier is 1-800-463-4453, the block number is 207884 and the contact person is Marieze Breton.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK—FEBRUARY 11

In May 1992, Pope John Paul II instituted World Day of the Sick and designated February 11, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, as the date for its annual celebration.

On this day, those who are ill are encouraged to reflect on the Christian meaning of suffering and to recall God's health-giving presence. We are also reminded that God often heals and restores life in unexpected ways.

The day is also meant to recognize the importance of those who care for the sick and the elderly, whether in a health care facility or at home. Catholic health care facilities have a unique role in witnessing to this healing ministry.

DO YOU CARE FOR OR MINISTER TO THE SICK OR ELDERLY?

This Sunday at all of the Masses, we invite all those who care for (e.g. nurses, doctors, caregivers, home support, etc) or visit the sick or elderly to come forward for a blessing.

We would like to recognize and affirm your care for the sick and elderly!

GOLDEN COMPASS

The two sessions scheduled for this Sunday after the morning Masses (10 am & noon) have been cancelled. Anyone interested in discussing how to deal with the Golden Compass is invited to attend the session this Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Conference Room. Do we forbid our children from watching the movie and reading the books? Or do we enter into a dialogue with our children and use the movie & books as a faith education tool?

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, a place of harshness and solitude, silence and impoverishment. The desert is also depicted by the great spiritual writers as a site for the beginning of conversion, renewal and new birth. Stewardship begins in conversion; a lifetime of spiritual awakening that moves one to live out the Gospel in a radical way. Set aside time each day during Lent for some, small "desert experience," an act of self-denial, to be reminded of the need for conversion in order to draw closer to the Lord.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Feb 10	Mon Feb 11	Tues Feb 12	Wed Feb 13	Thurs Feb 14	Fri Feb 15	Sat Feb 16
1st SUN LENT 9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass	7 p—Liturgy Comm.	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 6:30 p—Golden Compass: Led Astray?	10 a—Eucharist Bible Study 2 7 p—Vespers 7:30 p—Eucharist Bible Study 2	6:30 p—Rainbows 7 p—Camp Morice 7:30 p—Pr. Group 7 p—Marriage Prep at IC	8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Feb 17	Mon Feb 18	Tues Feb 19	Wed Feb 20	Thurs Feb 21	Fri Feb 22	Sat Feb 23
2nd SUN LENT 9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass 4:30 p—Vespers	7 p—Theo Tid- bits—Hope Encyc- lical	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 7:30 p—K of C	10 a—Eucharist Bible Study 3 7 p—Vespers 7:30 p—Eucharist Bible Study 3	6:30 p—Rainbows 7:30 p—Pr. Group 7 p—Marriage Prep at IC	6:30 p—Art Show Wine & Cheese 8:30 p—AA	7 p—Anniversary Mass 8 p—Art Show & Anniversary Re- ception

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 series March 31 & April 1. 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 (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.