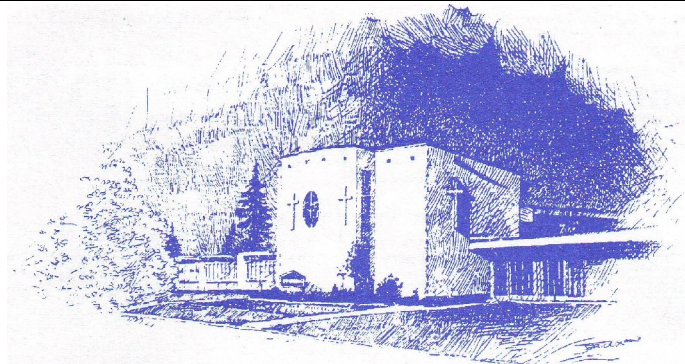


St. Mary's Parish



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

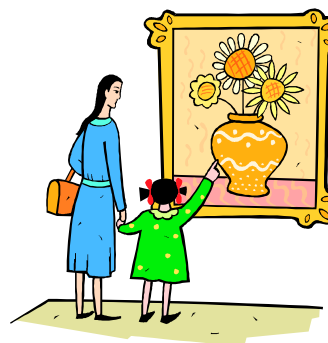
Richard Beaudette, OMI	Pastor
Giselle Jakobs, MDiv	Pastoral Associate
Roberta Chartrand	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Jeannine Walker	Parish Secretary

SCHOOL STAFF

Brent Arsenault	Principal
Jacqueline Boyes	School Secretary
School Phone	563-7502
School Fax	563-7818
School Email	office@stmaryspg.org

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT
February 16/17, 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
Cost: \$5/adult \$2.50/child
Under 6 are free!

**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

No Youth Group/Young Adults Feb 17 due to the ski trip. Next meeting (Feb 24) is at Sacred Heart for Sport's Night!!! 7 to 9 pm. All youth and young adults are welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS

Due to the increase of busy life schedules, the last Young Adults group (for the 2007/2008) school year) will be Mar 2.

HELP US!!!

Please support St. Mary's Youth Group by donating CANADIAN TIRE money into the collection plate... every bit helps! ***Update: So far we have raised just over \$130!! Thanks for your support!***

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Eugene Bachand, Jim Punch, Shirley Gannon, Robert De Grace, Sheree Johnson, Jean Callaghan, Larry Crooks, Joe & Gabrielle Hamelin, Charmaine Makelke, 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 16	7:00 pm	RIP Janetta DiBenedetto
Sun	Feb 17	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Ryan Wood
Mon	Feb 18	7:20 am	RIP Fr. Brendan O'Rourke OP
Tue	Feb 19	7:20 am	RIP Mary Novak
Wed	Feb 20	7:20 am	RIP Andy Kenway
		7:00 pm	Vespers
Thu	Feb 21	7:20 am	RIP Lindsay Santos
Fri	Feb 22	7:20 am	RIP Bill Wardlaw
Sat	Feb 23	7:00 pm	RIP Albert Pittet
Sun	Feb 24	9:00 am	RIP Hermel & Odiane Michaud
		11:00 am	People of our Parish

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

Lenten Day of Recollection

Saturday—Feb 23
9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Camino de Santiago: Two Women Journey

Wednesday—February 20
7:00 to 9:00 pm

Discerning Spirit Given Gifts

Saturday—Mar 1
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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.

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. knoxucpgg@shaw.ca

MUSIC REHEARSALS FOR CHRISM MASS

Rehearsals will take place at 7:30 pm on February 18, 25, and March 3 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are welcome!!!

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you so much for your continued generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We depend on you!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

March 28-30 in Richmond, BC. Attention Married Couples! You deserve to give each other a weekend to enhance your couple love. For more information or to register please contact Steve & Mary Bohnen at (604) 876-7298 or sbohnem@interchange.ubc.ca.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN (GRG)

GRG families have told us they need resources to better understand the legal complexities they face while raising grandchildren. Parent Support Services Society of BC has initiated a Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Legal Research Project and ask for your input to help guide research on provincial legislation, policies and services that relate to GRG issues.

The "Getting Focused, Together" sessions in Prince George will take place on March 10 from 10 am to 12 pm or 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm. Please call Parent Support Services at 561-0607 to RSVP and for more information, or see our website at www.parentsupportbc.ca

Leave Behind What's Familiar

As God chose Abram to leave where he was and all that was familiar to him, God also chooses us to risk leaving behind the stories we carry about people who are not like us.

How different would our lives be if we accepted all those we meet as "chosen ones" of God. Do we make it easy or difficult for others to experience us as "chosen ones"?

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$2828.00	Loose	\$305.00	Total	\$3133.00
Catholic Missions	\$75.00	School	\$57.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$589.82				

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.

PIZZA AND MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for pizza and a movie on Tuesday February 26 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Please RSVP by noon on Feb 26, so we know how many pizzas to order! This month's movie is "In America" a story about Irish immigrants to the US who struggle with the death of their son and their flight from grief. Evokes themes of love, acceptance and resurrection.

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.

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.

As we enter into our Lenten journey, God tells us, "I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

How has God blessed us?

How are we a blessing for others?



**49th INTERNATIONAL
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
QUEBEC CITY, CANADA
June 15 to 22, 2008**

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

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.

BIBLE STUDY ON EUCHARIST

Due to lack of interest, the morning session has been cancelled.

THEO-TIDBITS: ENCYCLICAL ON HOPE

On Monday February 18 and Monday February 25 (7 pm both nights), Bishop Gerry will join us for discussion and presentation of the highlights of Pope Benedict's latest encyclical. Come and join us!! Both evenings will take place in the St. Mary's Parish Office Meeting Room (the little grey house) at 1088 Gillett Street. Meeting room is downstairs through the side entrance.

LIFESTYLE AWARENESS CALENDAR

Don't forget to consult the lifestyle awareness calendar that you received a couple of weeks ago. Lent is a good time to examine how our lives are lived in conformity to the Gospel or not.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE funded the *Pan Asia Farmers' Conference and Training Workshop*, held in Cambodia for people from 11 countries, that enabled participants to learn from one another about sustainable agriculture.

Thank you for giving.

**Share
Lent**



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
**Development
and Peace**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

The Gospel story of Jesus' Transfiguration establishes an authentic connection between Jesus and Moses. But the prophet Elijah is important to the story as well and can offer a reminder that the Christian steward is called to live a prophetic life as well; a life that is counter-cultural, and that challenges the values our society embraces. During this season of Lent, take time to discover how you might live a prophetic life in Jesus' name.

THIS 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 Tidbits—Hope Encyclical	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 7:30 p—K of C 7 p—STM Reconciliation Service	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 Reception

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Feb 24	Mon Feb 25	Tues Feb 26	Wed Feb 27	Thurs Feb 28	Fri Feb 29	Sat Mar 1
3rd SUN LENT 9 a—Mass 10 a—Art Show & Parish Brunch 11 a—Mass 12 p—Art Show & Parish Brunch	7 p—Theo Tidbits—Hope Encyclical	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 6:30 p—Pizza & Movie Night: In America	7 p—Vespers 7:30 p—Eucharist Bible Study 4	6:30 p—Rainbows 7:30 p—Pr. Group 7 p—Marriage Prep at IC	8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

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.