

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 17/18, 2007

PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS

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. It's a place for information on what the Pastoral Team is up to, a place for education and a place for parish information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the school. Religious Education is for children of our parish who attend public school. Call Giselle 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

We meet Mondays, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. For more info call Giselle at the parish office 564-4097.

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.

ST. MARY'S WIDOWS CLUB

We invite all widows of the parish to join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Esther's Inn for lunch. Please call Lorna at 564-9550 if you'd be interested in joining us for this interesting and fun lunch date. Our next Lunch is March 13. Hope to hear from you before then.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PSG 2007 RAFFLE

Tickets available from the school office or any St. Mary's School student. Great prizes--1st, \$1000.00 cash--2nd, 14K white gold chain with blue topaz and diamond pendant, donated by Michael's Jewellers--3rd, Nintendo Wii Game System donated by J&A Catering Joe Goncalves (Value \$300). Draw date: Mar 23, 8 pm at St. Mary's Family Fun Night.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Will be sold after all the Masses TODAY!! Please plan to buy a package or two (or more) of this coffee and support a very worth cause.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. MARY'S YOUTH - We meet Feb. 11th in the Gym from 7 to 8:30 pm. BRING YOUR FRIENDS! All Youth, Grades 7 and up are invited!! **THINKFAST** has been booked for March 24th at IC Parish. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for more info.

DYC 2007 - The 13th Annual Diocesan Youth Conference will be held at the Diocesan Centre April 27-29. Jesse Manibusan is keynote speaker and the theme is "*Lord of All Things*". All high-school age youth (grades 8 to 12) are invited. Registrations out soon.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED - The DYC is approaching fast. We need families to host young people from across BC and Alberta. If you can provide accommodation and three meals for two or more youth please call Simone at the Diocesan Centre, 964-4424 ext 242. Please note: a current Criminal Record Check is required for all adults in the household.

YOUNG ADULTS: All Young Adults grade 12 and up are invited to meet after Youth Group the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month at 8:30pm. We meet in St. Mary's Gym foyer.

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Regular Envelopes	3,271.00
<u>Loose</u>	<u>320.00</u>
Total	3,591.00
St.Vincent de Paul	651.24

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Feb 17	7:00 pm	RIP Ryan Wood
Sun	Feb 18	9:00 am	For the People of Our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Janetta di Benedetto
Mon	Feb 19	7:20 am	RIP Maria Buncic
Tue	Feb.20	7:20 am	INT Kay McEwen
ASH WEDNESDAY			
Wed	Feb.21	7:20 am	RIP Lindsay Santos
		7:00 pm	VESPERS WITH ASHES
Thu	Feb.22	7:20 am	RIP Jeff Turgeon
Fri	Feb 23	7:20 am	INT Detta Quinn
Sat	Feb. 24	7:00 pm	INT Bishop Wiesner
Sun	Feb. 25	9:00 am	For the People of Our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Joaquin & Alexandrina Serpa

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following sick & suffering in your prayers: Dorothy Smith, Rob Marwood, Helen Roberts, Ron Roth, Joseph Glasser, Beverly Teegee, Margaret George, Teddy French, Judy Nelson, Nick Palfy, Anne Whyte, Kai Peterson, Henry Alexander, Suzanne LeFebvre, Anne Beaudette, Mary Pfliger, Becca Kennedy, Valerie Kabai, Cyril Abreau, Sharon Balkcom, Sr. Margaret Quinn and her sister, Detta Quinn.

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. To fast means having only one small meal during the day, or a small amount of food, less than normal. Abstinence refers to meat consumption. One days of abstinence, one does not eat meat. We fast in order to be more open for prayer, to share in the suffering of those who are starving, and to save money to give to the poor.

IT STARTS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent lasts 40 days, from Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday. The Lenten journey begins with ashes, a solemn reminder of life's limits, as we hear "Remember you are dust and to dust you will return". Ash Wednesday calls us to repent of our sins and return to communion with Christ in preparation for the joy of his Easter resurrection.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

"FOCUS ON LIFE" DINNER

The P.G. ProLife Society is hosting a catered fundraiser dinner for the Focus on Life Media Campaign, Feb.24 at the Columbus Community Centre. The campaign consists of TV ads for our region that are geared towards young women who may be dealing with an unexpected pregnancy. Bishop Wiesner will give the dinner blessing. The guest speaker is Malcolm Roddis from "Focus on Life". This is a very effective way to reach out to the young people in our area and we hope you will generously support this endeavor. Tickets are \$30 each. Cocktails at 6 pm (no host bar) and dinner at 7 pm. Call Tracy at 564-0551 for tickets or more details.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Will be held here at St. Mary's on Friday, March 2nd at 7:00pm as we celebrate Mass for the World Day of Prayer. Please bring a scarf or shawl (it's part of the ceremony) and goodies to share. Reception after Mass in the gym. For more information please call Beth at 564-9798

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COUNSELING

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Thank you to all who continue to support the society in its work of Serving People Challenged By Poverty. Thank you SO much for your wonderful generosity. We are having more people than ever before, coming for help. You make it possible for us to do this work of charity.

Our **Monthly general meeting** is on Mon. Feb. 26th at 6:30 pm at the Drop In Center. A guest speaker will speak on a topic of community interest. We encourage you to attend.

At the **Drop In Center**, we continue to feed the hungry 7 days per week. We currently need **volunteers to help deliver hampers** (1 hour commitment) on Monday to Friday afternoons and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Call Norm at 562-6034 for more information. We are also **looking for** chicken broth, parboiled rice and diapers size 4 or larger.

Our **Thrift Store** is open Monday to Saturday. We currently need **Volunteers** to work Monday to Friday afternoons Please pick up a volunteer application form at the store or contact Bernie at 564-3416 if you can volunteer.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

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

EVENINGS FOR WOMEN

Come once or often. 2nd Tues of each month. 7-9 pm Fee: \$5 or by donation. Facilitator: Jean Marie Lehtinen, OP

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Tuesdays Feb 27 to Apr 3. Final 6 sessions in the fall. 10:00 am–11:30 pm. Fee: \$30 or by donation. Facilitator: Donna Dolan, RSCJ. Study set required; purchase at Domano Renewal Centre.

DAYS OF STILNESS IN LENT

Opportunity for spiritual direction. Facilitator: Donna Dolan, RSCJ. Sat Mar 3, OR Thurs Mar 8, 9:30 am–3:30 pm. Fee: \$25.00 (includes lunch)

EVENINGS FOR WOMEN

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7-9 pm Tues Mar 13. *When Religion Isn't Enough*. Fee: \$5 per evening or by donation. Facilitator: Jean Marie Lehtinen, OP

DEALING WITH TRANSITIONS IN OUR LIVES

For those who are separated, divorced, widowed, unemployed, having launched the last child from the house, between jobs, or leaving home for the first time. Thurs Mar 15, 7–9 pm Facilitator: Tarianne DeYonker, OP. Fee: \$5

RETREAT DAY FOR ARTISTS

Sat Mar 17, 9:30 am–4:00 pm Bring a lunch; beverages will be provided. (Limit 10 participants) Fee: \$15. Facilitators: Joy Cotter, Jean Brandel and Donna Dolan, RSCJ