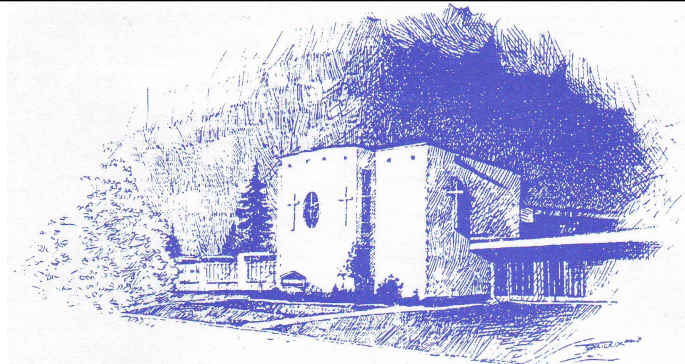


St. Mary's Parish



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

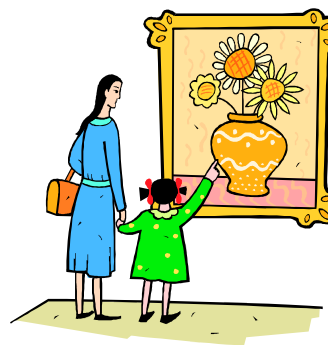
Richard Beaudette, OMI	Pastor
Giselle Jakobs, MDiv	Pastoral Associate
Roberta Chartrand	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Jeannine Walker	Parish Secretary

SCHOOL STAFF

Brent Arsenault	Principal
Jacqueline Boyes	School Secretary
School Phone	563-7502
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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
February 23/24, 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

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 23	7:00 pm	RIP Albert Pittet
Sun	Feb 24	9:00 am	RIP Hermel & Odiane Michaud
		11:00 am	People of our Parish
Mon	Feb 25	7:20 am	Int. Bishop Gerry
Tue	Feb 26	7:20 am	Int. Stella Baza
Wed	Feb 27	7:20 am	RIP Oblates of Mary Immaculate
		7:00 pm	Vespers
Thu	Feb 28	7:20 am	RIP Branco Federucci
Fri	Feb 29	7:20 am	
Sat	Mar 1	7:00 pm	RIP Donald Phillips
Sun	Mar 2	9:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy
		11:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy

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.

Discerning Spirit Given Gifts

Saturday—Mar 1
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Relationships

Tuesday—Mar 4
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Evenings to Explore Women's Spirituality

Tuesday—Mar 11
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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!!!

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

REAPS (recycling environmental action planning society) is having its AGM on Mar 1 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Northern Health Unit. Their guest speaker is in charge of a zero waste program for the Lower Mainland.

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

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN

Sunday February 24 at 2:00 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP O'GRADY'S DEATH

On Sunday, March 2, the 11 am Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish will be for the 10th Death Anniversary of Bishop O'Grady. After Mass a pot luck lunch will be held in the Parish Hall of Immaculate Conception Parish. Everyone is invited to lunch and to share in remembering and celebrating all that Bishop O'Grady did for the Diocese and the Prince George Community. It is suggested that everyone bring a main dish and either a salad, buns or dessert.

Development and 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.

For What Do I Thirst?

Compared to those who haven't enough of anything for adequate survival, for what do we in this land of freedom and opportunity thirst? To constantly challenge our consumption habits will respond to the deep inner longings to which Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman.

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$2706.00	Loose	\$360.50	Total	\$3066.50
Catholic Missions	\$5.00	School	\$25.00		

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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 25 (7 pm), Bishop Gerry will continue his discussion and presentation of the highlights of Pope Benedict's latest encyclical.

Come and join us!! 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**

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.

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Mar 2	Mon Mar 3	Tues Mar 4	Wed Mar 5	Thurs Mar 6	Fri Mar 7	Sat Mar 8
4th SUN LENT 9 a—Lay Led 10 a—Holy Thursday Video 11 a—Lay Led	7:30 p—K of C District Deputies	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 7:00 p—CWL	7 p—Vespers 7 p—K of C Exec 7:30 p—Eucharist Bible Study 5	6:30 p—Rainbows 7 p—TheoTidbits 7:30 p—Pr. Group 7 p—Marriage Prep at IC	8:30 p—AA	

AROUND THE PARISH

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. P05259()TJ /R11 8.04 1j -4.43222(.)8

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/>

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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.

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.

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.