

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 24/25, 2007

DONATIONS

Regular Envelopes.....2,761.00
Loose..... 371.50
Total 3,132.50

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

A Music rehearsal for the Rite of Election will be held at 1:15pm at Sacred Heart on Feb. 25th. All singers welcome.

CAMP MORICE SOCIETY

The Camp Morice Society is looking for quotes to install shower stalls, flooring, wallboard and drywall, and all required painting. The work would take place at Camp Morice near Ft. St. James. For more information call Richard at 250-996-7881 (Camp Morice) or Joe at 563-0159.

MUSIC MINISTRY

A music rehearsal for the Rite of Election will be held at 1:15 pm at the cathedral on February 25. All singers are welcome.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering:

Shannon Cruz, Dorothy Smith, Paul Kenway,
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.

MORNING PRAYER 7:00AM WEEKDAYS

MORNING MASS 7:20 AM WEEKDAYS

Sat. Feb.24	7:00pm	INT. Bishop Gerry
Sun. Feb.25	9:00am	For the People of Our Parish
	11:00am	RIP Joaquin & Alexandrina Serpa
Mon. Feb 26	7:20am	RIP Maurisio Florian
Tue. Feb.27	7:20am	RIP Marie Gervais
Wed. Feb.28	7:20am	LAY LED LITURGY
	7:00pm	VESPERS
Thu Mar. 1	7:20am	LAY LED LITURGY
Fri. Mar 2	7:20am	LAY LED LITURGY
Sat. Mar. 3	7:00pm	RIP Maurice Labrosse
Sun Mar. 4	9:00am	For the People of Our Parish
	11:00am	RIP Ferruccio Martincich

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Youth No Youth Group this Sunday due to the Ski Trip. Next meeting is March 4 in the gym (7 to 8:30) Bring your friends!! THINKfast has been booked for March 24 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 the keynote speaker and the theme is "Lord of all Things" All high-school aged youth (grades 8 to 12) are invited. Registrations out soon.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

DYC 2007: 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.

YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR, ROBERTA.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA meets Mondays, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. For more information call Giselle at the parish office 564-4097.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Please join us here at St. Mary's on Friday, March 2nd at 7:00pm as we celebrate the World Day of Prayer.

Please bring a scarf or shawl (it's part of the ceremony) and goodies to share. Reception afterwards in the gym. For more information please call Beth at 564-9798

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

For those of you who have been anxiously waiting for your photographs that were taken way back in December...here's the latest news. Due to a series of unfortunate circumstances involving (a) closed offices and returned mail & (b) Canada Post, the photographs have been delayed several weeks. They are at the printers now and are coming. IPC has told us that the photographs should be mailed out at the end of February or the first week of March. Thank you for your patience.

CHILDRENS LETTERS TO GOD.

Dear God...Who draws all the lines around all the countries? Bobby

Dear God.....In Bible times, did they really talk that fancy? Norma

Dear God...Please send Dennis Clark to a different summer camp this year.....Jimmy

Dear God...Maybe Cain & Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with me & my brother...Larry

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.

EVENINGS FOR WOMEN

Come once or often. 2nd Tues. of each month. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$5 or by donation. Facilitator: Jean Marie Lehtinen, OP

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Tuesdays, Feb 27 to Apr 3, 2007 – first 6 sessions – final 6 sessions in the fall term

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Fee: \$30.00 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, Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Fee: \$25.00 (includes lunch)

EVENINGS FOR WOMEN

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar 13, 2007 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 **Thursday, Mar 15, 2007**
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Facilitator: Tarianne DeYonker, OP **Fee: \$5.00**

RETREAT DAY FOR ARTISTS

Saturday, March 17, 2007 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bring a lunch; beverages will be provided. (Limit 10 participants) Fee: \$15.00 Facilitators: Joy Cotter, Jean Brandel and Donna Dolan, RSCJ

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is offering a retreat for anyone in need of healing because of abortion, **April 13-15, 2007**. Please call Janet at (250) 762-2273 or 1-877-683-CARE to register.

Remember....

You don't stop laughing because you grow old, You grow old because you stop laughing.

To prevent sagging: Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

The great thing about being senile is that you can hide your own Easter eggs....Can't find them though.

ALTAR SERVERS

New schedules are in the slots. Please pick yours up today.

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. If you haven't picked up a copy, give it a try. It's a nice, bright gold colour!

BAPTISM PREPARATION 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.

COUNSELING AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES AND FAMILIES

Sr. Tarianne deYonker, OP, a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist, 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.

SINGLE AGAIN

The **Single Again** support program in March will address "Managing Anger Effectively". Adults who are single again after separation, divorce or death of a spouse will gather on **Thursday, 8 March** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart in the Lower Church. The facilitator is Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Thank you to all who continue to support us in our work of serving people challenged by poverty.

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

Drop In Center: We continue to feed the hungry 7 days per week.

Current needs: Volunteers to help deliver hampers...

Afternoons M-F and mornings Tue, W and F. Call Norm 562-6034. Time commitment is 1 hour.

Needed are chicken broth, rice, and diapers size 4 or larger.

Thrift Store: open Monday to Saturday.

Current needs: Volunteers-----Afternoons M-F.

To volunteer...please pick up a volunteer application form at the store or contact Bernie at 564-3416

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, 8pm at St. Mary's Family Fun Night.