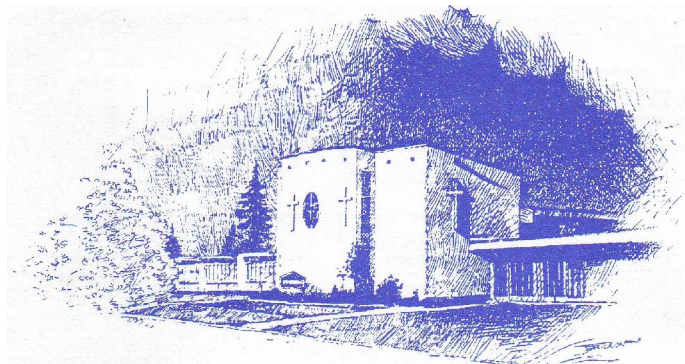

St. Mary's Parish



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

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

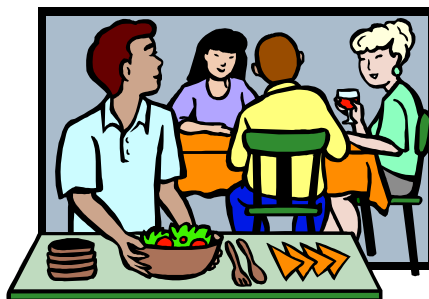
Richard Beaudette, OMI	Pastor
Giselle Jakobs, MDiv	Pastoral Associate
Roberta Chartrand	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Jeannine Walker	Parish Secretary

SCHOOL STAFF

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

EPIPHANY
January 5/6, 2008

TABLE FOR YOU... AND YOUR FRIENDS



For all UNBC & CNC Students
You and your friends are invited to
attend
a free dinner

On Friday January 25
at 6:30 pm
in St. Mary's School Gym

There are no strings attached!
We just want to welcome you
to a new semester at school
and feed you
a good home-cooked meal!
PLEASE RSVP BY JAN 23
TO FR. RICHARD

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 begins! January 6th. 7 to 8:30pm... bring friends!!!

HELP US!!

Please support the Youth Group by donating your Canadian Tire money into the collection basket. Every bit helps! Thanks! ***Update: We have raised nearly \$100. Thank you so much for your support!!!***



YOUNG ADULTS

We meet the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month at 8:30 pm in the school gym foyer. Anyone ages 19 to 30 is welcome!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: John Mather, Terry Fedorkiw, John & Emelia Mauro, Dal Needham, Jeanette Hoksbergen, Agnes Michell, Peter & Lil Derges, Francis Sauser, Kristen Sauser, Elda Garden, Harvey Anderson, Denise Cote, Paula Foley, Eugene Bachand, Mary Pfliger, Andrew Becker, James McCloskey, Gordon Meyer, Dick Neville, Vicky & Greg Gutfriend, Bonnie, Natalie & Doug Marwood, Judy Nelson (Ann Robertson's sister), Josephine Nykoluk, Sr. Margaret Quinn, and her sister, 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	Jan 5	7:00 pm	INT The Easson Family
Sun	Jan 6	9:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy
		11:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy
Mon	Jan 7	7:20 am	RIP Kay McEwen
Tue	Jan 8	7:20 am	Int Terry Fedorkiw
Wed	Jan 9	7:20 am	RIP Paul & Sheila Kenway
Thu	Jan 10	7:20 am	INT Bishop Wiesner
Fri	Jan 11	7:20 am	INT Joe Glaab
Sat	Jan 12	7:00 pm	RIP Alice Norman
Sun	Jan 13	9:00 am	People of the Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Tony Obuchowski

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$3298	Loose	\$465	Total	\$3763.50
		St Vincent de Paul	\$50	School	\$112
January 1 Collection					
Envelopes	\$1303.00	Loose	\$145.00	Total	\$1448.00

Joined As One New Community

Today's magi represent people of every nation – even Gentiles – who are brought together when Jesus comes. God's intent is for all persons to help each other out, as one community joined because of God's kept promises.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This January marks the 100th Anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25). This year, the ministerial association of the PLURA churches is hosting an evening of prayer on **Jan 20 at 7 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church** at 3590 Dufferin (on Ospika between Massey & Ferry). (PLURA stands for Presbyterian, Lutheran, United, Roman Catholic & Anglican). All parishioners are encouraged to attend and join our prayer for unity.

SINGLE AGAIN

There will be NO Single Again session in January. Single Again will meet on February 14 at 7:00 pm.

FAREWELL TO FR. JOHN SMITH (From the Diocesan Office)

It is with sadness and deep gratitude that we say farewell to Father John Smith as he retires to the Gulf Islands. Father Smith came to the Diocese of Prince George in 1989 and has served the parishes of Notre Dame in Dawson Creek, Sacred Heart in Terrace, St. Mary's and Christ Our Saviour in Prince George and Our Lady of the Islands Missions on the Queen Charlotte Islands. Thank you Father John for these many years of dedicated service in this diocese; we pray our Lord will continue to bless you on your journey of faith.

Bishop Wiesner appoints Father Fred Weisbeck as Pastor of Christ Our Saviour Parish, effective January 1, 2008. Father Fred has also been given responsibility for initiating a Diocesan Appeal in the Diocese of Prince George.

Since his arrival in our diocese in October 2007, Father Udoka Nwosu has assisted with pastoral ministry at Resurrection Parish in Fort St. John. Bishop Wiesner appoints Father Udoka as Pastoral Administrator of Resurrection Parish, effective January 1, 2008.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul expresses a sincere thank you to all, who in any manner, assisted us in our Christmas projects. May the peace of Christ be with you throughout 2008.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

Please call 964-4475 to register for programs For more info visit: www.geocities.com/domanorenewal or see the bulletin boards or pick up a DRC brochure at the back of the church.

Evenings to Explore Women's Spirituality

Tuesday January 8

CANCELLED

The Story of Ruth-Book Discussion

Mondays—January 14, 21, 28 & February 4, 11, 18

10:00 to 11:30 am or 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Relationships

Tuesdays—Jan 15, Feb 5, Mar 4, Apr 15

7:00 to 9:00 pm

What is Spiritual Direction?

Thursday—January 17

7:30 to 9:00 pm

Gospel of Matthew

Thursday—January 24

7:30 to 9:00 pm

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Christmas is often the time for engagements and plans for wedding celebrations. If you have just become engaged, congratulations! Our prayers for a long and happy life together are with you as you move toward your wedding day.

The Church asks couples to take a Marriage Preparation program in preparation for celebrating the sacrament. In the city of Prince George, there are a couple of options for this:

Six week program, held on Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. These evenings will begin on January 24 and conclude on February 28 and are held in St. Mary's Conference Room. To register for these sessions, please call your parish office. There will be a cost of \$25-30 to cover materials.

Engaged Encounter – a live in weekend program held at Ness Lake Bible Camp. This year there are two weekends to choose from: March 28 – 30 and May 30 – June 1. To register, Call Jeremy and Anita at 964-2805. The fee for the weekend is \$275 and covers meals, accommodation and materials.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

One of the traditions surrounding Epiphany is the *Chalking of the Door*. Family and friends in some countries (e.g. Britain, Germany) gather at the main entrances to homes and ask God's blessing on their dwellings and all who live or visit there. People use chalk to inscribe the following inscription on the lintels or doors: 20 + C + M + B + 08. The numbers stand for the current year (20 + 08). The letters CMB come from the traditional names for the three magi: Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar. Some also suggest that CMB may stand for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "May Christ bless this dwelling"!

USHERS/GREETERS

Thank you to all who signed up to serve our parish community as ushers and greeters. We plan to have a training and information session soon. Please don't think that we've forgotten you, but this is a busy time of year! We'll be in touch.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS

Our next baptism preparation series for parents wishing to have their infants baptized is on Monday January 21 and Tuesday January 22—both evenings at 7 pm. Parents must attend both sessions. Please phone the parish office at 564-4097 to register.

GRR DIGEST

Several parishioners have suggested that we combine some of our Grrapevine articles into a GRR Digest to distribute at the care homes and to those who are shut-ins. We are happy to announce that Volume 1 of the GRR Digest has been published. It includes a sampling of articles from Grrapevines 1 to 20. We have printed a limited number which are available in the literature holders at the back of the church.

The second volume should come out sometime in the New Year. Let us know what you think!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY HOUR OF PRAYER

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Family Hour of Prayer at St Mary's Church on Tuesday, January 8 starting at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to this Marian prayer service which has its historical roots in the devotion to Our Lady of Charity which began in Cuba in the early 1600's. This would be a great way to start the New year to promote the love of Christ in our world.

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.

God is a seeker. We are seekers. We are blessed - God gives us what we so desperately seek.

Name some of God's magnificent deeds in your own personal life.



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

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

GATHERING WITH BISHOP GERRY

Fr. Thomas Assembly of the Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to come and meet with Bishop Gerry Wiesner at the Columbus Community Centre, Domano Boulevard on Sunday January 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This is not just for the Knights of Columbus and their families; it is for all parishioners in the immediate area. It is an opportunity that should not be missed. Come and get to know our Bishop and let him get to know you. Refreshments (Goodies) will be provided.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Jan 6	Mon Jan 7	Tues Jan 8	Wed Jan 9	Thurs Jan 10	Fri Jan 11	Sat Jan 12
EPIPHANY 9 a—Lay Led Lit. 11 a—Lay Led Lit.	7 p—RCIA 7:30 p—K of C District Deputies	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 7 p—K of C Family Hour of Prayer		6:30 p—Rainbows 7 p—Camp Morice 7 p—Par. Council 7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Jan 13	Mon Jan 14	Tues Jan 15	Wed Jan 16	Thurs Jan 17	Fri Jan 18	Sat Jan 19
9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass	7 p—RCIA	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 7:30 p—K of C		6:30 p—Rainbows 7:30 p—Pr. Group	9 a—School Mass 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 January 21 & 22. 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. Come and join us! We meet Mondays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. 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 Estelle Bachand (964-3836) 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/>



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.

RAINBOWS

Rainbows is a peer support program for children, teens and adults who have experienced a loss in their lives because of a death, separation, divorce, abandonment or any painful transition in their family. Sessions usually begin in September and January and fill up quickly. For a registration form and schedule, please contact Ursula Morris at 563-5584 or Sr. Margaret Quinn at 562-2817.

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.