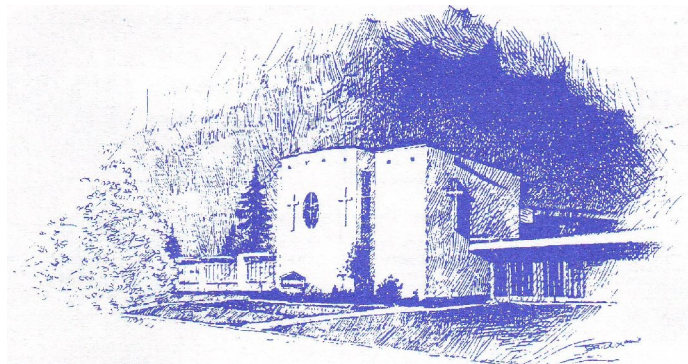

St. Mary's Parish



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
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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12/13, 2008

CREATION SKI

Sunday February 3rd

This is a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the wonders of creation and to spend some time building community with fellow parishioners

We will meet 1:30pm in the rental shop at Otway Nordic Centre. The Otway Nordic Centre is located on Otway Rd. approximately 5km west of Foothills Blvd, towards Miworth.

Ski rentals are available on site, a classic ski package (boots, poles and skis) is \$10.00 for adults / \$7.00 for 19 & under.

Trail fees are \$10.00 for adults / \$5.00 for 19 & under / \$30.00 per family

There are a number of trails suitable for the first time/novice skier. There will also be experienced skiers on hand to help out.

We will meet après ski for hot chocolate and goodies in the cabin.



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 or Young Adults this week! Join us January 20 from 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 & 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, Bud Walker, Mary Pfliger, Andrew Becker, Derall Amos, James McCloskey, Gordon Meyer, Dick Neville, Ron Roth, Vicky & Greg Gutfriend, Bonnie, Natalie & Doug Marwood, Judy Nelson (Ann Robertson's sister), Josephine Nykoluk, Sr. Margaret Quinn, Delta 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 12	7:00 pm	RIP Alice Norman
Sun	Jan 13	9:00 am	People of the Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Tony Obuchowski
Mon	Jan 14	7:20 am	INT Wishart Family
Tue	Jan 15	7:20 am	INT Pat Doran
Wed	Jan 16	7:20 am	RIP Annaeliese Huber
Thu	Jan 17	7:20 am	RIP Paul & Sheila Kenway
Fri	Jan 18	7:20 am	INT Joe Hamelin
Sat	Jan 19	7:00 pm	RIP Annaeliese Huber
Sun	Jan 20	9:00 am	RIP Ilidio DaSilva
		11:00 am	People of the Parish

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$3620.00	Loose	\$297.50	Total	\$3917.50
		School	\$279.00		

Our Baptism Commissioned Us

Jesus' baptism called him to open the eyes of the blind and free prisoners who just sit in the dark. By OUR baptism, we are called to the same actions on behalf of the community or the common good. "Go, do good and heal those who are oppressed." All people anywhere "who fear God and do what is right are acceptable to God," Peter tells us.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This coming January (2008) 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

Single Again will meet on February 14th at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST NATIONS SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be First Nations Sunday School on Sunday January 13 (today) from 2 to 4 pm in St. Mary's Conference Room. For information, call Elaine at 964-5645.

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 Uniglode Sunburst Travel and Michael's Jewellers, who donated the first two prizes. 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.

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.

The Story of Ruth—Book Discussion

Mondays—January 14, 21, 28 & Feb 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
7:00-9:00 p.m.

What is Spiritual Direction?

Thursday—January 17
7:30-9:00 p.m.

Gospel of Matthew

Thursday—January 24
7:30-9:00 p.m.

The Second Half of Life—Book Discussion

Wednesdays—Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 26, Apr 23
7:00-9:00 p.m.

The book discussion will continue in the fall.

\$5/session

Facilitator: Brian Bulgin Med

Book required. Purchased separately.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SUPREME COURT VIGIL

Social Justice is needed for today's Holy Innocents and hurting women in Canada, the only democratic nation where there is absolutely no law to protect the most vulnerable – the unborn. Loss of legal protection began with the weak law of 1969 and its varied interpretations. By 1988, the Supreme Court eradicated all legal protection, leaving Parliament to formulate a better law. We are still waiting! Statistics Canada has indicated that nearly 3 million abortions have occurred since 1969. No wonder that educational institutes are closing, workplaces are short of help, and pensions are threatened!

Everyone is invited to come join the ProLife Society outside the Prince George Courthouse on Saturday, January 26, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for a prayerful vigil petitioning for a law to protect the unborn.

BURSARIES AVAILABLE

The Faithful Companions of Jesus announce Theology Bursaries for 2008. Students may apply for forms by emailing mboitfcj@yahoo.com or by writing to the Bursary Panel at 11003 – 82nd Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 0S9. The deadline for applications is March 20, 2008. There are two types of bursaries:

Madeleine d'Houet: for any Roman Catholic laywoman enrolled in full time theology or religious education in a recognized degree granting Canadian Catholic School of Theology (\$1000).

Short Courses: in Theology, Liturgy, Spirituality, Social Justice, Earth/Native Spirituality or Youth Ministry (no one bursary being more than \$500). A short course is of at least 10 academic days duration in a recognized Catholic school, institution or setting for formation.

Please apply for one bursary only.

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!!

SHROVE TUESDAY

Lent comes early this year—Shrove Tuesday is on February 5. We are planning a Pancake Supper with a TheoTidbits on Reconciliation after the supper. Put this date on your calendars and join us for pancakes and some discussion about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**49th INTERNATIONAL
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
QUEBEC CITY, CANADA
June 15 to 22, 2008**
*The Eucharist, gift of God
for the life of the 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.

How do you give thanks to God for these?

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 to 4 pm. This is not just for the Knights of Columbus and their families; it is for all the 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 13	Mon Jan 14	Tues Jan 15	Wed Jan 16	Thurs Jan 17	Fri Jan 18	Sat Jan 19
BAPTISM/LORD 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

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Jan 20	Mon Jan 21	Tues Jan 22	Wed Jan 23	Thurs Jan 24	Fri Jan 25	Sat Jan 26
2ND SUN OT 9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass 4:30 p—Vespers	7 p—RCIA 7 p—Baptism Prep.	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 7 p—Baptism Prep.	4:30 p—Finance Council	6:30 p—Rainbows 7:30 p—Pr. Group 7 p—Marriage Prep at IC	6:30 p—Table for You... 8:30 p—AA	10 a—Regional Meeting 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/>



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.

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.