

EPIPHANY

JANUARY 6/7, 2007

DONATIONS DEC 30/31

Regular Envelopes.....	3307.00
<u>Loose</u>	<u>375.00</u>
Total	3,682.00

DONATIONS DEC.31/JAN. 1

Envelopes.....	1,067.00
<u>Loose</u>	<u>215.00</u>
Total	1,282.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the school. Religious Education is for children of our parish who do not attend St. Mary's 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.

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ARE YOU A STAR GAZER?

Where are you seeking your guidance? Is it in the horoscope section of the newspaper? Perhaps you visit your counselor every week? Or maybe it's the bartender at the lounge where you stop after work? Matthew 2: 1-12 tells the story of three men who followed their star. When they saw the star they dropped everything and followed it. As a result, they found the place at the manger of Jesus they had been seeking all their lives, and returned home with new hearts. God gives each of us a "star" as well, if only we can recognize it. This week, this year, step back from the false guides around you and see His star clearly once more. In its shining light of Love we can find the contentment we've been seeking.

MORNING PRAYER 7:00AM WEEKDAYS

MORNING MASS 7:20 AM WEEKDAYS

Sat. Jan 6	7:00pm	LAY LED LITURGY
Sun. Jan 7	9:00am	RIP Manuel & Maria Ferreira
	11:00am	For the People of Our Parish
Mon. Jan. 8	10:00am	RIP Odiane Michaud
Tue. Jan. 9	7:20am	LAY LED LITURGY
Wed. Jan. 10	7:20am	RIP Marie Gervais
Thu. Jan. 11	7:20am	INT John & Del Courteau
Fri. Jan. 12..	7:20am	RIP Rose Swaluk
Sat. Jan. 13	7:00pm	RIP Daniel Heck
Sun Jan. 14.	9:00am	For the People of Our Parish
	11:00am	INT The Wishart Family

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Youth: Youth Group begins January 7th! 7:00 to 8:30pm.

Young Adults: Anyone grade 12 and up is 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.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

As you continue to pray for our seminarians, please join with Bishop Gerald Wiesner, O.M.I., priests serving in the Diocese of Prince George and the congregation of Notre Dame Parish, in celebration of the Ordination to the Diaconate of **Venerando Sabacan** on **January 8, 2007** at **7 p.m.** at Notre Dame Parish in **Dawson Creek**.

FR. THOMAS ASSEMBLY INVITATION

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 Blvd. on Sunday, January 14th, 2:00 to 4:00pm. 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.

ALPHA

Alpha BEGINS TODAY (Sunday) at 6:00pm with a free dinner, followed by a video presentation and discussion time. Join the PLURA churches and learn about the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Feel free to invite friends and neighbours. Free dinner tickets are available for distribution. Contact Denise at 964-3928 or Andrea at 963-9162 to register or check out the web site www.alphacanada.org for more information.

PLEASE NOTE.....

There will be no 9 O'Clock morning Mass at Immaculate Conception from Jan. 8th to 13th inclusive.

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.

Logfire Conversation: The Stress of Life

Wednesday Jan 17, 2007 Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5.00 or by donation. Facilitator: Tarianne DeYonker, OP

A Glimpse of Rome

Thursday January 18th 7:30 - 9:00pm

Every five years bishops are to make a visit to Rome to venerate the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and to meet with the Holy Father. In preparation for this meeting a detailed report of life in the Diocese is sent to the various offices in Rome. Join us for Bishop Wiesner's reflections on the visit. Fee by donation.

Facilitator: Bishop Gerry Wiesner OMI

Loss and Grief Group – Morning Sessions

Saturday mornings: Jan 20th – Mar 10th, 2007

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Fee: \$50 for the eight week experience.

Facilitator: Brian Bulgin, MEd., counselor

Everyday Simplicity

This reflective group is guided by Everyday Simplicity: A Practical Guide to Spiritual Growth, by RJ Wicks.

New series could begin if there is interest. Please call. Books would have to be purchased.

Evenings for Women

Come once or come often. Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Starting Jan 9, 2007 Fee: \$5 per evening or by donation. Facilitator: Jean Marie Lehtinen, OP

The Second Half of Life – Book Discussion

Wednesdays, Jan 24 to Mar 28, 2007 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50.00 (10 sessions)

Facilitator: Brian Bulgin, MEd. Book required. Purchased separately.

Register by January 10th so that books can be ordered in time for you to purchase.

Retreat for Men

Presenter: Bishop Gerry Wiesner OMI

Fri. Jan.26 with light supper 6pm to Sat. Jan.27 after supper.

Fee: Live-In \$100. Commuter \$75. Deposit of \$35. with registration by Jan.22.

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. We can't fit everything into the bulletin, so a lot of it goes into the Grrapevine. If you haven't picked up a copy, give it a try. It's a nice, bright gold colour!

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.

CATHOLIC COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES AND FAMILIES

Sr. Tarianne deYonker, OP, a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist and Social Worker, 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. Sessions take place at the Diocesan Centre Counselling Office.

SINGLE AGAIN

The topic for the **Single Again** support program for January: "My Life Needs Meaning Again". Adults who are single again after separation, divorce or death of a spouse will gather on **Thursday, 11 January** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart in the Lower Church. The facilitator is Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP.

FOR SALE

Mobile home on 1.003 acres. 12 ft. X 60 ft. with two large rooms added plus large sundeck, new roof, large wood shed and new wood stove. ALL household effects include new kitchen sink, new bathroom unit: tiled shower, sink, toilet bowl. Situated at Miller Creek sub-division, ten miles north of Queen Charlotte on Highway 16. Ocean view and two minute walk to the beach. Has access to well and one thousand gallon tank to collect rain water. Asking \$89,000. Call 250-599-8235 or email olim@qcislands.net

When a three year old boy opened the birthday gift from his grandmother he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink. His mother was not so happy. She turned to her mother and said "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns"? Grandma smiled and replied...."I remember"!

