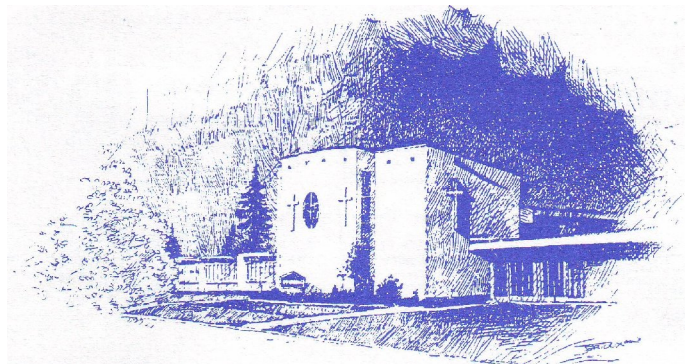

St. Mary's Parish



SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Mon to Fri 7:20 am
(10 am on Holiday Mondays)

MORNING PRAYER

Mon to Fri 7:00 am

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

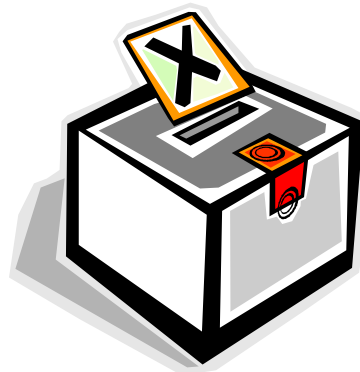
Richard Beaudette, OMI	Pastor
Giselle Jakobs, MDiv	Pastoral Associate
Roberta Chartrand	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Jeannine Walker	Parish Secretary

SCHOOL STAFF

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

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 21/22, 2007

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS



**The terms of three members of
Parish Pastoral Council are finishing
this Fall and we need to fill
those positions.**

**We are therefore looking for
nominations for Council!**

**Nomination forms are on the bulletin
boards. Please take one and fill it out if
you know someone who might be
good on Council.**

**The deadline for nominations is
August 19.**

**Elections will be held in
mid-September.**

Thank you!!

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 (3:00 on Fridays)
Telephone—564-4097 Fax—562-3540 After Hours Emergency—562-4921

Email—stmarys.parish@shawcable.com

Web—www.geocities.com/saintmaryspg

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

RAINBOWS

Applications for the September session of Rainbows are being accepted. The deadline is August 15. Please see the back of the bulletin for more information.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

St. Francis Xavier University offers programs and courses by distance education for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development. For an information package please phone toll free 1-877-867-5562. Email diplomainministry@stfx.ca. Or check the website: www.stfx.ca/academic/continuinged/ministry.html.

FULL TIME TEACHING POSITION

St. Joseph's Elementary School, Vanderhoof, starting September 1st. Please see the bulletin board for details.

CONCERT

The Gospel Quartette "Unto Him" will be in concert at First Baptist Church, 5th and Gillette on Saturday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m. This talented singing group from Ft. St. John, will have you humming and tapping along with their music. Info at 564-4522. Free will offering.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Jul 21	7:00 pm	RIP Lindsay Santos
Sun	Jul 22	9:00 am	RIP Manuel & Maria Ferreira
		11:00 am	For the People of Our Parish
Mon	Jul 23	7:20 am	RIP Alice Cote
Tue	Jul 24	7:20 am	INT Grace Noblett
Wed	Jul 25	7:20 am	RIP Piet Huismans
Thu	Jul 26	7:20 am	RIP N. Noblett
Fri	Jul 27	7:20 am	RIP Rolande Bouliver Goyer
Sat	Jul 28	7:00 pm	RIP Mona & Eamonn Gallagher
Sun	Jul 29	9:00 am	For the People of Our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Ljuba Curic

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK



Regular Envelopes	2836.25
<u>Loose</u>	<u>435.75</u>
Total	3,272.00

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

We offer many services and programs. Please call 964-4475 to register for all programs, or check out our website:

LOOKING FOR A MEETING PLACE?

We welcome your organization, education or service group to plan your next:

Professional Development day
Community Building day
Training/Education Session
Retreat/Workshop

at the Domano Renewal Centre. Facilities for day and overnight groups include: dining facilities, overnight accommodations, meeting and conference rooms, chapel.
For bookings, call Reina – 964-4475

YOUTH MINISTRY

PARISH YOUTH

Youth Group is officially finished for the 2006/2007 school season! Keep your eye on the bulletin for updates!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008—SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

The Diocese of Prince George will have a group participating in World Youth Day (WYD) 2008. An information session for those interested will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 7 pm at the Diocesan Centre, 6500 Southridge Avenue.



WYD is a young adult pilgrimage. Our diocesan group will participate in the Days in the Dioceses approximately July 8-13 and the main event in Sydney, July 15-20, 2008. Participants are to be between 18 and 35 years of age. If you have questions, contact Joe Glaab at 964-4424.

CAMP MORICE

Camp Morice offers water activities, sports, crafts, rest & relaxation at their many summer camps for kids, teens and/or families this summer. The youth bulletin board is loaded with Camp Morice registrations!!! Also check out www.campmorice.com for lots of info and more camp registrations!

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2008

Mark your calendars for April 25-27!!

INITIATION CONFERENCE

THE VISION OF INITIATION MINISTRY CONFERENCE

The North American Forum on the Catechumenate presents a two day conference for anyone involved in the initiation of children, youth or adults. You can register for either conference.

September 19-20, 2007 (Wednesday/Thursday)

OR

September 22-23, 2007 (Saturday/Sunday)

The conference will take place at the Diocesan Centre. Cost is \$150 per person (less if more than 3 people register through the parish). This includes conference fees, two lunches, one supper, snacks).

Full brochures are available from the parish or you can contact the Diocesan Centre at 964-4424



NEW BROCHURE

Our new Fall 2007 brochure is available at the back of the Church. Please pick up a copy and explore the different programs we had planned for the fall. You can register via our website or via telephone.

FALL HIGHLIGHTS

October 13—Day of Stillness
October 18—Theology goes to the Movies
October 27—Discerning Spirit Given Gifts
Oct 30 & Nov 6/13/20/27—Story of Ruth Book Discussion

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Have you picked up your pictorial directory yet?? They're on the table at the back of the church.

PARISH HISTORY BOOK - FREE!!

We still have a few FREE copies of the Year 2000 Parish History Book at the back of the Church.

LOOKING AHEAD

At our Pastoral Council meetings, we generally take some time to look ahead, to try and assess the needs of the community and then come up with a strategy to meet that need. We have a couple of ideas on the horizon that we would like to try and implement in September.

SENIOR'S TEA & SOCIAL

One idea that has been germinating is a gathering, on a regular basis, for senior members of the community. It could take various forms: an afternoon tea and social, a soup and bun lunch, some prayer time (perhaps even Eucharist on occasion), some teaching or information sessions, and anything that those gathered would like. It would be during the daytime, in order to facilitate attendance, we would try to organize car pooling and rides and we could use the Conference Room, which is totally accessible. We are looking for suggestions and feedback. This really is meant to serve the needs of members of the parish and help build community, so if you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact us (phone Giselle or Richard, or write a letter – you can even drop it in the collection basket and save postage!).

HOSPITALITY

We would like to set up a Hospitality Group – and no, we are not talking about greeting people at the door of the Church before Mass. This group would be people who would organize, set up and serve refreshments at our various gatherings.

You might have noticed that we are trying to have more gatherings in the Conference Room after celebrations (like the Anniversary Masses on Saturday evening). We need one or three people who would be the co-ordinator(s) – when there is a gathering planned the co-ordinator would be contacted and that person then would contact members of the larger group to make the gathering happen.

Ideally, any event would be served by a fairly large group of people who would each have only a small task to perform (someone would purchase food, another couple set up, others serve and others take down and clean up). If you would be interested in being part of this group, let us know. The more people we have, the less often any one individual would be called upon to help out.

TABLE FOR TWO

Table for Two is an event that had great success this past year. We would welcome any people who would share their talents for cooking, serving or cleaning up for the evenings coming up this year. There are usually 10-14 guests, and 4 or 5 people working, which means that one cooks for up to 20 people. The evenings are a lot of fun, and community is built in the kitchen as well as the dining room!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

HOSPITALITY HELPS US HEAR

During the eating and the drinking at Mamre and around the table at Bethany, God's word is shared. The strangers (who the reader knows are God and angels) come to dinner to deliver a message: God promises Abraham and Sarah that the barren will rejoice. At dinner, Jesus shares the promises of God with Mary that the lowly will be lifted up, the dead will be raised, the blind will see and the hopeless given hope.

Theologically speaking, the purpose of hospitality is to prepare a welcoming space for encounters with God's word. It's not that God's word cannot be heard in barren, inhospitable places or circumstances. God is not so limited, but we are. God can speak in any situation, but we, frail creatures, cannot always hear. The Bible witnesses to the struggle of the Hebrews in the wilderness where they were so preoccupied with the lack of creature comforts that they constantly complained against God and Moses. To keep their attention, God often needed to prepare dinners of manna and quail. Only then, when fed, could they hear the word. So it is with us.

If the theology of hospitality is to create a welcome environment where the word of God is more easily heard and understood, then we must always be attentive to what people need so that their eyes, ears, hearts and minds are open to the Spirit of God. Sometimes this is a hard sell to Christians who are resistant to the connections between welcome and word. They must address practical hospitality issues such as building accessibility, visitor-friendly bulletins, or parking.

Gospel hospitality will not allow people to starve physically or spiritually. True welcoming is more interested in the needs of the guest than the preferences of the host. It's something to keep in mind when entertaining those angels unawares.

REJOICING & REMEMBERING

We witnessed the marriage of:

Tony Tiani &
Chrissy Harder

In faith and in the hope of the resurrection we bid farewell to:
Karin Strong-Boag

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Simone Dauvin, Rose French, Judy Nelson (Rose Palfy's niece), Andy Peters, Chris Teichrob, Greg Gutfriend, Sharon Coflin, Andy Peters, Jeannette Hoksbergen, Merlin Sullivan, Ann Whyte, Gordon Meyer, Denise Cote, Helen Roberts, Ron Roth, Joseph Glasser, Beverly Teegee, Teddy French, Judy Nelson, Nick Palfy, Kai Peterson, Henry Alexander, Suzanne LeFebvre, Anne Beaudette, Mary Pfliger, Becca Kennedy, Valerie Kabai, Cyril Abreau, John and Emilia Mauro, Nancy O'Malley, Peter Morris, Josephine Nykoluk, Sr. Margaret Quinn, and her sister, Detta Quinn.



PLEASE NOTE: Our prayer list will be updated every month. If you wish a family member or friend to remain on the list, please call the parish office before the end of each month. If a family member or friend falls ill, please call the parish office to have them added to our prayer list.

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 or 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. 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. We are on summer break right now!

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. We are on summer break right now!

PARISH & FINANCE COUNCILS

Terry Hawkes

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 (563-3887) for more information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (COUNCIL 5246)

The Knights of Columbus is open to all men of the parish. We provide service to Church, Community, Council Membership, Youth and Family. Our General Meeting is on the third Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. The Executive meeting is on the first Wednesday of each month, also in the Conference Room. For more information, phone 964-9580 or 563-6785.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please call Bernie or Aime Trottier at 564-8943 for more information.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Drop-In Centre is located at 1120—2nd Avenue. We are open:

Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m. to 12:00 (noon)
Phone 564-7871

Our Thrift Store is located at 1180—3rd Avenue. We are open:

Mon-Wed 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thu-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 provide prayer and agency referral to our guests. When possible, we journey with patients in the hospital or those who are dying at Hospice House. We also help women on the street to discover that they are loved. 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.