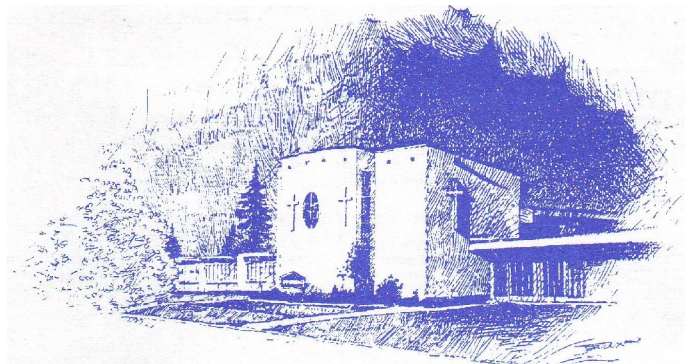

St. Mary's Parish



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

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 14/15, 2007

CREATION HIKERS



**A couple of parishioners are planning a
hike to Kinney Lk near Mt. Robson.**

Potential dates are:

**Saturday July 21
or**

Monday July 23 or Tuesday July 24

**Children can do the hike but need to be
accompanied by an adult.**

**It's about 4.3 km to Kinney Lake but
people can hike farther depending on
the desires of the group.**

**If you're interested, you must phone the
Parish Office to express your interest
by Thursday, July 19.**

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/continuing/ministry.html.

FULL TIME TEACHING POSITION

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's Parish for their continuing support of the society.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Jul 14	7:00 pm	INT Vivian Zarowny
Sun	Jul 15	9:00 am	For the People of Our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Ante & Zorka Mijatovi
	Jul 15	4:30 pm	Vespers
Mon	Jul 16	7:20 am	RIP Joseph Rowan
Tue	Jul 17	7:20 am	RIP Ralph La-Riviere
Wed	Jul 18	7:20 am	RIP Maria Basic
Thu	Jul 19	7:20 am	RIP Amelia McGraw
Fri	Jul 20	7:20 am	RIP Marie Gervais
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

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK



Regular Envelopes	2935.77
<u>Loose</u>	<u>358.23</u>
Total	3,294.00
St. Vincent de Paul	328.46

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 within 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

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

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



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
Nov 6—Marriage, Divorce & Annulments

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Our next marriage anniversary Mass will be on **Saturday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.** All couples celebrating anniversaries in June or July are invited to attend.

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.

VESPERS

We will **not** be celebrating Vespers during July & August. We will resume Vespers on September 16, 2007.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

"And who is my neighbour?" There's a poignancy to the question posed by the "scholar of the Law" in today's Gospel. Who does not resonate with his desire to know exactly what must be done to fulfill the Law in order to obtain the hoped for reward? For the Jews, observing the law of God was the way to life. Jesus' questioner was a professional in the law, and as Luke demonstrates by having him answer his own questions, the commandments of the Lord were very near to him, already in his mouth and in his heart. The story of the Good Samaritan is well-known and much loved. As shocking as the actions of the priest and Levite *seem* to be, they *were* members of the temple staff and contact with what was presumably a corpse would have rendered them ritually unclean, unfit for their respective services. In effect, they were keeping the law by moving on. The Samaritan, a member of a group despised by the Jerusalem Jews, turned out to be the one most faithful to it in Jesus' eyes. He is the one who was neighbour.

Identify one situation in which you could be "neighbour" (show mercy) for another.

AGAIN... WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Did you read the Letter to the Editor in Wednesday's newspaper (July 11)? The one about the boy and his little dog?

The two were playing outside their home when the dog suddenly ran into the street and was run over by a van. The boy picked up his dog and carried him back to the ditch and lay there crying in devastation. The van driver didn't stop to help or offer comfort. Five people drove by and didn't stop to help or offer comfort. Two women walked by and didn't stop to help or offer comfort.

Obviously we don't know the entire story. Why the dog was able to run into the street. Why nobody stopped to help. But the little that we do know should give us pause. Are we becoming a society of individuals who prefer to "not get involved". Are we too busy with where we are going and what we need to get done? Do we no longer take the time to get to know people? Are we losing our sense of mercy and compassion? Do we strive to see our neighbour in each person that we meet, or that we see along the side of the road?

ENJOY THE SUMMER

THINGS WE CAN ALL DO TO HELP OUR PLANET

As Catholics, we believe that God created the earth and entrusted it to our care. We are called to be co-creators with God and stewards of God's creation. Being stewards means that we take care of the things entrusted to our care. There are many ways in which we can be good stewards of Creation. Which ones are you already practicing? Where could you improve??



1. Bring your own coffee mug or container
2. Bring your own garment bag to the dry cleaner
3. Recycle hangers from the dry cleaner
4. Use toxic free cleaners & use water sparingly, that will be the precious resource of the future
5. Teach your children the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling
6. Compost your food scraps
7. Take your reusable bag everywhere
8. Drive a hybrid
9. Even better, use transit or carpool
10. Better yet use a bicycle or walk!
11. Use reusable utensils when you picnic
12. Use cloth napkins
13. Recycle old furniture
14. Change your incandescent light bulbs to Compact Fluorescent Light-bulbs
15. Keep your car in top shape and tires inflated
16. Buy in bulk
17. Send your kids to school with sandwiches in a reusable container
18. Buy disposable razor blades instead of disposable razors
19. Buy products that use less packaging
20. Only buy recycled paper
21. Appreciate the sunrise and the sunset

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Judy Nelson (Rose Palfy's niece), Andy Peters, Chris Teichrob, Greg Gutfriend, Sharon Coffin, 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 Parish Office meeting room (1088 Gillett Street) 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 Wednesday 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.