

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10/11, 2007

DONATIONS

Regular Envelopes.....3,599.00
Loose..... 382.50
Total 3,981.50
Work of the Oblates.....685.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the school. Religious Education is for children of our parish who attend public 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.

CWL OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP

Again this year, the CWL is offering a \$500. scholarship to a Grade 12 student from St. Mary's Parish. If you wish to apply, please pick up an application form at the parish office. Deadline for applications is June 1st.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Denise Cote, Shannon Cruz, Dorothy Smith, Paul Kenway, Helen Roberts, Ron Roth, Joseph Glasser, Beverly Teegee, Margaret George, Teddy French, Judy Nelson, Nick Palfy, Anne Whyte, Kai Peterson, Henry Alexander, Suzanne LeFebvre, Anne Beaudette, Mary Pfliger, Becca Kennedy, Valerie Kabai, Cyril Abreau, Sharon Balkcom, Sr. Margaret Quinn and her sister, Detta Quinn.

CALLED TO SPEAK UP

God called Moses to speak up to the Pharaoh because God "observed the misery of the people". What "misery" might God be calling us to speak about today? To whom should we speak it? Our message could make a difference in people's quality of life.

MORNING PRAYER 7:00AM WEEKDAYS

MORNING MASS 7:20 AM WEEKDAYS

Sat. Mar. 10	7:00pm	INT Kay McEwen
Sun. Mar. 11	9:00am	For the People of Our Parish
	11:00am	RIP Pat Callaghan
Mon. Mar.12	7:20am	RIP Jack Makelke
Tue. Mar.13	7:20am	RIP Val Armstrong
Wed. Mar.14	7:20am	RIP Adrien Bachand
	7:00pm	VESPERS
Thu Mar. 15	7:20am	RIP Branco Federucci
Fri. Mar 16	7:20am	RIP Shaun Armstrong
Sat. Mar. 17	7:00pm	INT Vicky Gutfriend
Sun Mar. 18	9:00am	For the People of Our Parish
	11:00am	RIP Am Vu
	4:30pm	VESPERS

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Youth - Next meeting is March 11 in the gym (7 to 8:30)...Bring your friends!! THINKfast has been booked for March 24 at IC Parish, the bulletin board has registration forms and more info.

DYC 2007 - The 13th Annual Diocesan Youth Conference will be held at the Diocesan Centre April 27-29. Jesse Manibusan is the keynote speaker and the theme is "Lord of all Things" All high-school aged youth (grades 8 to 12) are invited. Registrations out soon.

Host Families Needed - The DYC is approaching fast. We need families to host young people from across BC and Alberta. If you can provide accommodation and three meals for two or more youth please call Simone at the Diocesan Centre, 964-4424 ext 242. A Criminal Record Check will be required.

Young Adults - grade 12 and up are 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.

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.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

For those of you who have been anxiously waiting for your photographs that were taken way back in December...here's the latest news. Due to a series of unfortunate circumstances involving (a) closed offices and returned mail & (b) Canada Post, the photographs have been delayed several weeks. They are at the printers now and are coming. IPC has told us that the photographs should be mailed out at the end of February or the first week of March. Thank you for your patience.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent 7:00pm at both Sacred Heart Cathedral and Christ Our Saviour Parishes.

ST. PATRICK'S VIGIL MASS

A mass to mark the Feast of St. Patrick will be celebrated by Fr. John Garden on Friday, March 16th, 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This celebration will have a uniquely Irish theme so wear your green! All welcome.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Our first Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday March 24th, 7:00pm for those couples married in January, February and March. Our congratulations to all couples celebrating Anniversaries.

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.

Evenings For Women Every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Fee: \$5 per evening or by donation.

Facilitator: Jean Marie Lehtinen, OP

Dealing With Transitions In Our Lives. For those who are separated, divorced, widowed, unemployed, having launched the last child from the house, between jobs, or leaving home for the first time **Thur. Mar 15, Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Facilitator: Tarianne DeYonker, OP Fee: \$5.00

Retreat Day for Artists

Saturday, March 17, 2007 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bring a lunch; beverages will be provided. (Limit 10 participants) Fee: \$15.00 Facilitators: Joy Cotter, Jean Brandel and Donna Dolan, RSCJ

Challenge of Being a Catholic in the World Today

Thursday, Mar 22, 2007 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Presentor: Bishop Gerry Wiesner, OMI Fee: donation

Day of Stillness in Lent

Opportunity for spiritual direction. Facilitator: Donna Dolan, RSCJ Sat. Mar 24, 9:30am–3:30pm. **Fee: \$25.00 (includes lunch)**

Book Release and Art Show Author & Artist Gisele Bauch.

Giving Glory to God: Reflections of an Artist Forward by Ron Rolheiser, OMI. Included will be ten paintings by Donna Dolan, RSCJ. Sat. March 31, 7 to 9 pm. Music, Hors d'oeuvres and Refreshments. RSVP by March 26th please.

An Acrylic and Watercolor Experience and Beyond.

Limit of 10 participants. Bring a bag lunch, beverages provided. Mon. April 2, 9 to 3:30 pm. Instructor: Gisele Bauche, Fee \$40.

Day of Stillness on Holy Thursday.

Thursday, April 5, 9:30am to 3:30 pm. Facilitator: Donna Dolan RSCJ. Fee \$25. (Includes Lunch).

CHRISM MASS

Please join Bishop Gerry and the priests of the Diocese of Prince George at the **Chrism Mass on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** Parishes from Prince Rupert to Fort St. John - and all points in between - take part in this celebration. It is here that the holy oils used in celebration of the sacraments this year are blessed and the priests in the diocese renew their commitment to service. A reception will be held after the Mass. **PLEASE BRING GOODIES TO SHARE.**

ELEMENTARY TEACHER NEEDED

An Elementary teacher is needed at St. Anthony's School in Kitimat. This is a full time position beginning September 1, 2007. Copies of requirements have been made and are on the bulletin board. If interested, please take one. Deadline for applications is March 16th.

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. If you haven't picked up a copy, give it a try. It's a nice, bright gold colour!

BAPTISM PREPARATION 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.

COUNSELING AVAILABLE

FOR INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES AND FAMILIES

Sr. Tarianne deYonker, OP, a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist, 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.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PSG 2007 RAFFLE

Tickets available from the school office or any St. Mary's School student. Great prizes....

1st, \$1000.00 cash

2nd, 14K white gold chain with blue topaz and diamond pendant, donated by Michael's Jewellers .

3rd, Nintendo Wii Game System donated by J&A Catering Joe Goncalves (Value \$300)

Draw date: Mar. 23, 8pm at St. Mary's Family Fun Night.

Raffle tickets will be sold after all the Masses next weekend.

CAMP MORICE SOCIETY

The Camp Morice Society is looking for quotes to install shower stalls, flooring, wallboard and drywall, and all required painting. The work would take place at Camp Morice near Ft. St. James. For more information call Richard at 250-996-7881 (Camp Morice) or Joe at 563-0159.

A BIG THANK YOU

A very heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who so generously donated goodies for the Parish Mission. Your kindness is appreciated and the goodies were enjoyed by all.

God bless you,

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League

PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Jennifer Foster and her parents, Tony & Dodie Bond as they mourn the death of their sister/daughter, Julie. (Many in the diocese know Tony & Dodie for their involvement in the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League). A Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, March 17th, at 10:30 a.m. Internment will take place at the mausoleum following the liturgy.