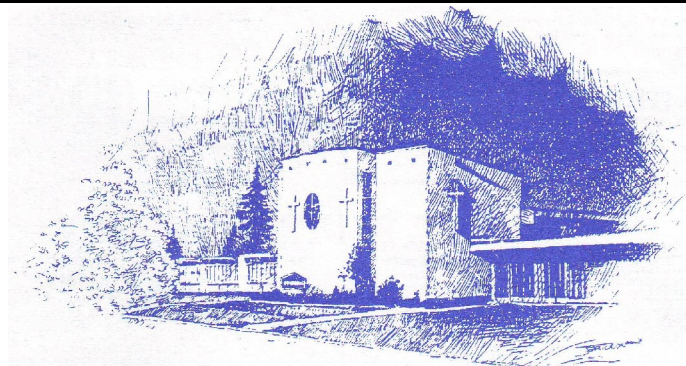


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# St. Mary's Parish

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## 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  
Wednesdays 7:00 pm

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 pm

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## 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.

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## 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 |

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## PASSION SUNDAY

March 15/16, 2008

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## DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE (CENTRAL REGION) PREPARES FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS



49<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS  
QUEBEC CITY, CANADA

June 15 to 22, 2008

*The Eucharist, gift of God  
for the life of the world.*

## SATURDAY MARCH 29 SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

1:00 to 1:30 pm—Gathering

1:30 to 3:00 pm—Bishop Gerry on  
"Eucharist and Community"

3:00 to 3:30 pm—Break

3:30 to 4:30 pm—Eucharistic Procession

4:30 to 5:30 pm—Adoration &  
Reconciliation

5:30 to 6:30 pm—Celebration of Eucharist

**COME AND JOIN US!!**

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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)

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Email—stmarys.parish@shawcable.com

Web—www.geocities.com/saintmaryspg

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

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### PARISH YOUTH

Next meeting is March 16 from 7 to 9 pm. All youth in grades 7 to 12 are welcome! Bring friends!

### DYC

We are currently looking for a DYC dance DJ (evening of April 26). This person would be responsible for playing songs for youth with a positive message. Please call Joe at 964-4424 if you or someone you know would be able to help us!

### HELP US!!

Please support St. Mary's Youth Group by donating CANADIAN TIRE money into the collection basket... every bit helps! \*\*\*Update: We have raised just over \$135! Thank you so much for your support!!!\*\*\*

### DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2008

The 14 Annual Diocesan Youth Conference will be held in Prince George on April 25-27. Deacon Harold of *Aerum Cordis. The Way* is our theme presenter for DYC. All high-school age youth are invited. Registration forms and further information are available from your parish.

### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED, DYC 2008

The Catholic community of Prince George will be hosting the 2008 Diocesan Youth Conference on April 25-27. If you can provide accommodation & meals for two or more youth during the weekend, please contact Simone at the Diocesan Centre, 964-4424 ext 242. Please note, a current Criminal Record Check is required for all adults in the household.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Toby Studer, Denis LaRiviere, George Callaghan, Andrew Becker, Vicky Gutfriend, Eugene Bachand, Jim Punch, Shirley Gannon, Robert De Grace, Jean Callaghan, Larry Crooks, Joe & Gabrielle Hamelin, Charmaine Makelke, Emeilia Mauro, James McCloskey, Pam & Gordon Meyer, Bonnie, Natalie & Doug Marwood, Judy Nelson (Ann Robertson's sister), Lisa Norman, Josephine Nykoluk, Sr. Margaret Quinn, Detta 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.

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

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|            |               |                |                                             |
|------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Sat        | Mar 15        | 7:00 pm        | INT Larry Crooks                            |
| Sun        | Mar 16        | 9:00 am        | People of Our Parish                        |
|            |               | 11:00 am       | RIP Pat Callaghan                           |
| Mon        | Mar 17        | 7:20 am        | RIP Mother of Frank Mauro                   |
| Tue        | Mar 18        | 7:20 am        | RIP Ratkaj Family Members                   |
| Wed        | Mar 19        | 7:20 am        | RIP Hilda Roth                              |
|            |               | <b>7:00 pm</b> | <b>Vespers</b>                              |
| Thu        | Mar 20        | 7:00 pm        | RIP Lindsay Santos                          |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>Mar 21</b> | <b>3:00 pm</b> | <b>Good Friday</b>                          |
| Sat        | Mar 22        | 9:30 pm        | RIP Joanne Wessel                           |
| Sun        | Mar 23        | 9:00 am        | RIP Jenny Lahata, John Dunn & Eamond Hoarau |
|            |               | 11:00 am       | People of Our Parish                        |

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## DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

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|                 |           |                    |          |              |                  |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|----------|--------------|------------------|
| Envelopes       | \$3810.75 | Loose              | \$292.55 | <b>Total</b> | <b>\$4103.30</b> |
| School          | \$82.00   | St. Vincent DePaul |          |              | \$624.81         |
| Work of Oblates | \$100.00  | Share Lent         |          |              | \$2291.70        |

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

March 28-30 in Richmond, BC. Attention Married Couples! You deserve to give each other a weekend to enhance your couple love. For more information or to register please contact Steve & Mary Bohnen at (604) 876-7298 or [sbohnem@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:sbohnem@interchange.ubc.ca).

### EASTER DINNER

St. Vincent de Paul Society hosts Easter Dinner, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Sunday March 23 at Sacred Heart Auditorium. Volunteers are needed Saturday March 22 from noon to 1:15 pm for potato peeling, table setup and hall preparation.

Many volunteers are needed Sunday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm for serving, dish washing and hall cleanup. Turkey and ham prepared by CNC Culinary Arts Department. Dessert donations are gratefully accepted.

To ensure sufficient help, please confirm your volunteer assistance by calling Bernie at 564-3416 or Norm at 562-6034.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Building Homes/Building Playgrounds coupon book is a partnership between Habit For Humanity Prince George and the local schools. The project is completely non profit. 50% of the proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity for building homes, and 50% to participating schools providing funds for increasing opportunities for local schoolchildren. The books are at the ReStore on Queensway \$20. Please come and support us.

### WALK OF SORROWS

The ecumenical Walk of Sorrows will take place in Prince George on Good Friday again this year. You are invited to gather at City Hall at 12:30 on Friday, March 21 to begin the Way of the Cross, which will be prayed through the downtown and conclude at the Court House. It is expected to take approximately 45 minutes.

### BLESSING OF GRAVES

On Easter Monday, March 24, there will be Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 11 am followed by Blessing of Graves at the city cemetery.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you to all who donated to the March collection. Your contributions are such a blessing to our work. God bless you.

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## DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

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**It is extremely important that you call 964-4475 to REGISTER for programs!**

For more info visit: [www.geocities.com/domanorenewal](http://www.geocities.com/domanorenewal)  
Info on bulletin boards and at back of church.

### EVENINGS TO EXPLORE WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

April 8—7 to 9 pm

### DAY OF STILLNESS ON HOLY THURSDAY

March 20—9:30 am to 3:30 pm

### *Giving of Myself*

*Jesus' example of self-giving in the ultimate sense can inspire us to follow. Can I choose to walk in the company he kept: those who are poor or broken, humiliated, marginalized, those who are abused?*

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### 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.

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus".

*As we live these days of Holy Week with Jesus, how will we allow him to transform our minds and hearts?*

### EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS REGIONAL CELEBRATION

On Saturday March 29, beginning at 1 pm, we will have a regional celebration at Sacred Heart Cathedral in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Quebec in June. We invite all parishioners to come and participate!!! Bishop Gerry is the guest speaker and will speak on the theme of Eucharist & Community. Please come & join us! 1:00 to 1:30 pm—Gathering Music; 1:30 to 3:00 pm—Bishop Gerry presents *Eucharist & Community*; 3:00 to 3:30 pm—Break; 3:30 to 4:30 pm—Eucharistic Procession; 4:30 to 5:30 pm—Adoration & Reconciliation; 5:30 to 6:30 pm—Eucharist.

### CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

We will begin our preparation sessions for Confirmation & First Communion on **Tuesday April 8 at 6:30 pm in the School Gym**. If you would like your child (Gr. 2 or older) to receive the sacraments of Confirmation & First Communion, **you must register your child by Friday April 4**. You can register your child through St. Mary's School (if they attend the school) or through Giselle at the parish office (if your child attends the parish Religious Education classes). Sacramental preparation sessions continue on the following Tuesdays: April 15, April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13. Confirmation & First Communion will take place on **Saturday May 10 at 2 pm AND at 7 pm**. Remember, you must register your child for the preparation sessions!

### MAKE ROOM FOR GOD BOOK DISCUSSION

Please see the posters on the bulletin for our **revised schedule** for this book discussion. Starts April 9. Phone to register!!!

### PARENT SUPPORT GROUP SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The Parent Support Group at St. Mary's School extends a heartfelt thank you to the sponsors of the recent raffle as well as to all those who purchased tickets.

Trish Lazar won the trip, the earrings went to Brittany Hebert and Kathleen McNeil won the cash prize. Congratulations to the winners. The proceeds from the raffle will be used to improve the school playgrounds for our children's fun and safety.

### CWL

The CWL will be hosting the Golden Age Tea on Mar 19 at the Civic Center. We need some baked goodies for this event, could you help? Please bring any baking to the rectory or contact Mary at 561-1288.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

On Mar 23 Immaculate Conception Church will only have the 9 & 11 am Mass. There will be no 7 pm Mass for this Sunday.

### PRINCE GEORGE CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE

A goal of the Prince George Crisis Pregnancy Centre is to increase our impact in the City of Prince George. To do this, we need to understand the best ways to reach potential clients. We are looking for a special volunteer to join us by leading a six month to one year project to discover the best ways to reach potential clients. Some training and information is available. If you feel you would like to serve God in Prince George with us in this capacity please call the Prince George Crisis Pregnancy Centre at 562 4464.

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:

Bishop Gerry says: "This is just a gentle reminder and invitation for all to participate in the Good Friday Collection, in which the funds are used for the upkeep of facilities and the promotion of programs in the Holy Land. The Congregation for Eastern Churches, with the endorsement of the Holy Father, extends this request. Thank you for your response."

### HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION TIMES

Mar 20—Holy Thursday—7 pm  
Mar 21—Good Friday Service—3 pm  
Mar 22—Easter Vigil—9:30 pm  
Mar 23—Easter Sunday—9 am & 11 am

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

| Sun Mar 16                                                                 | Mon Mar 17 | Tues Mar 18                                                 | Wed Mar 19  | Thurs Mar 20                                                                   | Fri Mar 21                                                | Sat Mar 22          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| PASSION SUN<br>9 a—Mass<br>11 a—Mass<br>12 p—Vigil Video<br>4:30 p—VESPERS |            | 4:30 p—Fin. Con.<br>7 p—SHC Reconciliation<br>7:30 p—K of C | 7 p—Vespers | (no morning Mass)<br>7 p—Holy Thursday<br>Adoration til 12<br>7:30 p—Pr. Group | (no morning Mass)<br>3 p—Good Friday Service<br>8:30 p—AA | 9:30 p—Easter Vigil |

### NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

| Sun Mar 23                          | Mon Mar 24 | Tues Mar 25 | Wed Mar 26  | Thurs Mar 27     | Fri Mar 28 | Sat Mar 29                                                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| EASTER SUN<br>9 a—Mass<br>11 a—Mass | 8 a—Mass   |             | 7 p—Vespers | 7:30 p—Pr. Group | 8:30 p—AA  | 1 p to 7 p—Eucharistic Congress Celebration—SHC<br>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 March 31 & April 1. 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. Our Monday meetings are on hold for the moment. 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 Kathy Labonte (563-5581) 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 & 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](mailto:nadinematwell@yahoo.ca). The Development and Peace web-site is [www.devp.org](http://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.