

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17/18, 2007

DONATIONS

Regular Envelopes.....3,249.00
Loose.....225.50
Total 3,474.50

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: Gordon Meyer, 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.

AND OUR RESPONSE IS...

Do we celebrate moments in our community's life when things are made right and just? Or do we, like the elder son in today's Gospel, lack understanding when justice is finally done for people who have lived under poor conditions or made poor choices?

MORNING PRAYER 7:00AM WEEKDAYS

MORNING MASS 7:20 AM WEEKDAYS

Sat. Mar. 17	7:00pm	INT Vicky Gutfriend
Sun. Mar. 18	9:00am	For the People of Our Parish
	11:00am	RIP Am Vu
Mon. Mar.19	7:20am	RIP Graham Murray
Tue. Mar.20	7:20am	RIP Joseph Flynn
Wed. Mar.21	7:20am	RIP Lindsay Santos
	7:00pm	VESPER
Thu Mar. 22	7:20am	RIP Joanne Wessel
Fri. Mar 23	7:20am	RIP Mary Milanese
Sat. Mar. 24	7:00pm	RIP Ferruccio Martincich
Sun Mar. 25	9:00am	RIP Ildio DaSilva
	11:00am	For the People of Our Parish
	4:30pm	VESPER

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Youth - Next meeting is March 18th 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 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.

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.

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.

PRINCIPALS NEEDED

Principals are needed at both St. Joseph's School in Vanderhoof and Annunciation School in Prince Rupert, beginning the 2007-2008 school year. Please see the bulletin boards for further information. Extra copies have been made. If interested, please take one.

ST. JOHN BREBEUF REUNION (WINNIPEG)

All Alumni, former parishioners and staff are invited to attend the Community of St. John Brebeuf 50th Joybilee Homecoming Weekend, May 24-27. For details please visit www.sjbcommunity.ca or call 204-488-4467

WALK OF SORROWS

The Walk of Sorrows takes place on Good Friday, April 6th, starting at City Hall at 12:00.

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.

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).

Day of Retreat for Seniors

50 and up or those of retirement age. Number of participants limited to 40. **Facilitators: Domano Renewal Centre Team with Bishop Gerry Wiesner, OMI**

Thursday, Apr 19, 2007 Time: 10:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Transportation arranged with 24 hours notice. Lunch will be provided. Let us know if you have dietary needs. No Fee

Making Time for Your Marriage

“putting your partner first”! How can the mutual regard for each other serve to feed the needs of the marriage in a lively and loving fashion? Facilitator: Brian Bulgin, MEd. Saturday, Apr 28 and Sunday, Apr 29, 2007 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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.**

CHRISM MASS- MUSIC REHEARSAL

A MUSIC REHEARSAL FOR THE Chrism Mass will take place on Sunday, March 25, 3:30 to 4:30 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. All singers from all parishes welcome.

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 Mass today.

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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is offering a retreat for anyone in need of healing because of abortion. April 12-15, 2007. Please call Janet 250-762-2273 or 1-877-683-CARE to register.

TV ADS BY CHILDREN...IDEAS ABOUT GOD.

God is like Bayer Aspirin...He works miracles.

God is like Coke....He's the real thing.

God is like Ford...He's got a better idea.

God is like Tide...He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like General Electric...He brings good things to life.