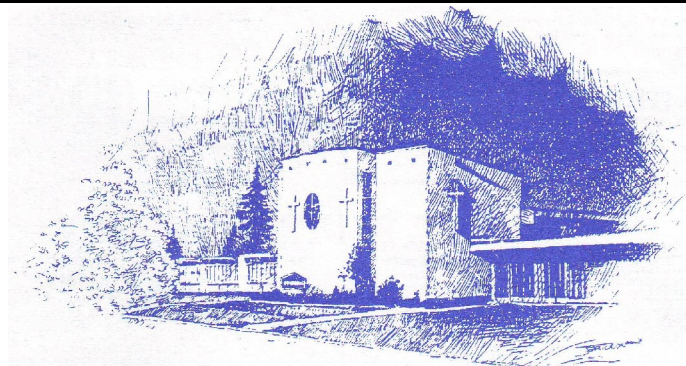

St. Mary's Parish



SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Mon to Fri 7:20 am
(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

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
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EASTER SUNDAY

March 22/23, 2008

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



49TH 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!!

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)

Telephone—564-4097 Fax—562-3540 After Hours Emergency—562-4921

Email—stmarys.parish@shawcable.com

Web—www.geocities.com/saintmaryspg

YOUTH MINISTRY

PARISH YOUTH

No Youth Group this Sunday Mar 23. Join the 3 Catholic PG Youth Groups next Sunday (30th) for the 3rd Youth Led Liturgy at IC Parish at 7pm. Next regular meeting is April 6 from 7-9pm! 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! ***We have raised just over \$140! Thanks 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Peter & Lil Derges, Sheree Johnson, Ron Roth, Stella Cagliotti, Lisa Norman, 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), 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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Mar 22	9:30 pm	RIP Joanne Wessel
Sun	Mar 23	9:00 am	RIP Jenny Labata, John Dunn & Edmond Hoarau
		11:00 am	People of Our Parish
Mon	Mar 24	8:00 am	RIP Kay McEwen
Tue	Mar 25	7:20 am	RIP Ilidio DaSilva
Wed	Mar 26	7:20 am	RIP Ropar Family Members
		7:00 pm	Vespers
Thu	Mar 27	7:20 am	RIP Sheila Kenway
Fri	Mar 28	7:20 am	RIP Magdalene Aabol
Sat	Mar 29	7:00 pm	RIP Jim Brander
Sun	Mar 30	9:00 am	People of Our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Am Vu

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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.

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.

VOCATION OF THE CATHOLIC PHYSICIAN

The Canadian Bioethics Institute is holding a conference for Catholic physicians and medical students at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto on April 25-27, 2008. The aim of the conference, entitled *The Vocation of the Catholic Physician: Integrating the Practical, the Bioethical and the Spiritual*, is to provide an opportunity to discuss bioethics and spirituality within the context of recognizing and enriching the vocation of Catholic physician. As host of the conference, Archbishop Thomas Collins encourages Catholic physicians from across Canada to attend. For more information or to register contact the Canadian Bioethics Institute by telephone: (416) 926-2335; fax: (416) 926-2336; email: bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca; or go to their web site: www.ccbi-utoronto.ca.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday celebration on March 30 from 2 pm to 3 pm at Immaculate Conception Church.

Celebrate New Life

Take time to celebrate and thank God for new life in the community: recovery from illness, births, marriages and those who turn from lives of addiction. This is God's resurrection activity in the midst of our community life today.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

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

For more info visit: 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

Relationships

April 15—7 to 9 pm

Day of Retreat for Seniors

April 17—9:45 am to 3:30 pm

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$2789.75	Loose	\$424.50	Total	\$3214.25
School	\$27	Oblates	\$22	Cath. Missions	\$5
Holy Land	\$47	D&P Share Lent	\$656		

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?

REGIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS CELEBRATION

Saturday March 29 from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart. Gathering songs at 1 pm followed by a presentation by Bishop Gerry from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. From 3:30 to 4:30 pm we have a Eucharistic procession. From 4:30 to 5:15—Adoration & Reconciliation, followed by Eucharist at 5:30 pm

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.

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!!!

GRRRAPEVINE DIGEST VOLUME 3

Some copies of the latest GRR Digest are available at the back of the church. More copies will appear as we need them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Are on hiatus during Spring Break. We will resume our regular classes on Tuesday, April 1, at 6:30 pm in the School.

CWL TEA—MARCH 30

We invite all women who want to share together, who are eager to build community, and who are willing to give and receive mutual support to consider joining the CWL at St. Mary's. Are you interested? For further information, please phone Carmen (564-8091), Barb (563-0846) or Kathy (563-5581). We welcome you to our Membership Tea which will be held in the Conference Room after the masses on Sunday, March 30. Come and meet us; we are a fun loving, caring group.

GREENING THE PARISH

A group of us are looking at forming a "Greening the Parish" group, a group that would look at ways in which we, as a parish community, could practice environmental awareness and stewardship. We are planning a first meeting on Monday, April 28 at 7 pm, here in the parish office (1088 Gillett Street), the little grey house next to the school gym. Come and join us! Phone Nadine at 563-4121 for more info.

SISTERS OF MERCY

In appreciation of the Sisters of Mercy's 52 years of service to the Diocese of Prince George, there will be an Appreciation Dinner held Thurs June 12, 2008 at the Columbus Community Centre. Cocktails at 6:00 pm, with dinner to follow at 7:00 pm. For tickets and information, contact Noel at 564-4616.

FR. RECTORINO TOLENTINO

Effective April 7, 2008, Bishop Gerald Wiesner assigned **Father Rectorino Tolentino**, currently Assistant Priest at Sacred Heart Cathedral, as Administrator of St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers and Missions.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Monday March 31 & Tuesday April 1 at 7 pm in the parish office (1088 Gillett Street). Please phone the parish office to register. Parents must attend both sessions.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

We are planning another series of 4 sessions in April. If your older child (6 to 12) wishes to be baptized, phone Giselle at the parish office. This is your last chance before the summer!

THIS 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 9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass	8 a—Mass		7 p—Vespers	7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Mar 30	Mon Mar 31	Tues Apr 1	Wed Apr 2	Thurs Apr 3	Fri Apr 4	Sat Apr 5
2 SUN EASTER 9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass CWL Tea	4:30 p—Fin. Con. 7 p—Infant Baptism Prep	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 7 p—CWL 7 p—Infant Baptism Prep	7 p—Vespers 7 p—K of C Exec	7:30 p—Pr. Group	9 a—School Mass 8:30 p—AA	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. The Development and Peace web-site is 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.