

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 24/25, 2007

DONATIONS

Regular Envelopes.....3,287.82
Loose..... 415.00
Total 3,702.82

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the school. The last day of classes will be April 24th. There will be no classes on April 3rd and 10th, during Spring Break. 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: Merlin Sullivan, Gordon Meyer, Denise Cote, Shannon Cruz, Paul Kenway, Helen Roberts, Ron Roth, Joseph Glasser, Beverly Teegee, 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.

GOD'S UNEXPECTED WORK

Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we sometimes are so sure we are right in our judgments about others and their motivations. But today Jesus challenges us to look at the evidence of God at work in people's lives, even if they do things differently than we do.

MORNING PRAYER 7:00AM WEEKDAYS

MORNING MASS 7:20 AM WEEKDAYS

Sat. Mar. 24 7:00pm RIP Ferruccio Martincich
Sun. Mar. 25 9:00am RIP Ilidio DaSilva
11:00am For the People of Our Parish

Mon.Mar.26 7pm CHRISM MASS AT SACRED HEART

Tue. Mar.27 7:20am RIP Marie Gervais
Wed. Mar.28 7:20am RIP Peter Long
7:00pm VESPERS
Thu Mar. 29 7:20am RIP Adrien Bachand
Fri. Mar 30 7:20am RIP Jim Brander
Sat. Mar. 31 7:00pm LAY LED LITURGY
Sun Apr. 1 9:00am RIP Alejandro & Maura Perez
11:00am For the People of Our Parish

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Youth - Please say a prayer for all THINKfast participants fasting at IC this weekend. There will be no youth group March 25th. We resume May 1st.

DYC 2007 - The 13th Annual Diocesan Youth Conference will be held at the Diocesan Center April 27-29. Jesse Manibusan is the keynote speaker and the theme is, "Lord of all Things." Anyone grades 8 to 12 is invited. LOOK ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR REGISTRATION FORMS!!!

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 @ 964-4424 ext. 242. A criminal record check will be required.

Young Adults - Anyone grades 12 and up is invited to meet after youth group the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month at 8:30pm. We meet in the 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.

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. Please join us for this touching and very impressive "walk" following the Stations of the Cross as Jesus walked on that "other" Good Friday. Meet at City Hall at 12:00.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY HOSTS EASTER

DINNER Sunday, April 8th at Sacred Heart Auditorium.

Dinner will be served Easter Sunday from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. A work bee is planned Saturday April 07th from noon until 2 pm. Potato peelers and turkey carvers are especially needed. Dessert donations are very much appreciated and will be accepted at the hall during the work bee. Many volunteers are needed Easter Sunday from 10:30 am until 2:30 pm for serving, dish washing and hall cleanup.

We typically serve 800 meals at Easter. To ensure sufficient help, please confirm your volunteer assistance by calling Bernie at 564-3416

Thrift Store opportunities: There is an opening for a paid, part-time employee, 16 hours per week. Please call Bernie at 564-3416. Volunteers for the store are also still needed.

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.

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, 9am 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 TOMORROW (MONDAY)

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- REHEARSAL TODAY (SUNDAY)

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

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN

Please join us today (Sunday) as we pray for the unborn at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 2:00 at the side door.

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.

THOSE SEEKING COUNSELING

Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP, a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist, can be contacted at 964-4424 Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30 for a counseling appointment. Services are open to persons of all faiths.

SINGLE AGAIN

The **Single Again** support program in April is entitled “Seeds of Growth: Weathering the Death of Your Spouse or Divorce”. Adults who are single again after separation, divorce or death of a spouse will gather on **Thursday, 12 April** from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the Lower Church. The facilitator is Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP. There is no need to pre-register for this evening.

CAMP MORICE

Want to meet some great people and enjoy some invigorating work? Join the Camp Morice Spring clean up starting on the Friday evening of April 13th and ending on the afternoon of the 15th. Meals are provided. For more details and to register phone Camp Morice-250-996-7881 or Joe 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 Sears.....He has everything

God is like Alka Seltzer...Try Him, you'll like Him.

God is like Scotch Tape...You can't see Him but you know He's there.

God is like Allstate...you're in good hands with Him.

God is like VO-5 Hairspray...He holds through all kinds of weather.