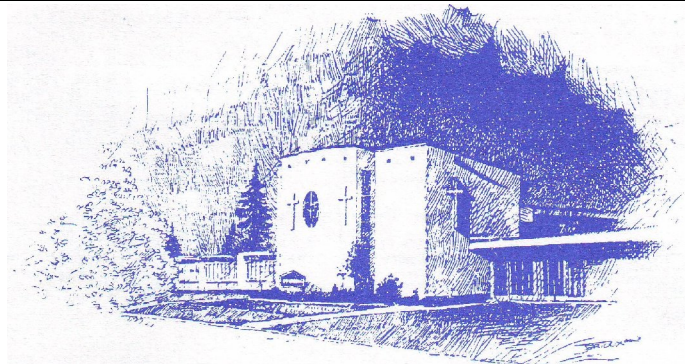

St. Mary's Parish



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

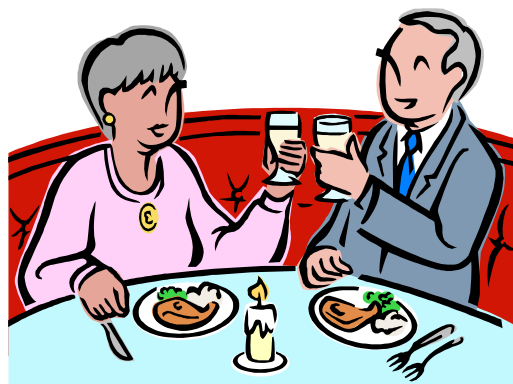
Brent Arsenault	Principal
Jacqueline Boyes	School Secretary
School Phone	563-7502
School Fax	563-7818
School Email	office@stmaryspg.org

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1/2, 2008

TABLE FOR YOU...

FOR SENIORS!!!
(65+)



FRIDAY MARCH 14

5:00 pm

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GYM

PLEASE!!

RSVP BY NOON

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12

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

Next meeting is THIS Sunday! 7 to 8:30 pm. All youth Grades 7 to 12 are welcome! Bring friends!

YOUNG ADULTS

Due to the increase of busy life schedules, the last Young Adults group (for the 2007/2008 school year) will be Mar 2 at 8:30 pm.

HELP US!!!

Please support St. Mary's Youth Group by donating CANADIAN TIRE money into the collection plate... every bit helps! ***Update: So far we have raised just over \$130!! Thanks for your support!***

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Denis LaRiviere, George Callaghan, Andrew Becker, Vicky Gutfriend, Eugene Bachand, Jim Punch, Shirley Gannon, Robert De Grace, Sheree Johnson, Jean Callaghan, Larry Crooks, Joe & Gabrielle Hamelin, Charmaine Makelke, James McCloskey, 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 1	7:00 pm	RIP Donald Phillips
Sun	Mar 2	9:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy
		11:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy
Mon	Mar 3	7:20 am	RIP Lena Egli
Tue	Mar 4	7:20 am	RIP Genevieve Connors
Wed	Mar 5	7:20 am	RIP Morin Family Members
		7:00 pm	Vespers
Thu	Mar 6	7:20 am	RIP Ferruccio Martincich
Fri	Mar 7	7:20 am	INT J. & Mary Quinn
Sat	Mar 8	7:00 pm	RIP Edwin DaSilva
Sun	Mar 9	9:00 am	People of Our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Ferruccio Martincich

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

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

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

Relationships

Tuesday—Mar 4
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Evenings to Explore Women's Spirituality

Tuesday—Mar 11
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$2824.00	Loose	\$352.00	Total	\$3176.00
		School	\$40.00		

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

MUSIC REHEARSALS FOR CHRISM MASS

Rehearsals will take place at 7:30 pm on March 3 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are welcome!!!

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN (GRG)

GRG families have told us they need resources to better understand the legal complexities they face while raising grandchildren. Parent Support Services Society of BC has initiated a Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Legal Research Project and ask for your input to help guide research on provincial legislation, policies and services that relate to GRG issues.

The "Getting Focused, Together" sessions in Prince George will take place on March 10 from 10 am to 12 pm or 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm. Please call Parent Support Services at 561-0607 to RSVP and for more information, or see our website at www.parentsupportbc.ca

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 sbohnenn@interchange.ubc.ca.

CHRISM MASS

You are invited to join with Bishop Gerry, visiting bishops and the priests of the Diocese of Prince George at the Chrism Mass Monday March 10 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart. It is here that the holy oils used in the celebration of the sacraments are blessed and the priests in the diocese renew their commitment to presbyteral service. A reception will be held following the Mass. Please bring goodies to share. These may be left in the hall downstairs.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK

On Wednesday, Mar 5 from 4 pm to 5:30 pm, Ana Moraga, director of MUJER (Women for Justice, Education & Awareness) will give a presentation on Femicide in Guatemala: the New Face of Violence Against Women. Takes place at UNBC, Room 7-158. Admission is free.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

A mass to mark the **Feast of St. Patrick** will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Wednesday, March 12 beginning at 5:30 pm. All welcome! Wear your green!

2010 PILGRIMAGE TOUR

You're invited to attend an exciting and informative presentation on Sacred Heart parish's upcoming pilgrimage to Italy and Germany. This pilgrimage will take us to spiritual sites in Rome, Assisi, and Florence, Italy as well as Oberammergau, Germany to attend a live passion play that is only performed every ten years! This pilgrimage will be led by a professional tour guide and Fr. John Garden. Join Fr. John & Tom MacLean of Collette Vacations and Julia Silva of Advantage Wings Travel Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 887 Patricia Boulevard (Lower Church). See you there!!

That I May See

The blind man in today's Gospel regained his sight and believed in Jesus! His sight was more than physical, it was the seeing in faith. Do I see others with the "eyes of faith"?

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

TABLE FOR YOU... FOR SENIORS!

On Friday, March 14 at 5:00 pm, we invite all seniors (65 & older) of the parish to a dinner in St. Mary's School Gym. It is vital that you RSVP by Wednesday March 12 by noon.

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.



**49th INTERNATIONAL
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
QUEBEC CITY, CANADA
June 15 to 22, 2008**

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

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.

Jesus opens our eyes. Our Catechumen(s) experience God's extraordinary action in their lives; we all experience God's extraordinary action in our lives and Christian community. All living things, all of God's creation, are a gift from God.

What are some of the things you can do to grow in faith?

CWL

The CWL will be hosting the Golden Age Tea on March 19th 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.

GREAT PUSSY WILLOW HUNT

It might seem a little early, but the first shy twigs of pussy willows have been spied by our scouts. So we do have hope that we will have pussy willows again this year. On Saturday Mar 15, we are having our 4th Annual Pussy Willow Hunt. We plan to meet in the school parking lot at 10 am and spread out from there. We have our traditional pussy willow foraging areas... If you're interested in helping us harvest and bundle pussy willows to distribute on Palm Sunday, come and join us! Bring your clippers!

FIRST NATIONS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday March 9 in the Conference Room from 2 to 4 pm.

THEO-TIDBITS: SPIRITUALITY OF GARDENING

Our next Theo Tidbits is entitled the Spirituality of Gardening. Come and join Fr. Richard as he explores this interesting theme. Thurs Mar 6 & Thurs Mar 13—both evenings at 7pm. Come and join us!! St. Mary's Parish Office Meeting Room (the little grey house) at 1088 Gillett Street. Meeting room is downstairs through the side entrance.

LIFESTYLE AWARENESS CALENDAR

Don't forget to consult the lifestyle awareness calendar that you received a couple of weeks ago. Lent is a good time to examine how our lives are lived in conformity to the Gospel or not.



The opening of our new office in Asunción was a real source of pride for many of the social movement groups. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE worked tirelessly on our behalf. We can now more easily work together on human rights issues and literacy programs.

Maria, Paraguayan Peasants' Movement

**Share
Lent**



**DEVELOPMENT
and Peace**
CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR

Thank you for giving.

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 MASS TIMES

Mar 20—Holy Thursday—7 pm

Mar 21—Good Friday—3 pm

Mar 22—Easter Vigil—9:30 pm

Mar 23—Easter Sunday—9 am

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday Mar 7 we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm in the Church.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Mar 2	Mon Mar 3	Tues Mar 4	Wed Mar 5	Thurs Mar 6	Fri Mar 7	Sat Mar 8
4th SUN LENT 9 a—Lay Led 10 a—Holy Thursday Video 11 a—Lay Led	7:30 p—K of C District Deputies	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 7:00 p—CWL	7 p—Vespers 7 p—K of C Exec 7:30 p—Eucharist Bible Study 5	6:30 p—Rainbows 7 p—TheoTidbits 7:30 p—Pr. Group	7 p—Stations of the Cross 8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Mar 9	Mon Mar 10	Tues Mar 11	Wed Mar 12	Thurs Mar 13	Fri Mar 14	Sat Mar 15
5th SUN LENT 9 a—Mass 10 a—Good Friday Video 11 a—Mass 2 p—1st Nations Sunday School	7 p—Chrism Mass—SHC	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 7 p—Parish Pastoral Council	7 p—IC Reconciliation 7 p—Vespers 7:30 p—Eucharist Bible Study 6	6:30 p—Rainbows 7 p—COS-Reconciliation 7 p—TheoTidbits 7:30 p—Pr. Group 7:30 p—Camp Morice	9 a—School Mass 5 p—Table for Two... for Seniors! 8:30 p—AA	10 a—Great Pussy Willow Hunt 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.