

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3/4, 2007

DONATIONS

Regular Envelopes.....2,567.00
Loose..... 308.75
Total 2,875.75

Pink Envelope total for February.....1,476.75

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.

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.

CWL KORNER

There will be no CWL meeting in March because of the Parish Mission. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Parish Mission which begins on Sunday, March 4 and ends on Tuesday March 6. Bishop Gerry Wiesner will be presiding and preaching at the mission.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering:

Shannon Cruz, Dorothy Smith, Paul Kenway,
Rob Marwood, 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.

MORNING PRAYER 7:00AM WEEKDAYS

MORNING MASS 7:20 AM WEEKDAYS

Sat. Mar. 3	7:00pm	RIP Maurice Labrosse
Sun. Mar. 4	9:00am	For the People of Our Parish
	11:00am	RIP Ferruccio Martincich
Mon. Mar. 5	7:20am	INT Detta Quinn
Tue. Mar. 6	7:00pm	RIP Martin Sheehy
Wed. Mar. 7	7:20am	RIP Sr. Paul Howlett
	7:00pm	VESPERS
Thu. Mar. 8	7:20am	RIP Odiane Michaud
Fri. Mar. 9	7:20am	RIP Bernice Langs
Sat. Mar. 10	7:00pm	INT Kay McEwen
Sun. Mar. 11	9:00am	For the People of Our Parish
	11:00am	RIP Pat Callaghan

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Youth - Next meeting is March 4 in the gym (7 to 8:30) Bring your friends!! THINKfast has been booked for March 24 at IC Parish. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for 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 the Diocesan Centre, 964-4424 ext 242. Please note, a current Criminal Record Check is required for all adults in the household.

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.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

For those of you who have been anxiously waiting for your photographs that were taken way back in December...here's the latest news. Due to a series of unfortunate circumstances involving (a) closed offices and returned mail & (b) Canada Post, the photographs have been delayed several weeks. They are at the printers now and are coming. IPC has told us that the photographs should be mailed out at the end of February or the first week of March. Thank you for your patience.

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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Support for democracy in Africa must be accompanied by economic support. Because if the people are hungry, dictators can come back and buy them with their money and democracy will fail. Thank you for fighting with us against poverty. Jose Martial Ranaivo, Director of the Development Council of Antanapenac (DCA), a partner of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. Help us celebrate our Fortieth Anniversary.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME...

Begins next Sun. March 11. Set your clocks ahead one hour.

CHILDRENS LETTERS TO GOD.

Dear God...If you watch in church on Sunday I'll show you my new shoes.....Love from Cindy.

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.

EVENINGS FOR WOMEN

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar 13, 2007 When Religion Isn't Enough

Fee: \$5 per evening or by donation. Facilitator: Jean Marie Lehtinen, OP

DEALING WITH TRANSITIONS IN OUR LIVES

For those who are separated, divorced, widowed, unemployed, having launched the last child from the house, between jobs, or leaving home for the first time **Thur. Mar 15, Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Facilitator: Tarianne DeYonker, OP Fee: \$5.00**

RETREAT DAY FOR ARTISTS

Saturday, March 17, 2007 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bring a lunch; beverages will be provided. (Limit 10 participants) Fee: \$15.00 Facilitators: Joy Cotter, Jean Brandel and Donna Dolan, RSCJ

Challenge of Being a Catholic in the World Today

Thursday, Mar 22, 2007 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Presenter: 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)**

CHRISM MASS

You are invited to join with 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. These may be left in the hall downstairs before Mass.

Who Appears to Us?

Lent is a time to be alert - not asleep - to God's word as it may appear suddenly everyday. As we look around our family and our community, who do we notice that may appear to be in need? Is there something we can do to meet the need?

SINGLE AGAIN

The **Single Again** support program in March will address "Managing Anger Effectively". Adults who are single again after separation, divorce or death of a spouse will gather on **Thur. March 8** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart in the Lower Church. The facilitator is Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP.

ST. PATRICK'S VIGIL MASS

A mass to mark the Feast of St. Patrick will be celebrated by Fr. John Garden on Friday, March 16th at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This celebration will have a uniquely Irish theme so wear your green! All 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. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Thank you to all who continue to support us in our work of serving people challenged by poverty.

Monthly general meeting: Mon. Feb. 26th at 6:30 pm at the Drop In Center. A guest speaker will speak briefly on a topic of community interest. We encourage you to attend.

Drop In Center: We continue to feed the hungry 7 days per week.

Current needs: Volunteers to help deliver hampers...

Afternoons M-F and mornings Tue, W and F. Call Norm 562-6034. Time commitment is 1 hour.

Needed are chicken broth, rice, and diapers size 4 or larger.

Thrift Store: open Monday to Saturday.

Current needs: Volunteers-----Afternoons M-F.

To volunteer... please pick up a volunteer application form at the store or contact Bernie at 564-3416

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.

ELEMENTARY TEACHER NEEDED

An Elementary teacher is needed at St. Anthony's School in Kitimat. This is a full time position beginning September 1, 2007. Copies of requirements have been made and are on the bulletin board. If interested, please take one. Deadline for applications is March 16th.