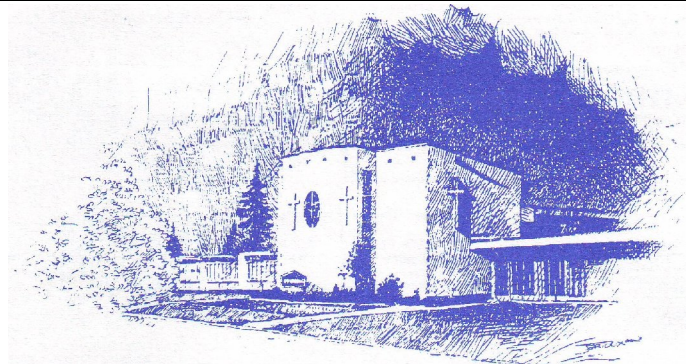


St. Mary's Parish



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

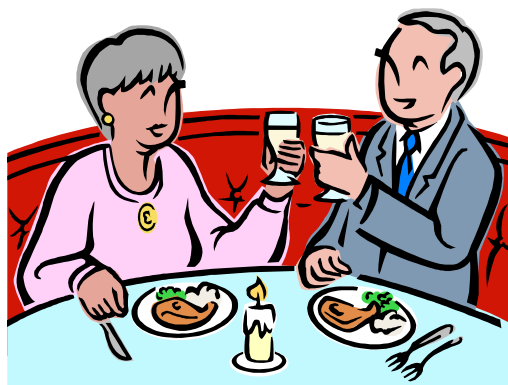
5th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8/9, 2008

TABLE FOR YOU...

FOR SENIORS!!!
(65+)

If you did not get a printed invitation
in Church, please accept this as our
invitation to you!



FRIDAY MARCH 14

5:00 pm

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GYM

If you need transportation, please let
us know when you RSVP.

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 - No meeting March 9th due to THINKfast!
Next meeting is March 16th! 7-9pm! All youth grades 7 to 12 are welcome! Bring friends!

DYC - We are currently looking for a DYC dance DJ (evening of April 26th). This person would be responsible for playing songs for youth with a positive message. Please call Joe @ 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 plate... every bit helps! ***Update: We have raised just over \$135! Thank you so much for your support!!!***

DIOCESAN YOUTH C CONFERENCE2008:

The 14th 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 and some 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: 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, Emeilia Mauro, James McCloskey, Pam Meyer, Gordon Meyer, Bonnie, Natalie & Doug Marwood, Judy Nelson (Ann Robertson's sister), Lisa Norman, 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 8	7:00 pm	RIP Edwin DaSilva
Sun	Mar 9	9:00 am	People of Our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Ferruccio Martincich
Mon	Mar 10	7:20 am	RIP Morin Family members
Tue	Mar 11	7:20 am	RIP Peggy Tetreault
Wed	Mar 12	7:20 am	RIP Ljuba Dragus
		7:00 pm	Vespers
Thu	Mar 13	7:20 am	RIP Val Armstrong
Fri	Mar 14	7:20 am	INT Joe Hamelin
Sat	Mar 15	7:00 pm	INT Larry Crooks
Sun	Mar 16	9:00 am	People of Our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Pat Callaghan

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes \$2895.00 Loose \$384.00 **Total \$3279.00**
School \$1420.00 St. Vincent DePaul—\$50.00
Special Collection—\$862

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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.

EASTER DINNER

St. Vincent de Paul Society hosts Easter Dinner, from 1130 am to 130 pm, Sunday March 23rd at Sacred Heart Auditorium. Volunteers are needed Saturday March 22nd from noon to 115 pm for potato peeling, table setup and hall preparation.

Many Volunteers are needed Sunday from 1030 am to 230 pm for serving, dish washing and hall cleanup. Turkey and ham prepared by CNC Culinary Arts Department. Dessert donations are gratefully accepted.

To ensure sufficient help, Please confirm your volunteer assistance by calling Bernie at 564-3416 or Norm at 562-6034

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

Come enjoy a time to get in touch with your spirit. This is a time to reflect on challenging themes each month and to share insights with other women. Themes: Mar.11-**Sackcloth and Ashes**; April 8-**The Peaceable Kingdom**; May 13-**Nun Questions**; June 10-**What makes summer SUMMER?**

Come once or come often. **2nd Tuesday of the month.**

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m. Fee: \$5 per evening

Facilitator: Jean Marie Lehtinen OP

Day of Stillness on Holy Thursday

Quietly reflect on the paschal mystery unfolding within and around you. This retreat day offers the opportunity to pray privately and visit with a spiritual guide. The day will open with prayer together and a brief input. At the end of the day we will gather for a time of sharing and a closing prayer.

Thursday, March 20 Time: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$25.00 Includes Lunch

Facilitator: Donna Dolan RSCJ

A Second Time

Jesus gave Lazarus a second chance at life. To whom in the community do I give a second chance?

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The Parent Support Group at St. Mary's School extends a heartfelt thank you to the sponsors of the recent raffle as well as to all those who purchased tickets.

The prizes were trip to any destination in North America, donated by Uniglobe Travel, earrings donated by Michael's Jewellers and Evergreen Pharmacy and \$250 cash donated by the Parent Support Group. Trish Lazar won the trip, the earrings went to Brittany Hebert and Kathleen McNeil won the cash prize. Congratulations to the winners.

The proceeds from the raffle will be used to improve the school playgrounds for our children's fun and safety.

WALK OF SORROWS

The ecumenical Walk of Sorrows will take place in Prince George on Good Friday again this year. You are invited to gather at City Hall at 12:30 on Friday, March 21 to begin the Way of the Cross, which will be prayed through the downtown and conclude at the Court House. It is expected to take approximately 45 minutes.

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 current Theo Tidbits is entitled the Spirituality of Gardening. Come and join Fr. Richard as he explores this interesting theme. Thurs Mar 13—at 2 pm or 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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE—SHARE LENT

Today, Solidarity Sunday, we are reminded that justice and solidarity are fundamental to our Catholic faith – not just in what we pray for but in how we live out our faith in action.

Please give generously to the annual Share Lent collection which will be taken up today.

We invite you to consider becoming a member of Development Peace. Membership in Development and Peace means adding your voice to those who work for justice and peace. It does not commit you to anything other than simply adding your voice. The larger the number of members, the greater the lobbying power.

Please stop by the Development & Peace table at the back of the Church to try a sample of fair trade chocolate and to fill out a membership form.

In true celebration of the resurrection in bringing freedom to the oppressed, consider having the Easter bunny bring only fair trade chocolate for Easter this year. Remember that in purchasing fair trade chocolate we are guaranteeing fair wages for farmers and their families, freeing children from slave labour. Let's do our part in Christ's redemptive work. Fair trade Chocolate and Coffee will be for sale next Sunday

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Mar 20—Holy Thursday—7 pm
Mar 21—Good Friday Service—3 pm
Mar 22—Easter Vigil—9:30 pm
Mar 23—Easter Sunday—9 am
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THIS 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

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Mar 16	Mon Mar 17	Tues Mar 18	Wed Mar 19	Thurs Mar 20	Fri Mar 21	Sat Mar 22
PASSION SUN 9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass 12 p—Vigil Video 4:30 P—VESPERS			7 p—Vespers	7 p—Holy Thursday Adoration til 12 7:30 p—Pr. Group	3 p Good Friday Service 8:30 p—AA	9:30 p—Easter Vigil

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.