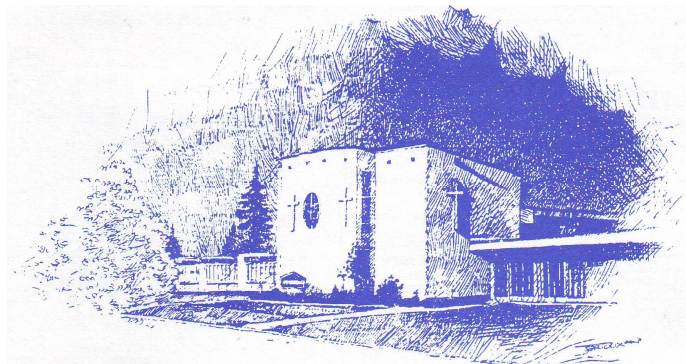

St. Mary's Parish



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

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 seek 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
Roger Lavoie	Associate Pastor
Jude Van Baalen, OP	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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2009

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Holy God,
you compared your own love for your
people to the love of a mother for her
children. Look with kindness on our
mothers who have shared in your creat-
ing love by the gift of their children.
We thank you for the joys and sorrows
of their lives, the giving and sharing,
and, especially for your love that has
formed us in your image.

Listen to our prayers and bless the
mothers who nurtured and sustained
us. Give them patience in abundance
and let them find joy and satisfaction in
all their work. Glory and praise to you,
loving God, through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary,
and who reigns with you in the glory of
heaven, for ever and ever. Amen.



Treat Mom to a super
brunch after both Masses
on Mother's Day

Cost: \$5 for adults
\$2.50 for children (6-12).
Children under 6 are free

1088 Gillett Street, Prince George, B.C. V2M 2V3

Office Hours—Mon to Fri—8:00 am-11:30 am AND 12:30 pm-4:00 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 – Youth Group May 10th... 7-9pm in the gym! Bring friends!

HELP US – Please support St. Mary's Youth Group by donating CANADIAN TIRE money to the collection plate... every bit helps!

UPDATE... we have raised over \$180! Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Youth!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Lena McCallum, Ruth Keiss, Evan Dyck, Anne Drazba, Andre Frigon, David Nelson, Norman Louis, Claude Crossland, Rose Marie Seager, Al Foulon, John and Emilia Mauro, Georgie Boyle, Trudy Petraschuk, Estelle Struck, Denise Cote, Stan Cook, Brooklyn Kennedy, Blaine Lavoie, Larry Crooks, Michael Fernandes, Austin Lacalle, Brenda Ducharme, Andrew Becker, George Callaghan, Lori Wall, Ella Dougherty, Jean Callaghan, Gabrielle Hamelin, Lori McGinlay, Lisa Norman, Josephine Nykoluk, Eugene Nykoluk.

PLEASE NOTE: Our prayer list is updated monthly. Please call the parish office if you would like someone to remain on the list, or to be added to the list.

If anyone is sick at home or preparing to go for surgery and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office to make arrangements for a priest to visit.

If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital or other health care facility and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call the rectory or parish office to make this request. We have no other way of knowing this information, as privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given to us by the facility.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	May 9	7:00 pm	INT John & Del Courteau
Sun	May 10	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Lloyd Freckleton
Mon	May 11	7:20 am	RIP Michael Glasser
Tue	May 12	7:20 am	Lay Led
Wed	May 13	7:20 am	Lay Led
Thur	May 14	7:20 am	Lay Led
Fri	May 15	7:20 am	RIP Joseph Hamelin
Sat	May 16	7:00 pm	INT John Courteau
Sun	May 17	9:00 am	RIP Anna Rodrigues
		11:00 am	People of our Parish
		4:30 pm	Vespers

DONATIONS

Envelopes \$3372	Loose \$330.50	Total \$3702.50
Holy Land \$20	School \$442	Share Lent \$58
Pastoral Works \$15	St. Vincent de Paul \$60	

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, May 17th at 4:00 pm with Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Procession to follow. All are invited to gather for this celebration. For info call 250-562-5436 or 564-1838.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Notre Dame Parish, Dawson Creek is seeking a receptionist/ secretary/bookkeeper, 6hrs/day, 5 days/week. Familiarity with Simply Accounting is a must. The parish would consider making this a part time position, if necessary. Please contact Fr. Michael or Annette at nddc@shaw.ca or call 250-782-3456.



PRINCE GEORGE CRISIS
PREGNANCY CENTRE

Change for Life



Pick up your bottles today!

CAMP MANAGERS NEEDED

Located in Fort St James BC on the shores of Stuart lake, Camp Morice is a Catholic camp servicing Northern BC. We are currently looking for Catholic camp managers to live at Camp Morice year-round. For full information and job description, see our website:

www.campmorice.com

CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS POSITIONS

There are a number of positions open in the schools throughout the diocese—check the bulletin boards.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

Please register 1 week in advance for sessions.
Phone 250-964-4475

Christian Meditation

Come and experience the ancient tradition of prayerful stillness. We begin by listening to a short audio tape by Abbot John Main, OSB. This is followed by thirty minutes of silent sitting. The group is open to both experienced meditators and those who would like to learn to practice Christian Meditation.

Mondays, May 11, June 8 Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
No Fee Facilitator: Donna Dolan, RSCJ

Retreat Days for Artists

Allow artistic expression to be a part of your personal spiritual journey. Spend time with your particular art form in a peaceful supportive environment; bring your particular medium. There will be a brief thematic input.

Saturday, May 16 Time: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00 Bring a lunch; beverages provided

Facilitators: Joy Cotter, Jean Brandel, Donna Dolan, RSCJ

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS:

SCHOLARSHIP

Again this year, the CWL is offering a \$500 scholarship to a St. Mary's Parish grade 12 student. We encourage all graduates to apply. Please pick up an application form from Jeanine at the parish office.

PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

The B.C. and Yukon Provincial Convention will be held May 29-31st at the Ramada Hotel in Prince George; a unique opportunity to participate in an annual event that is usually somewhere far from us! All members of the local council are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend please contact Barb Marwood 563-0846 for more information.

VOCATION WEEKEND

Will take place May 15-17, 2009 at Camp Morice, Fort St. James, B. C. Friday evening begins at 7pm. Closing on Sunday at noon. Registrations may be mailed to: Diocesan Vocations Director, 4830 Straume Ave, Terrace, B. C. V8G 4G3, or phone (250) 635-2313.

PROLIFE NEWS

On May 14th 1969, the Canadian Government passed a bill which opened the door to unrestricted abortion. Since that time, over 3 million unborn babies have been slaughtered by surgical abortion, while unknown numbers have been killed by chemical abortion. The P.G. ProLife Society invites you to join them as they mark the 40th anniversary of this "Day of Infamy" with quiet, prayerful witness on 15th Avenue and Burden St. on Thursday, May 14th, from 4 to 5 pm. For more info, phone Patricia @ 564-0643 or Laura @ 563-3874.

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

God asks us to take seriously our responsibility to engage in building up a just society, a civilization of love, marked by caring, sharing and sparing. God makes demands on us even though we may not see what God is doing through us for the good of our society

(based on Catholic Social Teaching)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Mary's Religious Education classes for children attending the public schools have finished for this year. In September all families who have children in public school are invited to participate in the Family Religious Education Program. Children in their second year of instruction, or more, will be invited to special classes to prepare for the Sacraments. Children who want to receive the sacraments are expected to participate in the Family Religious Education Program. Registration may be picked up or turned in at the Parish Office. For further information, contact Sr. Jude.

ANOINTING MASS

Bishop Gerry will join our community to celebrate a Mass of Anointing on Wednesday, May 20 at 2 pm at St. Mary's. Residents of the various care homes in the area will come to celebrate with us. All who are sick or elderly in the parish are also invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing. We invite as many parishioners as possible to join in this celebration, to share the gift of our presence and prayers with those who come to celebrate the sacrament.

There will be a reception in the Conference Room after the celebration; if you are able to bring goodies to share, it would be much appreciated. They can be left in the Conference Room before the celebration.

VESPERS

We will celebrate Vespers, the traditional evening prayer of the Church, on Sunday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m. Come and join in singing this ancient prayer.

RETURNING TO SPIRIT

The Returning to Spirit, Residential School Healing and Reconciliation Workshop For Clergy, Religious and Non-Aboriginal People—**July 6-10, 2009**

Location: Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Prince George.

The workshop is a process for individuals to move ahead in life, creating a future based in empowerment rather than a future based on more of the past.

For registration information contact: Stacy Gaal 250 964-4424 or reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun May 10	Mon May 11	Tues May 12	Wed May 13	Thurs May 14	Fri May 15	Sat May 16
Fifth/Easter 9 & 11 a—Mass			10 a—Book Study	7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	9 A—Plant Sale 7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun May 17	Mon May 18	Tues May 19	Wed May 20	Thurs May 21	Fri May 22	Sat May 23
Sixth/Easter 9 & 11 a—Mass 4:30 p—Vespers			10 a—Book Study 2 P—Anointing Mass	9 a—School Mass 7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

AROUND THE PARISH

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS

Baptism preparation sessions for the parents of infants will be held June 8 & 9 at 7 pm in the parish office. Please contact the parish office for more information.

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 Sr. Jude 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 Sr. Jude 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? In learning more about the Catholic faith? Each Monday evening the RCIA candidates from throughout the city meet here at St. Mary's to share the Word and explore our faith and practice. For more info call Sr. Jude at the parish office.

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

St. Mary's offers Religious Education classes have concluded for this year.. Please see the note inside the bulletin regarding the changes for next year's program. More details will be given in the bulletin at the end of summer and early September. Please call Jude 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

VACANT

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 563-9192 or 563-8456, 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 / nadinehale@gmail.com. The Development and Peace web-site is www.devp.org

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.

RAINBOWS

Rainbows is a peer support group for children, adolescents and adults who are grieving a death, divorce or any other painful transition in their family. Sessions run for 14 weeks each Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30, beginning in September and January at St. Mary's School. There is no cost to participants. Contact: Ursula Morris (250)562-3347 or (250)563-5584. Website: www.rainbowspg.com

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.