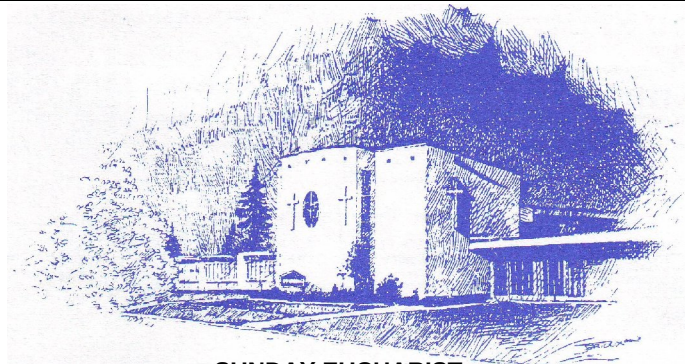

St. Mary's Parish



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 10/11, 2008

THIRD ANNUAL PLANT SALE!!



Fund Raiser for St. Vincent de Paul

When: Saturday May 17

Where: St. Mary's Parking Lot

Time: 8 am to 11 am

**Bring baking for the coffee table
and get a plant coupon!**

We're looking for helpers!

6:30 to 8:00 am—Set-up

8:00 to 11:00 am—Cashiers

11:00 to 11:30 am—Clean-up

**Plant donations accepted
Fri May 16 (4:30 to 6:00 pm)
& Sat May 17 (6:30 to 8:00 am)**

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

DYC 2008 was a huge success! A big THANK YOU to all my leaders and chaperones for a job well done!!! Youth Group resumes May 18: 7-9pm.

HELP US!!

Please support St. Mary's Youth Group by donating CANADIAN TIRE money into the collection basket... every bit helps! ***We have raised just over \$145! Thanks for your support!!***

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Denise Cote, Janet Bachand, Jacob Loti, Bridgette Payne, Evangeline Donnelly, Peter & Lil Derges, Sheree Johnson, Lisa Norman, Denis LaRiviere, George Callaghan, Andrew Becker, Vicky Gutfriend, Eugene Bachand, Jim Punch, Shirley Gannon, Jean Callaghan, Larry Crooks, Joe & Gabrielle Hamelin, Emeilia Mauro, John Mauro, James McCloskey, Pam & 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	May 10	7:00 pm	RIP Maurisio Florian
Sun	May 11	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Louis & Eva Orioux
Mon	May 12	7:20 am	INT Toni Mather
Tue	May 13	7:20 am	INT. Shirley Gannon
Wed	May 14	7:20 am	RIP Paul Kenway
Thu	May 15	7:20 am	RIP Branco Federucci
Fri	May 16	7:20 am	RIP Toby Studer
Sat	May 17	7:00 pm	INT Wishart Family
Sun	May 18	9:00 am	RIP Leo Comtois
		11:00 am	People of our Parish
		4:30 pm	Vespers

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

Tuesday May 13—7:00 to 9:00 pm

RETREAT DAY FOR ARTISTS

Saturday May 17—9:30 to 4:00 pm

EVENINGS TO EXPLORE WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

Tuesday June 10—7:00 to 9:00 pm

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$3124	Loose	\$337	Total	\$3461
School	\$212	Pope's Works	\$75		

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

FAREWELL BANQUET FOR SR. MARGARET QUINN

The June 12 farewell banquet for Sister Margaret Quinn and celebration honoring over 50 years of the Sisters of Mercy in our diocese has been postponed due to health reasons. The event will be re-scheduled.

CAMP MORICE

Swimming, Capture the Flag, Mission Impossible, Friends, Faith and Fun...it's all happening at Camp Morice this summer! Check out the website at www.campmorice.com for more information and online registration.

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Prince George Global Day of Prayer committee and the PG Ministerial association are planning to have a City-wide Prayer service on Sunday, May 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. It will be held at the Civic Center and an invitation is extended for everyone to participate together with all the Churches in the city. More information at www.globaldayofprayerpg.com; or Pastor Rich Phillips would be happy to answer any questions at 564-7434.

WESTERN CONFERENCE FOR THE CATECHUMENATE

18th Annual Conference to be held Fri May 30 – Sun June 1 at Holy Spirit Church - Saskatoon. The theme is "RCIA: CELEBRATING THE RITES AND MUSIC" with resource person, Jerry Galipeau from Chicago. For further information and/or to register, contact: Fr. Michael Koch, chairperson. Register by May 20 by phone: 306-373-0404, fax: 306-374-4613 or e-mail: mjkracia@shaw.ca.

YOUTH MINISTRY COURSES

St. Francis Xavier University will offer 3 courses in the Canadian Certificate in Youth Ministry program on campus May 27 – June 1. Please contact the Program Office for details. We also offer several distance education programs for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: Diploma in Ministry, Certificate in Spirituality, Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations, and, Diploma in Assisted Living: Human Care & Community. For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, PO Box 5000, Antigonish, NS B2G 2W5. Toll free 1-877-867-5562. Check the website: www.stfx.ca/academic/continuinged/ministry.html or email at: diplomainministry@stfx.ca.

URBAN ABORIGINAL MINISTRY

Exploring Urban Aboriginal Ministry is the focus of the Directions in Aboriginal Ministry Conference to be held in Edmonton July 16-19. Sponsored jointly by the Assembly of Western Canadian Bishops and Newman Theological College, the conference will feature presentations on promising urban aboriginal ministry programs by Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI, Rev. Daryold Winkler, CSB and Sister Eva Solomon, CSJ. It is planned to coincide with the Lac Ste Anne pilgrimage, which begins the afternoon of July 19th. For more information go to <http://www.newman.edu/students.shtml> or telephone contact Newman Theological College at 1-800-386-7231.

The Spread of Community

*With the coming of the Holy Spirit,
the disciples were empowered to speak the words of hope,
the words that bring life and draw everyone to what God is
doing in the world. The Holy Spirit is still active in us today.
And one of the commissions Jesus gives us is to forgive. Are
there people you need to forgive?*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

The last sacramental preparation session takes place on Tues May 13.

CREATION HIKERS

Our first hike of the season is planned for Saturday May 24 at 10 am. We will meet at the trailhead of the L.C. Gunn trail and hike along the ridge above the Fraser cutbanks. (First right hand turn after crossing the Yellowhead Bridge). The hike is 4 km each way (8 km total) and includes one, long steep hill and several smaller ones. This hike is **NOT** for those with joint, lung or heart problems! Bring a picnic lunch if you wish. Phone Nadine at 563-4121 for more info.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There are three positions open on the Parish Pastoral Council this spring. Nomination forms are available at the entrance of the Church. Nomination forms must be signed by the nominator and the nominee. Nominations must be in by **June 7/8**. Elections will be held the weekend of June 21/22.

ALTAR SERVERS

Any children in the parish who are in Grade Three and older who would like to become Altar Servers are invited to a training session on Saturday, May 24 at 10 am in the Church.

CIS POSITIONS

2 Full-Time Teachers at Notre Dame School, Dawson Creek one for Grade 3 and one for Grade 4 beginning September 2.

Full-Time K-7 Physical Education Teacher at Veritas School, Terrace beginning September 2, 2008.

Sacred Heart School (Prince George) is accepting applications until May 14 for a full-time secretary. Info on bulletin board.

MYANAMAR CYCLONE

Development and Peace is accepting funds to help victims the devastating Nagris Cyclone, which has left over 22,000 dead and thousands more homeless after hitting Myanmar's Irrawaddy Delta region on Sat May 3. Contributions can be made by telephone (1-888-664-3387), on the D&P website (www.devp.org), or by sending a cheque (marked "Emergency: Burma/Myanmar") at the following address: Development and Peace, 1425, René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd floor, Montreal (Quebec) H3G 1T7. St. Mary's will have envelopes in the pews next weekend to accept contributions.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

GRADUATE MASS CELEBRATION

All graduates from the last year and family and friends are invited to Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sat May 24 at 5:30 pm to celebrate their graduations. Graduates from High School, College, Trade Schools, University or other academic programs are invited to attend. A reception will be held afterwards in the church basement.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Have you got exercise equipment gathering dust? The Baldy Hughes Therapeutic Centre, addiction and recovery program, can use fitness & sports equipment as well as gently used work, casual & dress clothing for men and women. St. Michael & All Angels' will be hosting a 2 day "blitz" on Fri May 16 and Sat May 17 from 10 -2. Please bring all items down to the church! 1505 Fifth Avenue. Spread the word.

DAY OF INFAMY

On May 14, 1969, the Liberal government passed a bill which 'opened the door' to unrestricted abortion in Canada. There has been no law restricting abortion in Canada since 1988. Therefore, the Prince George ProLife Society invites you to join them as they mark this 'Day of Infamy' with a quiet, prayerful witness at 15 Ave and Burden St on Wed May 14, from 4-5 pm. For info, phone Tricia at 564-0643.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS?

With the universal Church today we pray, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love."

How do we become more attentive to the Spirit's promptings, the Spirit's invitations in our everyday lives?

How do we contribute our gifts and talents to the building up of the community? What further contribution are we being called to consider?

CWL SCHOLARSHIP

Again this year, the CWL is offering a \$500 scholarship to a St. Mary's student graduating from Grade 12. For more information, please contact Jeannine at the parish office.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Sunday May 11 at 4:30 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Procession to follow. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 564-1838 or 562-5436.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun May 11	Mon May 12	Tues May 13	Wed May 14	Thurs May 15	Fri May 16	Sat May 17
PENTECOST 9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass		6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 6:30 p—Sac Prep Session #6		8 a—Finance Council 7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	PLANT SALE!! 8 to 11 am 7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun May 18	Mon May 19	Tues May 20	Wed May 21	Thurs May 22	Fri May 23	Sat May 24
Trinity 9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass 4:30—Vespers	8 a—Mass		7:30 p—K of C General Meeting	7 p—PPC 7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	10 a—Creation Hikers 10 a—Altar Server Training 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.

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.