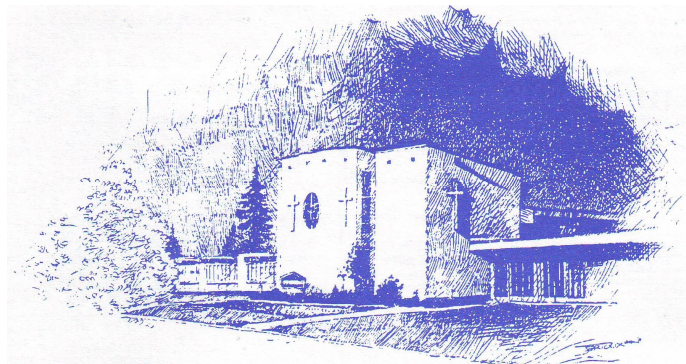


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# St. Mary's Parish

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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@stmarysbg.org |

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2009

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## PARISH PICNIC

### June 21

at

### West Lake

Barbecue served at 4 pm.

Come any time after 1:00 p.m., enjoy the beauty of the area, spend time visiting with friends, bring along a canoe or kayak and enjoy the lake, or just take a lazy swim in the frigid waters!

A great way to celebrate  
**FATHER'S DAY**

You are invited to bring a salad or a dessert and the parish will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages and nibbles.



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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

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

**PARISH YOUTH** – Youth Group May 17<sup>th</sup>... 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: Ann Whyte, Jamie McCloskey, 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, 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 16 | 7:00 pm  | INT John Courteau         |
| Sun  | May 17 | 9:00 am  | RIP Anna Rodrigues        |
|      |        | 11:00 am | People of our Parish      |
| Mon  | May 18 | 8:00 am  | INT Wishart Family        |
| Tue  | May 19 | 7:20 am  | RIP John Preston          |
| Wed  | May 20 | 7:20 am  | RIP Lillian Emberle       |
| Thur | May 21 | 7:20 am  | RIP Lindsay Santos        |
| Fri  | May 22 | 7:20 am  | INT John & Del Courteau   |
| Sat  | May 23 | 7:00 pm  | RIP Maria Mauro           |
| Sun  | May 24 | 9:00 am  | RIP Nangle Family members |
|      |        | 11:00 am | People of our Parish      |

## DONATIONS

Envelopes \$3504    Loose \$303.50    **Total \$3807.50**  
Special Collection \$5    School \$52

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nddc@shaw.ca) or call 250-782-3456.



PRINCE GEORGE CRISIS  
PREGNANCY CENTRE

Do you have your bottle yet?

It's not too late to join us!!!

Check if there are bottles left to pick up.

Pick up a prayer calendar too!



All bottles due back by June 7<sup>th</sup> Support our Life Saving and Life Changing Work!!!

### 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](http://www.campmorice.com)

### KAIROS NEWS

**A Story with Two Ends - Two Canadian authors discuss tar sands, pipelines and the uncertain future of BC's wild coast.**

Join us to hear award-winning photographer and author Ian McAllister. His first book, *The Great Bear Rainforest* won the Booksellers' Choice Award for BC Book of the Year. His latest book is the *Last of the Wild Wolves of the Great Bear Rainforest*. McAllister lives with his family on Denny Island, BC and is an activist on the Coast. Andrew Nikiforuc, an award winning journalist, will also talk about his latest book, *Tar Sands: Dirty Oil and the Future of Continent*, which reveals the true costs of America's oil addiction. These two authors will provide some insights and generate discussion on the two ends of the proposed Enbridge pipeline which will ship tar sands to oil tankers on our north coast.

**The event is being held Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George (3330-22nd Ave, Room 1-306).** The event is being presented by Forest Ethics, Friends of Wild Salmon and the Pembina Institute, with local support from CNC.

## 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.

#### YOU ARE NEEDED

Anyone available to help fill goodie bags for the Provincial Convention is asked to come to the Conference Room this Wed, May 20 at 7:00 PM.

The CWL would appreciate donations of baking for the Anointing Mass on Wednesday, May 20th, at 2 pm. Baking can be brought to the church or call Diane at 250-563-8538 for pick up.

#### MASS HONOURING GRADUATES

Immaculate Conception Parish will be hosting a Mass honouring Prince George and area graduates from the last year on Sunday, May 24, 7 pm. Bishop Gerry will be presiding. All graduates of elementary school, high school, college, university, and trade schools are invited with their families to this Sunday liturgy. Each graduate is asked to bring a symbol that is representative of who they are. A reception will follow.

#### ***Jesus Showed the Way for Us***

*Jesus, identified also as the Wisdom of God, showed special love for those most dependent and in need.*

*Known as the **preferential option for the poor**, all Christian life must be marked by this principle.*

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

### NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

| Sun May 24                        | Mon May 25 | Tues May 26 | Wed May 27      | Thurs May 28     | Fri May 29                                      | Sat May 30             |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ascension</b><br>9 & 11 a—Mass |            |             | 10 a—Book Study | 7:30 p—Pr. Group | 7 P—CWL Conv.<br>Mass—Sacred Heart<br>8:30 p—AA | 7 p—Vigil of Pentecost |

# 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](mailto:nadinehale@gmail.com). The Development and Peace web-site is [www.devp.org](http://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](http://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.