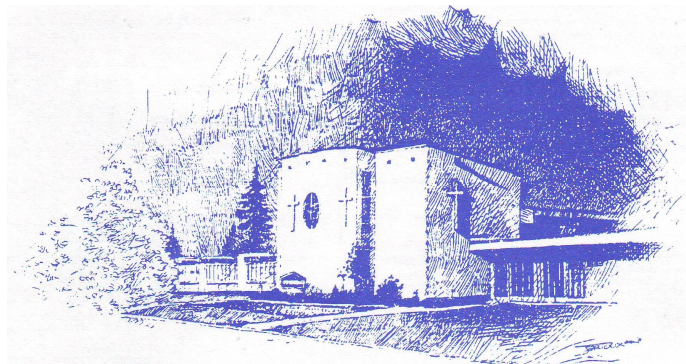

St. Mary's Parish



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@stmarysbg.org

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 24, 2009

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.



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 – IC Parish will be hosting a Mass honoring the graduates of Prince George and area on Sunday, May 24th at 7pm. 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. Reception will follow.

CAMP MORICE! – Registration forms are on the bulletin board! Invite all your friends to this wonderful, faith-filled summer camp!!!

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 \$185! Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Youth!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Francine Allison, Greg and Vicki Gutfriend, 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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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
Mon	May 25	8:00 am	RIP John Preston
Tue	May 26	7:20 am	RIP John Preston
Wed	May 27	7:20 am	RIP Gordon Meyer
Thur	May 28	7:20 am	RIP Anita Plante
Fri	May 29	7:20 am	RIP Frank Sader
Sat	May 30	7:00 pm	RIP Anita Plante
Sun	May 31	9:00 am	RIP Anna Rodrigues
		11:00 am	People of our Parish

DONATIONS

Envelopes \$2972	Loose \$279.50	Total \$3251.50
Pope's Pastoral Works \$435		School \$10

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Christian community is gathering for Global Day of Prayer on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 6-8 pm at the Prince George Civic Centre. All Christian communities in the Prince George region are invited. This is an ecumenical service in which one of the reflections will be done by Sr. Maria Paz of Jesus from Prince George. Please join us in this unique opportunity to pray with other Christians. If you have questions, please contact Joe Glaab at 964-4424.

ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE

The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism invites you to the 19th Annual Summer Ecumenical Institute on June 2-5, 2009 at Queen's House of Retreats in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Keynote speaker, Father Tom Ryan, CSP, Director of the North American Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Paulist Community, from Washington, DC, will reflect on the theme, "Telling our Story, Shaping our Future: Christian Unity and Reconciliation in Canada". For more information contact the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism at pce@ecumenism.net.

CIS POSITIONS

See the bulletin boards for openings in our various schools.

*Change for Life
Baby Bottle Campaign*

*Bottles are due back in
the next 2 weeks please...*



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 25th 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

PENTECOST VIGIL

On Saturday, May 30, we will celebrate the Vigil of Pentecost at the 7:00 pm Mass—it is a longer celebration than usual, as there are seven readings and prayers. Come and celebrate the close of the Easter Season as we began it—with a Vigil, a time of prayer and reflection

CWL 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.

CWL 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..

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE NEWS

St Mary's Development and Peace group and Parish will be hosting the next meeting for Development and Peace Prince George Zone on Monday June 1 at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome.

LEGION OF MARY REQUEST

The Legion of Mary in BC is in the process of setting up a website. They are looking for former members of the Legion to obtain information about its history in the Diocese of Prince George. If you are a former member and can give them any information about past activity, please contact Thomas Chang at 604-506-8606 or thomaschang54@hotmail.com.

The Generosity of God's Mercy

*Every circumstance and any person can be an opportunity for demonstrating the extent of God's mercy. Often it's the person we least expect that has been chosen to show it to us. **Each human being has inherent dignity and sacredness** and is worthy of God's mercy and ours.* (based on Catholic Social Teaching)

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next session will be June 8 & 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. Please call to register.

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.

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul extends a sincere thank you to Father Richard, the Sarrazin family and their many helpers for their hard work that made the St. Mary's plant sale an incredible success. SSVP is very grateful to be the recipient of \$2610.50 from the sale. What an incredible labor of love. Thank you also, to the parishioners of St. Mary's, for the May collection of \$371.08

PLANT SALE

Thanks to all who supported the 4th Annual Spring Plant Sale for St. Vincent de Paul. We had an abundance of plants as well as customers—a good match! There is a box at the entrance of the church for returning pots from the sale, to help with next year's sale.

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 24	Mon May 25	Tues May 26	Wed May 27	Thurs May 28	Fri May 29	Sat May 30
Ascension 9 & 11 a—Mass				7:30 p—Pr. Group	7 P—CWL Conv. Mass—Sacred Heart 8:30 p—AA	7 p—Vigil of Pentecost

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun May 31	Mon June 1	Tues June 2	Wed June 3	Thurs June 4	Fri June 5	Sat June 6
Pentecost Sunday 9 & 11 a—Mass		7 p—CWL		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 563-8465, 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.