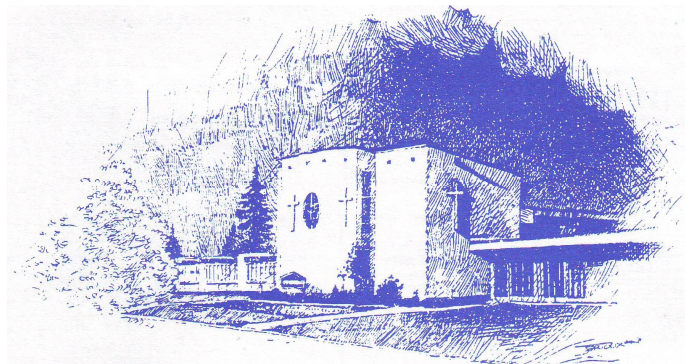

St. Mary's Parish



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2009

‘ADULT FAITH — ADULT CHURCH’

Accept the Challenge to Grow in
your Faith

Lay Formation

Beginning Sept. 25-27 in Prince George

Are you ready to explore your faith in a deeper way? Do you want something more from your spiritual life? Are you considering a new path or form of service in the community?

If so, **Consider taking the next diocesan Lay Formation Program beginning this September in Prince George.** The purpose of this two year program of adult faith education is to provide laity with the opportunity to deepen their faith, grow in their baptismal commitment and to serve more effectively within the church and society. The program is offered one weekend each month for ten months over two years. The program is held at the Domano Renewal Centre. Each weekend includes input on specific topics, time for prayer, personal reflection and social activities. Brochures and application forms are available in the parish.

**Contact Susan Campbell at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre for more information—
(250)964-4424 or email smcampbell@pgdiocese.bc.ca**

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 – No Youth Group May 31st. Year end event for all members of the PG Catholic Youth Groups on June 7th! Contact me for more details!

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. Marys' Youth!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Francine Allison, Balbir Dhillon, 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, 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.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: If you want a priest or chaplain to visit, you must request it of the nursing staff—and be sure to state you are Catholic when admitted, as the admitting staff cannot ask your religion any longer be-

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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
Mon	Jun 1	7:20 am	RIP Rosalia Kehler
Tue	Jun 2	7:20 am	RIP Gordon Meyer
Wed	Jun 3	7:20 am	RIP Branco Federucci
Thur	Jun 4	7:20 am	RIP Lucy Rezendes
Fri	Jun 5	7:20 am	RIP Leo Hawkes
Sat	Jun 6	7:00 pm	INT Wishart Family
Sun	Jun 7	9:00 am	RIP Odiane & Hermel
			Michaud
		11:00 am	People of our Parish

DONATIONS

Envelopes \$2986.77 Loose \$302.50 **Total 3289.27**
Pope's Pastoral Works \$67

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

HELP NEEDED AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Drop-In Centre on 2nd Avenue has different groups of people coming in on weekend mornings to serve breakfast. The breakfast on the first Sunday of the month was handled by a group of students from UNBC who have now gone away on their summer break. We need three or four people who can help the first Sundays of June, July, August and September from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. If you can help for any or all of these mornings, please call Jim West at 250-562-4684.

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.

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...*



TAIZE PRAYER

Taize services involve repetitive singing of simple hymns, prayer, and silence for personal meditation. They will be held at St. Michael & All Angels, 1505 Fifth Avenue, on the last Sunday of every month (summer excluded) at 7pm. Upcoming Dates: May 31, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 29, Dec 27. For more info please call 564-4511.

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.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS

The following are the new pastoral assignments that will come into effect at various times over the next few months according to particular circumstances:

-Father Kenneth Uwaoma: Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Kitimat

-Father Rectorino Tolentino: Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers and St. Anthony's, Houston

-Father John Garden: Extended study leave

-Father Pier Pandolfo: Leave for personal renewal and then assigned as Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral-

Father Venerando Sabacan: Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Chetwynd, Holy Cross, Tumbler Ridge and St. Theresa's, Moberly Lake

-Father Roger Lavoie: Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, Fort Nelson and missions. The Bishop of Whitehorse is very short of priests and has asked us if we could be of help. We have entered into a three-year agreement to provide a priest for Fort Nelson, an agreement that can be renewed.

-Detta Smith: Pastoral Life Director of St. Patrick's Parish, McBride

Along with these assignments we will bid farewell to **Father David John** who leaves the Diocese of Prince George in mid-August to be re-assigned by the Bishop of his home Diocese of Plymouth. We are very grateful to Father David for the ministry he has provided in Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge and Moberly Lake and wish him God's blessings and best wishes. We will also say farewell and many thanks to **Sister Olive MacInnis, SMS**, who has ministered at St. Patrick's Parish in McBride since September 1999 and now returns to Saskatoon to serve in administration for her religious order.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

Dignity Within Us

*There is a generosity of spirit that both Jeremiah and Jesus bring forward in today's readings. The **dignity** they point to is **within each one of us**. Will you look at the people you meet every day and remember that within them there is a generous spirit that will respond to your acknowledgement and acceptance?
based on Catholic Social Teaching)*

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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Each week a few parishioners go to Simon Fraser and Parkside Care Homes to bring Communion and/or visit with the residents. Many of the residents are Catholic and appreciate the opportunity to be in touch with a Parish Community since they are no longer able to participate on a regular basis. We would like to have enough volunteers so that everyone would not need to go every week. If you are interested and willing to hear more about this important Pastoral Ministry Outreach, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number and we will contact you soon

PARISH PICNIC

Remember to mark your calendars for June 21 for our annual Parish Picnic at West Lake. You are welcome to come out to the property any time after 1:00 pm to enjoy the outdoors, a little fun on or in the water and to spend time around the fire visiting with other parishioners. The barbecue will be served beginning at 4:00 p.m. You are asked to bring a dessert or salad, the parish will provide the rest of the meal.

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.

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 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		CWL Dinner Meeting		7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun June 7	Mon June 8	Tues June 9	Wed June 10	Thurs June 11	Fri June 12	Sat June 13
Trinity Sunday 9 & 11 a—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 563-8465, 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.