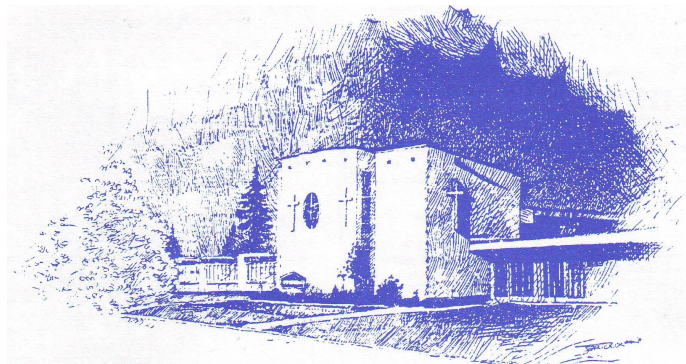


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# St. Mary's Parish

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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@stmaryspg.org |

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2009

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## CELEBRATE MOTHERS' DAY



Sunday  
May 10

after both  
Masses

Treat Mom to a super brunch.  
Remember the brunch at the Art  
Show?

The Knights of Columbus  
are planning a repeat performance  
for Mothers' Day!

Come, enjoy a great brunch  
and fellowship with members of  
the parish community.

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

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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

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**PARISH YOUTH** – No Youth Group May 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the DYC! Back again on May 10<sup>th</sup>... 7-9pm in the gym!

**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!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: 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 a family member or friend 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.

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

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|      |        |          |                           |
|------|--------|----------|---------------------------|
| Sat  | May 2  | 7:00 pm  | RIP Gordon Meyer          |
| Sun  | May 3  | 9:00 am  | Lay Led                   |
|      |        | 11:00 am | Lay Led                   |
| Mon  | May 4  | 7:20 am  | RIP Michael Glasser       |
| Tue  | May 5  | 7:20 am  | INT Ken & Dorothy Wishart |
| Wed  | May 6  | 7:20 am  | RIP Deceased Oblates      |
| Thur | May 7  | 7:20 am  | RIP Michael Glasser       |
| Fri  | May 8  | 7:20 am  | RIP Kay McEwen            |
| 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      |

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE

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### **GOD TAKES THE FIRST STEP**

*God initiates a relationship with the people of Noah's time and Jesus lives out the fulfillment of it. Created as social beings, all of us are joined in **solidarity** with each other. Our growth and strength as persons come through our relationships with one another.  
(based on Catholic Social Teaching)*

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## DONATIONS

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|                  |                |                        |
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| Envelopes \$2604 | Loose \$336.50 | <b>Total \$2940.50</b> |
| Holy Land \$40   | School \$42    |                        |

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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### **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**

The Prince George Crisis Pregnancy Centre will hold its ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Salvation Army Church, 777 Ospika Blvd. Registration starts at 7:00 PM; the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM for approximately 1 hour with snacks & networking time after the meeting.

The current board invites you to consider becoming involved with this fulfilling ministry at the volunteer, committee or board level. We are in critical need of new board members that have capacity in either leadership, fund development, marketing or financial areas to ensure the ongoing growth of this very important ministry. The AGM is an excellent opportunity to learn what the Lord is doing in this ministry, and to hear of the opportunities of ways to serve.

### **CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS POSITIONS**

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

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## DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

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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

All members are urged to attend the CWL meeting Tuesday May 5th, 7pm. in the Conference Room. Join us for a wine and cheese social after the meeting.

### THANK YOU

St Marys CWL extends a big THANK YOU to all who donated food for the Margaret Cottman funeral, the lunch was much appreciated by the family.

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Last week we received our second rebate from the Appeal in the amount of \$2794. there will be two more rebates—in June and September. Once again, a sincere thank you to all who contributed so generously.

### 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

### 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 for further details.

### PROLIFE NEWS

On May 14th 1969, the Liberal Government of the day passed a bill which opened the door to unrestricted abortion in Canada. 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We are happy to congratulate the following children who were confirmed and received First Holy Communion, last Sunday, April 26, 2009 Austin Campbell, Renan Giroux, Zachary Hill, Michael Judge, Martyn Kelly, Tyler Marsh, Caitlin McCormick, Duncan McLeod, Kassandra Nilson, Jennifer O'Neill, Matthew Ottalagana, Lucia Paolucci, Kyle Price, Colbey Simunac, Samantha Spent, Shania Stump, Adrienne Suck, Brooke Tallman, Rylee Todd, Marliese Veeken, Sabrina Bogdanski-Osornio.

Please pray that they may continue to grow in faith and love and always remember how much God loves them.

### CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS NEWS RELEASE

A private meeting between Pope Benedict XVI and a delegation of Canadian First Nations and Church leaders took place in Rome following the morning General Audience on April 29, 2009. At the meeting, the Pope expressed sorrow over the abuse and deplorable treatment that aboriginal students suffered at residential schools run by the Church. He also acknowledged the suffering of those who are still living with the consequences of their experiences at the schools. The Pope's words were well received by Assembly of First Nations National Chief, Phil Fontaine and grand chief of the First Nations Summit in BC, Edward John, both members of the Canadian delegation. Mr. Fontaine told CBC News following the meeting that he hoped the Pope's "expression of regret would close the book on the issue of apologies for residential school survivors". The Diocese of Prince George has actively sought reconciliation with the First Nations communities through a number of initiatives including the Returning to Spirit workshops. The first series of workshops completed last fall and the second series begins in Prince George with a workshop for First Nations May 18-22 followed by one for non-aboriginals on July 6-10. Go to [www.pgdiocese.bc.ca](http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca) or contact Stacy at 250-964-4424 for more information about these workshops. A statement on the recent meeting in Rome can be found at [www.cccb.ca/news](http://www.cccb.ca/news) and is attached for your convenience.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

| Sun May 3                             | Mon May 4             | Tues May 5 | Wed May 6       | Thurs May 7      | Fri May 8 | Sat May 9 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Fourth/Easter<br>9 & 11 a—Mass<br>BYC | 7 p—RCIA<br>Last one! | 7 p—CWL    | 10 a—Book Study | 7:30 p—Pr. Group | 8:30 p—AA | 7 p—Mass  |

### NEXT 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<br>9 & 11 a—Mass |            |             | 10 a—Book Study | 7:30 p—Pr. Group | 8:30 p—AA  | 9 A—Plant Sale<br>7 p—Mass |

# AROUND THE PARISH

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS

Baptism preparation sessions for the parents of infants are held every couple of 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 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 on Tuesday evening for those families who have children in the public school. All are welcome. Children who want to receive the sacraments are expected to be part of this program. 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 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 / [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.