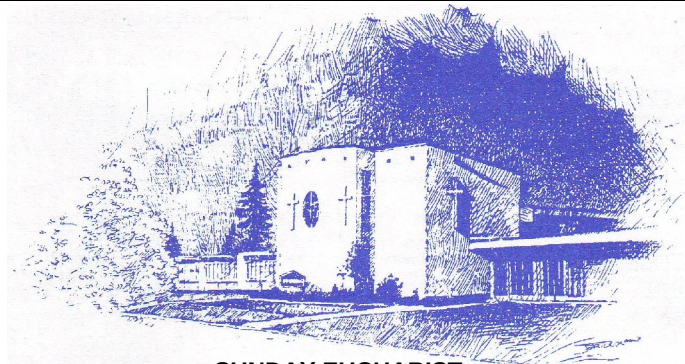

St. Mary's Parish



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

ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 3/4, 2008

CAMP MORICE PASTA SUPPER



Pasta Supper and Wii Tournament

Fund Raiser for Camp Morice

When: Sunday May 4
Where: St. Mary's Gym
Time: 4 pm – 7 pm
**Bring a dessert
and a friend!**

LOTS OF SILENT AUCTION ITEMS TO BID ON

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!!! Join us May 4 for the Camp Morice fundrasier/dinner/fun night! It starts at 4 pm at St. Marys. Bring all your friends and family!!! 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 3	7:00 pm	INT The Wishart Family
Sun	May 4	9:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy
		11:00 am	Lay Led Liturgy
Mon	May 5	7:20 am	INT Ken & Dorothy Wishart
Tue	May 6	7:20 am	Lay-Led Liturgy
Wed	May 7	7:20 am	Lay-Led Liturgy
		7:00 pm	Vespers
Thu	May 8	7:20 am	Lay-Led Liturgy
Fri	May 9	7:20 am	RIP Ernest Cosco
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

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.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN CANADA

Fri May 9, 7:00-9:00pm & Sat May 10, 9:30 am-3:30 pm
(followed by Liturgy of the Eucharist)

RETREAT DAY FOR ARTISTS

Saturday May 17—9:30 to 4:00 pm

EVENINGS TO EXPLORE WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

Tuesday May 13—7:00 to 9:00 pm

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$2979	Loose	\$447.50	Total	\$3426.50
School	\$25	Pope's Works	\$341		

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

FAREWELL BANQUET FOR SR. MARGARET QUINN

This banquet has been postponed until further notice. For more information, please call Noel at 564-4616 or Terry at 562-3209.

CAMP MORICE CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 10 from 9 am—4 pm. If you enjoy good company and wish to work in a beautiful setting, please join us. Bring along axes, shovels, power-saws etc., if you have them. Those operating power-saws must wear protective gear. Pack a good lunch as you will work up an appetite. Phone Joe-563-0159 for more information.

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. There are 3-day camps and 6-day camps for school aged children and don't forget to register early for the Youth Camp to get a spot! Need a reasonably priced summer getaway with your family? Quiet time, beach time, water fun, reasonable rates and amazing surroundings. Phone 250-996-7881 for more details.

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.

NEW BOOK

Fr. John Smith's new book, "The New Evangelization of Catholics - In a New Language" is now on sale at Books and Company, 3rd Ave, Prince George. He uses his Irish name, Sean MacGabhann, in the book.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

The May 30-June 1, 2008 date for Catholic Engaged Encounter at Ness Lake Bible Camp has been **postponed** until the weekend of **October 31 – November 2, 2008**. Any questions, please contact Anita & Jeremy Comba by phone at (250) 964-2805 or by email: thecombas@shaw.ca.

SINGLE AGAIN

Adults who find themselves Single Again after separation, divorce or death of a spouse will meet Thursday, May 8 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the Lower Church from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. As usual, this session will include a brief lecture, small group sharing and refreshments in a caring atmosphere. This month's topic is: **"Moving Slowly Into Relationships"**. The facilitator is Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP.

The Spirit Inspires

*Although we are still anticipating Pentecost
and the coming of the Spirit,
there are many references to the Spirit in today's readings.
It is the Spirit that gives life,
the Spirit that strengthens
and the Spirit that inspires our actions on behalf of all life.
What is the Spirit urging me to do
for restoring balance among all created beings?*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sacramental preparation sessions continue on the following Tuesdays: May 6, May 13. Confirmation & First Communion on **Saturday May 10 at 2 pm AND at 7 pm.**

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.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you have a child or children ready for kindergarten? Have you decided where you will register yet? Have you considered St. Mary's School?

We offer the BC Ministry of Education curriculum in a faith-based environment. Our staff are committed to modeling and teaching the Catholic faith and Christian values in all aspects of our school's life. We celebrate our faith in the classroom as well as in liturgical celebrations in the parish church. We also seek to offer smaller class sizes, with a focus on the development of each child to his or her full potential. There are still a few spaces open in our 2008/09 Kindergarten classes. Don't miss out on the opportunity to enroll your child at St. Mary's School. For more information, or to register, contact: Brent Arsenault (Principal) at 563-7502 or office@stmaryspg.org

CIS TEACHING POSITIONS

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

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

PRINCE GEORGE CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE AGM

The board of the Prince George Crisis Pregnancy Centre invites you to attend our Annual General Meeting on Wed May 7 at 7:00 pm at the Central Fellowship Church (2840 Clapperton Street). We will highlight the exciting events of the past year, present our new Strategic Plan and share the direction we believe God is leading us. Questions? Call 562-4464.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard Canadian Regional Conference will be held at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre in Surrey, BC on **July 22-25, 2008**. This conference will be of special interest to clergy, mental health professionals, teachers, medical personnel, social workers, counselors, Rachel's Vineyard team members and alumni and any one who desires to learn more about post-abortion trauma and recovery, and healing from sexual abuse. For more information and registration details visit www.rachelsvineyardcanadianconference.com or call Janet Kormish at 250-762-2273 or Michele Smillie at 604-443-3256.

DAY OF INFAMY

On May 14, 1969, the Liberal government passed a bill which 'opened the door' to unrestricted abortion in Canada. Since then, over 3 million unborn babies have been killed by surgical abortion and unknown numbers have died due to chemical abortions. 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.

WESTERN CANADA MARCH FOR LIFE

West Coast March for Life takes place in Victoria on May 8, 2008. The event begins at 11 am with Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Participants will then gather at Centennial Square to begin the march to the Legislature at 1 pm. The rally at the Legislature includes speakers and entertainment. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the tragedy of abortion, its harm to women, their families and their unborn children, and to call our legislators to task for their reluctance to address this important issue. For more info or to register, phone 604-853-3425 or email natalie@prolifebc.ca.

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 4	Mon May 5	Tues May 6	Wed May 7	Thurs May 8	Fri May 9	Sat May 10
ASCENSION 9 a—Lay Led Lit. 11 a—Lay Led Lit. 4 p—Pasta Supper	7:30 p—K of C District Dep.	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 6:30 p—Sac Prep Session #5 7 p—CWL	7 p—K of C Exec 7 p—Vespers	7 p—Camp Morice 7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	2 p—Conf. & 1st Comm. 7 p—Mass—Conf. & 1st Comm.

NEXT 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	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.