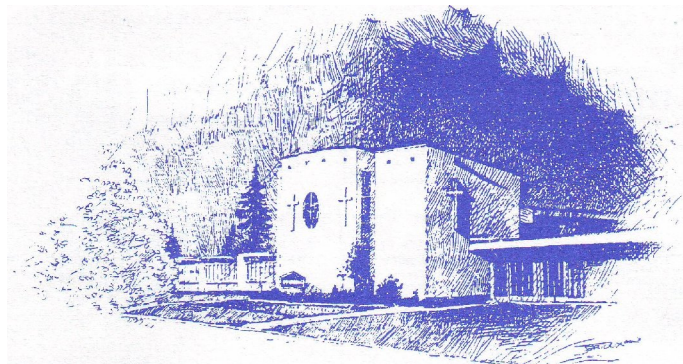

St. Mary's Parish



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 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

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 17/18 2007

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Bulk Food Packing Event



Saturday November 24
3:30-5:30 pm
St. Vincent de Paul
Drop In Centre
1220 2nd Ave.

**Volunteers are needed to
help repackage bulk foods
purchased for the Christmas
hampers. Items to repackage
include oats, rice, macaroni,
peanut butter, jam, etc.**

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

All youth and young adults are welcome to join us this Sunday from 7 to 9 pm in the gym for game night! Bring your friends! Also check out our new YOUTH BULLETIN board for info and updates.

HELP US!!

Please support the Youth Group by donating your Canadian Tire money into the collection basket. Every bit helps! Thanks!

YOUNG ADULTS

We meet the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month at 8:30 pm in the school gym foyer. Anyone ages 19 to 30 is welcome!

SOCIAL JUSTICE



FALL ACTION 2007

☒ A VOICE
FOR THE VOICELESS:
I CALL FOR AN
INDEPENDENT
OMBUDSPERSON!

A CAMPAIGN OF

 CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
**Development
and Peace**
www.devp.org

Our fall action postcard campaign was a great success. All of our postcards were signed. For those that missed out on signing a card, we made an additional order of cards which will be at the chocolate and coffee table at the back of the Church today. If you would like any further information on this campaign you can visit www.devp.org. If you would like to become involved in the work of Development and Peace please contact Nadine Hale 563-4121

Water as a Basic Human Right!

One point four billion people lacked access to drinking water and a further 2.6 billion to basic sanitation facilities in 2007. A reality that has direct and harmful consequences on the levels of health, education, poverty, social development, and gender equity in the lives of the world's poor. Sign the Development and Peace Petition today! It will be presented to the federal government in 2008. Read more:
<http://www.devp.org/devpme/eng/advocacy/petition-eau-eng.html>

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Francis Sauser, Kristen Sauser, Elda Garden (Fr. John's mother), Harvey Anderson, Denise Cote, Paula Foley, Eugene Bachand, Bud Walker, Mary Pfliger, Andrew Becker, Derall Amos, James McCloskey, Gordon Meyer, Dick Neville, Ron Roth, Vicky & Greg Gutfriend, Anne Beaurette, Bonnie, Natalie & Doug Marwood, Judy Nelson (Ann Robertson's sister), Josephine Nykoluk, Sr. Margaret Quinn, and her sister, 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

RAINBOWS

Rainbows is now accepting applications for the sessions beginning on January 10, 2008. These sessions are filling up already so it is important to have your registration form in on time. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Dec 15, 2007.** To receive a registration form and schedule please contact:
Ursula Morris at 563-5584 e-mail: pandumorris@shaw.ca
or Sr. Margaret Quinn at 562-2817 e-mail: mquinn@shaw.ca

SPIRITUAL ART SHOW AT UNBC

You are invited to attend "Heaven Speaks", a Spiritual Art Show at UNBC (Winter Gardens area) on Monday, November 26th at 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Local artists will have on display photos, paintings, verses (both on paper & on tape) depicting Christ, Spirit and Crosses. Admission is free. For more information contact: Lynn at 614-1877.

CELEBRATE A LIFE ANNUAL MEMORIAL

The Prince George Hospice Society presents a time to remember a loved one during the Holiday Season. Thursday, November 22nd at 7 pm at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 1500 Edmonton St. Everyone is welcome. Anyone wishing to donate an unwrapped gift may do so. The gifts will be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Nov 17	7:00 pm	RIP Claude Miller
Sun	Nov 18	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP DiBenedetto Family Members
		4:30 pm	Vespers
Mon	Nov 19	7:20 am	RIP Jahama & Maria Farella
Tue	Nov 20	7:20 am	RIP Sr. Joseph Fitzgerald
Wed	Nov 21	7:20 am	RIP Lindsay Santos
Thu	Nov 22	7:20 am	RIP Pauline Hanevy
Fri	Nov 23	7:20 am	INT Vivian Babij
Sat	Nov 24	7:00 pm	RIP Andy Kenway
Sun	Nov 25	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Alfredo doCouto

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

Please call 964-4475 to register for programs For more info visit: www.geocities.com/domanorenewal or see the bulletin boards or pick up a DRC brochure at the back of the church.

The Way of the Warrior, Healer, Visionary & Teacher
Nov 20 & 27

7:00 to 9:00 pm—\$5/session

Good Grief for the Holidays—Nov 24
10:00 am to 12:30 pm—\$10—materials included

Making Christmas Decorations—Nov 25
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm—\$5—phone for supply list

Day of Stillness: Preparation for Advent
9:30 am to 3:30 pm—\$25—includes lunch

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$3237.00	Loose	\$324.00	Total	\$3561
School	\$48	St. Vincent de Paul	\$451.97		
Special Collections	\$135				

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

BOOK OF LIFE

The month of November is a time when we remember in a special way all those who have gone before us. During the month of November we will have our Book of Life displayed at the back of the church near the baptismal font, paschal candle and our Tree of Life banner. Please feel free to write into the Book of Life the names of your deceased loved ones.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION—NOVEMBER 18

The **November 17/18th Collection** is solicited for four separate financial needs in the diocese:

- Religious Education and Pastoral Development – supports the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, which provides pastoral services in the diocese, including religious education and resources for all ages
- Education of Priests – supports both seminarians in formation for our diocese (at a cost of approximately \$30,000 per person per year) and study and sabbatical expenses for diocesan priests – currently our diocese has two men in seminary formation
- Pro Life Fund – supports pro-life initiatives across the diocese
- Diocesan Priests' Pension Fund - set up to provide for our diocesan priests in retirement – currently we have 10 diocesan priests between 29 and 67 years of age.

It is hoped that all will recognize the importance of these four endeavors and contribute generously this weekend. Thank you.

VESPERS

On Sunday, November 18, at 4:30 pm, we will celebrate Evening Vespers. Please come and join us for this half hour of sung prayer.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE & CHOCOLATE

We will be offering Fair Trade coffee & chocolate for sale again after Mass TODAY.

GRAPEVINE WREATHS

We are looking for small to medium (4 to 10 inches in diameter) grapevine twig wreaths (undecorated) for the St. Vincent de Paul hampers which will be distributed in December. If you have any spare ones hanging around your house, please drop them off at the parish office or bring them to Church..

THEO-TIDBITS—HARRY POTTER: FRIEND OR FIEND?

We've all heard of Harry Potter. Maybe we haven't read the books, but we've certainly formed an opinion, either positive or negative. Do the books encourage children to practice witchcraft or do they teach our children some core truths & values: truth, love, hope, faithfulness, loyalty, love conquers death? Come and join the discussion on Tuesday, November 20 at 7 pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room (1088 Gillett Street).

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

As many of you know, Fr. Richard visits the parish in McBride to celebrate Eucharist with them once a month. This visit usually takes place on the first Sunday of the month. Although we are sometimes able to find a replacement priest for those Sunday morning Masses, this is not always possible. As a result, we will not be accepting Mass Intentions for the 9 & 11 am Masses for the First Sunday of each month.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

We are planning a series of baptism preparation sessions for older children (aged 5 to 10). If your child hasn't been baptized and falls within that age bracket, please give us a call. Phone Giselle at the parish office for more information—564-4097.

ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER

Mark your calendars... Sunday December 2 is our annual (& yummy) Pasta Supper hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Your cost for this superb meal is one unwrapped child's gift, which will be sorted and wrapped by our Youth Group and donated to St. Vincent de Paul to be included in their Christmas hampers. This is always a great meal, as well as a worthy cause, so plan to attend with you family and friends. Please call the parish office to let us know how many to expect... we need numbers for the meal preparation. Doors open at 3:30 and Supper is at 4:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

St. Mary's will be celebrating Confirmation and First Communion on Saturday May 10. Time(s) to be finalized.

Carrying our Fair Share

Today we are instructed to carry our fair share of the work of the community so as not to become a burden to others. We must work conscientiously and do our part.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Nov 18	Mon Nov 19	Tues Nov 20	Wed Nov 21	Thurs Nov 22	Fri Nov 23	Sat Nov 24
9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass 4:30 p—Vespers	7 p—Liturgy Committee 7 p—RCIA	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 7 p—Theo-Tid— Harry Potter: Friend or Fiend? 7:30 p—K. of C.	10 a—Parables 7 p—Parables	6:30 p—Rainbows 7:30 p—Pr. Group	Marriage Prep 8:30 p—AA	Marriage Prep 7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Nov 25	Mon Nov 26	Tues Nov 27	Wed Nov 28	Thurs Nov 29	Fri Nov 30	Sat Dec 1
9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass 2 p—First Na- tion's Sun. School	7 p—RCIA	6:30 p—Rel Ed.	4:30 p—Finance Council 6:30 p—Dinner & Parish Council	6:30 p—Rainbows 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. Next series is on Dec 10 & 11 (need to attend both sessions).

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. Come and join us! We meet Mondays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. 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 Estelle Bachand (964-3836) 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/>



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.

RAINBOWS

Rainbows is a peer support program for children, teens and adults who have experienced a loss in their lives because of a death, separation, divorce, abandonment or any painful transition in their family. Sessions usually begin in September and January and fill up quickly. For a registration form and schedule, please contact Ursula Morris at 563-5584 or Sr. Margaret Quinn at 562-2817.

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.