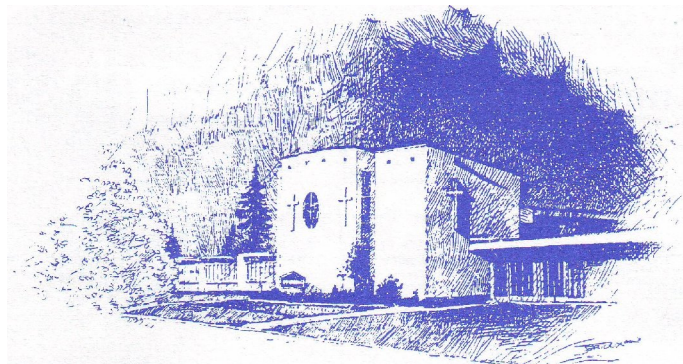

St. Mary's Parish



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

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

November 24/25 2007

ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER SUNDAY DECEMBER 2

4:30 pm



Your cost for this superb meal is one unwrapped children's gift which will be sorted and wrapped by our Youth Group and be 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 your family and friends. Doors open at 3:30, supper at 4:30 pm.

Please call the parish office by
Thursday Nov 29
to let us know how many to expect...
we need numbers for the
meal preparation.

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

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

No Youth Group this week due to Movie Night. Because of a function in the gym, there will be no Youth Group on December 2, but Young Adults will meet. Find next week's bulletin for more info.

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!

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.

Making Christmas Decorations—Nov 25

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm—\$5—phone for supply list

Day of Stillness: Preparation for Advent—Dec 1

9:30 am to 3:30 pm—\$25—includes lunch

Advent Prayer Evening—Dec 4

7:30 pm—Refreshments to follow

Taizé Evening Prayer—Dec 15

7:00 pm

Annual Open House & Coffee Party—Dec 20

10:00 to 11:30 am—RSVP 964-4475

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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
Mon	Nov 26	7:20 am	RIP Anne L. Beaudette
Tue	Nov 27	7:20 am	RIP Paul & Sheila Kenway
Wed	Nov 28	7:20 am	RIP Anne L. Beaudette
Thu	Nov 29	7:20 am	RIP Anne L. Beaudette
Fri	Nov 30	7:20 am	RIP Anne L. Beaudette
Sat	Dec 1	7:00 pm	RIP Anne L. Beaudette
Sun	Dec 2	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	People of our Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Peter & Lil Derges, 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, 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

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN

This Sunday, Nov 25 at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

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.

SINGLE AGAIN

Bishop Gerald Wiesner will preside at a special Advent Liturgy for any adults who find themselves **Single Again** after separation, divorce or death of a spouse. We will gather on Thursday, December 13 at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. Holiday refreshments will follow in the lower church.

Jesus the Way

*With Jesus Christ, the King,
we celebrate his importance as the model
after which all things are fashioned.*

*The work Jesus did as he walked on Earth
shows the way for all us who work – leaders, healers, listeners, nurturers, travelers, labourers and community builders.*

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. 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

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes \$2259.00 Loose \$315.00 Total **\$2574.00**
Diocesan Appeal \$2456.00

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.

ADVENT APPROACHES

If you'd like to mark your calendars, the city parishes have scheduled most of their Advent reconciliation services:

Monday Dec 3—7 pm—St. Mary's Parish

Wednesday Dec 5—7 pm—Christ Our Saviour Parish

Wednesday Dec 12—7 pm—Immaculate Conception Parish

Tuesday Dec 18—7 pm—Sacred Heart Cathedral

We will be celebrating Vespers on Wednesday evenings during the Season of Advent—Dec 5, 12 & 19—7 pm in the Church.

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.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next baptism preparation session for infants will take place on Monday Dec 10 and Tuesday Dec 11. Parents who wish their infants to be baptized must attend both sessions. Sessions begin at 7 pm and are held in the Parish Office Meeting Room. Phone Fr. Richard to register—564-4097.

SUNDAY MISSALS

If you haven't already done so, please pick up your complimentary Sunday Missal from the table at the back of the church or from the bench at the Freeman Street entrance.

FR. RICHARD'S MOTHER

Passed away Nov 16, please keep the family in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

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

CHRIST THE KING



Sing of the King who was born as an outcast,
mother unmarried, his birth far from home,
born in a stable in occupied country,
toddler in exile for fear of the throne.

Sing of the King who mixed with life's rejects,
cared for them, talked with them, welcomed them in;
hope for the hopeless and love for the loveless,
moved with compassion when faced with our sin.

Sing of the King whose crown of thorns wounds him,
whose throne is a cross, his scepter a reed,
robed in his torn flesh, without human beauty,
dying with convicts, abandoned in need.

Sing of the King, now raised from the dark tomb,
in heaven still bearing the scars of his love,
reigning, yet still the servant and lover,
raising our frailty to glory above.

HOUSEKEEPING DETAILS

Every once in a while, it's good to remind ourselves of a few housekeeping details as we come to Eucharist.

1. As the weather gets more inclement, please remember to keep your shoes/feet off of the **kneelers**. When the carpet covering gets wet and muddy, the next person who kneels on the kneeler gets rather unhappy.
2. Out of reverence for the **Body of Christ**, please remember to consume the Communion Host immediately upon receiving it. Don't wait until you are back in your pew.
3. Many people have **allergies** and it is good to remember that St. Mary's School is a peanut-free zone and that includes the Church & Conference Room. As well, many people have scent allergies so please ease up on the perfume & scented body lotions.
4. Out of common courtesy, please turn your **cell phones** off. And leave the **electronic games** at home!

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Dec 2	Mon Dec 3	Tues Dec 4	Wed Dec 5	Thurs Dec 6	Fri Dec 7	Sat Dec 8
9 a—Mass 11 a—Mass	7 p—RCIA 7 p—STM Recon- ciliation Service 7:30 p—K of C District Deputies	6:30 p—Rel. Ed. 7 p—CWL	7 p—Vespers 7 p—K of C Exec 7 p—COS Recon- ciliation Service	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.