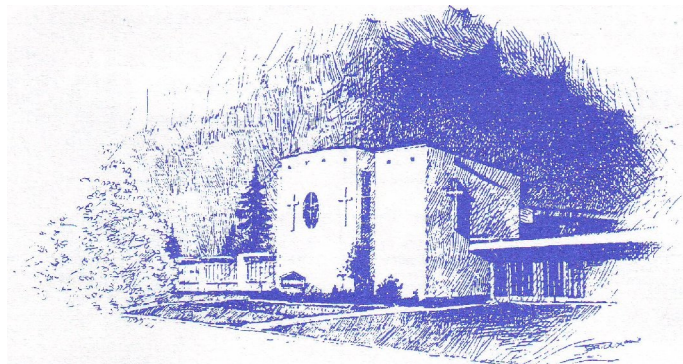

St. Mary's Parish



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
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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 6/7, 2007

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!



After months of Oxfam campaigning, Starbucks has signed an agreement with the government of Ethiopia which recognizes Ethiopians' right to control the use of their specialty coffee brands.

Eight months ago, Oxfam launched an awareness campaign after Starbucks sought to block Ethiopia's attempt to trademark its fine coffee brands, Sidamo, Harar and Yirgacheffe.

After receiving 96,000 faxes, emails and phone calls, Starbucks reappraised its approach, and in June joined the innovative Ethiopian trademarking initiative.

With this agreement, Ethiopians can build the value of their coffee brands and farmers can capture a greater share of the retail price.

This should help improve the lives of millions of poor farmers, allowing them to send their children to school and access health care.

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 Oct 7 for Thanksgiving. Join us next week from 7-8:30 pm in the gym. Anyone in grades 7 to 12 is welcome!

HELP US!!

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

180* YOUTH EVENT

October 19 to 21 at the Roll-a-dome! See the bulletin board for details!!

YOUNG ADULTS

No Youth Group Oct 7 for Thanksgiving. We meet the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month at 8:30 pm in the St. Mary's school gym. Anyone aged 19-30 is welcome!

CHRIST WITH US IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The 27th Annual Catholic Youth Retreat takes place on Oct 12, 13 & 14 at Christ our Saviour Parish. Registration forms available on the bulletin board.

SHANE LAKE HIKE

Sunday, October 21: Meet at Shane Lake, have something to eat, hike and swim. The swim will be at the Aquatic Centre and will conclude our day. Food will be provided. \$5 per youth. Meet at Shane Lake Parking Lot at 3:30 pm. Please confirm with Roberta so we know numbers.

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.

Marriage Retreat—Oct 13 & 14

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—\$40/couple—Accommodations extra

Day of Stillness—Oct 13

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.—\$25—Includes lunch

Theology Goes to the Movies—Oct 18

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.—\$5—*"The Winslow Boy"*

RECEPTIONIST POSITION AVAILABLE

The Domano Renewal Centre is looking for a part-time Secretary/Receptionist responsible for secretarial tasks, bookings and reception. For more information contact: Sr. Jean Marie Lehtinen or Sr. Donna Dolan at 964-4475.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Leo Comtois (Rose-Marie Seager's brother), Eugene Bachand, Bud Walker, Mary Pfliger, Andrew Becker, Derall Amos, James McCloskey, Gordon Meyer, Dick Neville, Ron Roth, Greg Gutfriend, Anne Beaudette, 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

WORLDWIDE ROSARY DAY

At 2:00 pm on Sun Oct 7, Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish will join with people from around the globe in a "Worldwide Rosary Day".

SINGLE AGAIN

Adults who find themselves Single Again after separation, divorce or death of a spouse will meet Thurs Oct 11 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the Lower Church from 7 to 8:30 pm.

CAMP MORICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Camp Morice Society invite you to the AGM on Wed Oct 17 at 7 pm in the Conference Room.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

On Mon Oct 29 at 7 pm, Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP will lead a workshop at Christ Our Saviour on Catholic Social Teaching and how we can work towards social justice. For info please call Jo-Anne at 962-8122 or email at her.allison@unbc.ca.

VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of Nov 2-4 there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more info, call 604-826-8715.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are available for any man or woman who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. This healing weekend is for married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you.

For more information, please visit www.rachelsvineyard.org. Retreats are held twice a year in Kelowna and Vancouver and are strictly confidential. To register, contact Janet Kormish at 250-762-2273 or pr_nelson@diocese@hotmail.com or Doreen Yung in Vancouver: 604-525-0999; email at vancouver.rachelsvineyard@rcav.bc.ca.

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes \$2628.50 Loose \$415.00 **Total \$3043.50**
Needs of the Canadian Church \$592.50

Next week is the collection for St. Vincent de Paul

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Oct 6	7:00 pm	For the People of our Parish
Sun	Oct 7	9:00 am	For the People of our Parish
		11:00 am	For the People of our Parish
Mon	Oct 8	8:00 am	RIP Maurice Labrosse
Tue	Oct 9	7:20 am	RIP Deceased Oblates
Wed	Oct 10	7:20 am	
Thu	Oct 11	7:20 am	RIP Anna Fernandes
Fri	Oct 12	7:20 am	
		9:00 am	School Mass
Sat	Oct 13	7:00 pm	INT James McCloskey
Sun	Oct 14	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Viep Vu

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

HOLIDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

Beginning Mon Oct 8, Mass times on holiday Mondays will change from 10 am to 8 am. There will be no morning prayer on holiday Mondays.

CALLING ALL PETS!

On Tues Oct 9, at 6:30 pm, in the church, we will have our annual blessing of the animals in honour of the feast of St. Francis. All furred, feathered or scaled pets and their owners are invited to come. Please remember to come enclosed in a cage/bowl or wear a fetching leash or harness.

FIRST NATION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We meet once every month from 2 to 4 pm in the Conference Room. The next meeting will be on Sun Oct 21. For details call Elaine Farrell at 964-5645. We will prepare young people for the sacraments of initiation as well.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Friday, November 2, 12:15 pm at the cemetery.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

We are planning to have 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. We ask that children who have not been baptized either attend St. Mary's School or St. Mary's Parish Religious Education programme on Tuesday evenings. Phone Giselle at the parish office for more information—564-4097.

CWL KORNER

Members of the CWL will be selling raffle tickets after the masses throughout the month of October. We ask for your generous support so that we can continue to be active in parish and community activities and projects. The CWL provide financial and volunteer support for Pro Life, a foster child, the Craft Fair, luncheons for funerals, Habitat for Humanity and the Golden Age Club as well as many other worthwhile projects. A reminder to CWL members: annual membership fees are due in December.

ST. MARY'S 16TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Our Craft Fair is coming up on Nov 3 & 4. All of our tables are taken and we have a few new crafters this year with wonderful interesting crafts, as well as many of our long time crafters. Make sure to mark it on you calendar and be sure to come and visit us on the first weekend in November!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

VATICAN LAMENTS LACK OF WOMEN

The Vatican on Thursday (Sept 27) lamented the lack of women in leadership positions in the tourism industry and called for equal work and pay for women in the sector.

The Vatican's Secretary of State, Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone, also denounced an "intolerable scandal" sexual tourism, which he said made women into slaves.

Bertone, the Vatican's No. 2 official, made the comments in a letter marking World Tourism Day to the World Tourism Organization, whose theme this year is how tourism can "open doors" for women. Bertone, who recently pledged to put more women into ranking Vatican positions, noted that many tourists would remember the women who worked for them during their travels: travel agents, flight attendants, tour guides, waitresses and hotel maids.

"One must unfortunately recognize that notwithstanding this massive feminine presence, in many cases vertical segregation persists in the leadership and managerial responsibilities of the tourism industry," he said.

The cause, he said, was "strong prejudices" that make stereotypes against women persist.

He called for governments, tour companies, agencies and organizations like the World Tourism Organization to dedicate money and other resources to protect women's rights and allow them to advance professionally.

"One must work for an effective equality in the rights of women, guaranteeing them parity in work... and the corresponding equal salary," he wrote.

No woman heads a major Vatican office, which to date have been reserved to cardinals and bishops.

Associated Press article—Sept 27, 2007

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Oct 7	Mon Oct 8	Tues Oct 9	Wed Oct 10	Thurs Oct 11	Fri Oct 12	Sat Oct 13
Fr. Richard away BROWN BAGS COLLECTION!!	Fr. Richard back THANKSGIVING 8 am—Mass (note Mass time change!)	6:30 pm—Blessing of the Animals 7 pm—Rel. Ed. after Pet Blessing	10 am—Parables 7 pm—Parables	6:30 pm—Rainbows 7 pm—Theo-Tid—Stewardship 7:30 pm—Prayer Group	9 am—School Mass 6:30 pm—Table for Two 8:30 pm—AA	REACH Youth Retreat (Christ our Saviour) Oblate Mission Team in Town

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Oct 14	Mon Oct 15	Tues Oct 16	Wed Oct 17	Thurs Oct 18	Fri Oct 19	Sat Oct 20
7-OMI Mission Great Assembly Immaculate Conception Parish	7-OMI Mission Great Assembly Immaculate Conception Parish	7 pm—K of C General Meeting 7 -OMI Mission Great Assembly Immaculate Conception Parish	10 am—Parables 7 pm—Parables	6:30 pm—Rainbows 7 pm—PPC 7:30 pm—Prayer Group	8:30 pm—AA	7 pm—K. of C. Installation

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. Our next baptism preparation series is Oct 29 & 30.

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. Our catechumenate sessions will begin October 22.

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. We are on summer break right now!

PARISH & FINANCE COUNCILS

Terry Hawkes

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 7:00 p.m. The Executive meeting is on the first Wednesday of each month, 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 provide prayer and agency referral to our guests. When possible, we journey with patients in the hospital or those who are dying at Hospice House. We also help women on the street to discover that they are loved. 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.

It's time to rekindle the flame!!



**Oblate Parish Mission Returns Again
October 14,15,16, 2007**

You are invited to enjoy again the music, preaching, drama, and the ritual of the Great Assemblies led by the Oblate Parish Mission Team, Father Al, Brother Louis and Ed and Natalie Schrader at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Sunday Oct 14

7:00 pm - Great Assembly at Immaculate Conception Parish (3285 Cathedral Ave.)

Monday Oct 15

12:10—Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
3:00 to 4:00 pm—Adoration and confession at
St. Mary's and Christ Our Saviour Parishes
7:00 pm—Great Assembly at IC Parish

Tuesday Oct 16

12:10 pm—Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral with anointing of the sick and elderly
3:00 to 4:00 pm—Adoration and confession at
St. Mary's and Christ Our Saviour Parishes
7:00 PM - Great Assembly at IC Parish