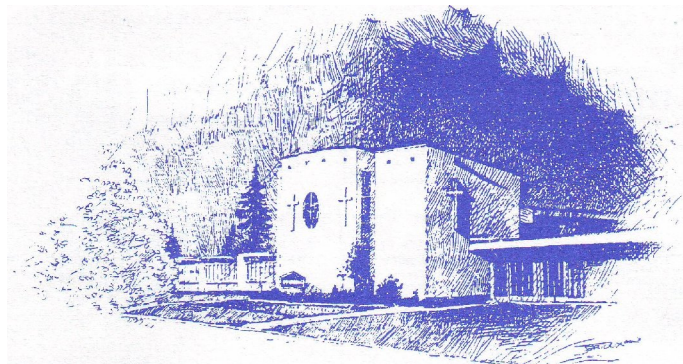

St. Mary's Parish



SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Mon to Fri 7:20 am
(10 am on Holiday Mondays)

MORNING PRAYER

Mon to Fri 7:00 am

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
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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 15/16, 2007

40th ANNIVERSARY OF DEVELOPMENT & PEACE



COME AND JOIN US
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM
TODAY!!!
AFTER MASS
FOR CAKE,
FAIR TRADE COFFEE
AND A PHILIPPINES SLIDE SHOW
BY DICK & DOROTHY MYNEN

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

Join us from 7-8:30pm 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!

YOUNG ADULTS

Begins September 16th at 8:30pm. We meet in the St. Mary's gym foyer.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008—SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

Returnable beverage containers can be donated toward World Youth Day 2008 fund-raising efforts at BBK Bottle Depot, 2629 Vance Rd. Donations support participants from Prince George.

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. This event is facilitated by REACH Youth Ministries from Yakima, WA and sponsored by the Charismatic Prayer Group of St. Mary's, Christ our Saviour Parish and the Knights of Columbus Council #8046. For more information, contact John Welscher (962-7742) or Aime Trotter (564-8943). Registration forms available in the church foyer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Lorraine Valouch (Lori McGinlay's grandmother), Judy Nelson (Ann Robertson's sister), Bonnie, Natalie & Doug Marwood, Derall Amos, James McCloskey, Gordon Meyer, Leo Comtois (Rose-Marie Seager's brother), Dick Neville, Ron Roth, Andrew Becker, Andy Peters, Greg Gutfriend, Anne Beaudette, 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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Sept 8	7:00 pm	RIP Maurino Soda
Sun	Sept 9	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Paul & Sheila Kenway
		4:30 pm	Vespers
Mon	Sept 10	7:20 am	INT Dick Neville
Tue	Sept 11	7:20 am	RIP Sheila Kenway
Wed	Sept 12	7:20 am	INT Dick Neville
Thu	Sept 13	7:20 am	RIP Theresa Courteau
Fri	Sept 14	7:20 am	RIP Lindsay Santos
Sat	Sept 15	7:00 pm	RIP Yolanda Cook
Sun	Sept 16	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Viola Gorsalitz

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$3151.00	Loose	408.15	Total	\$3559.15
St. Vincent de Paul	\$449.91	School	\$145.00		

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

CANADIAN THANKSGIVING

Would you like to host one or more international students for Thanksgiving Dinner? This is a great opportunity to meet students from around the world and show them genuine Canadian and Christian hospitality. Contact Alan Bromley at 964-1864 for more information.

DINNERS FOR FOCUS CLUB

The FOCUS Club (Fellowship of Overseas College & University Students) meets at 6:30 p.m. on alternate Friday evenings. We are looking for church groups to provide dinners for up to 40 international students. Contact Alan Bromley at 964-1864 for dates and further information.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

On Monday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m., Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP will lead a workshop at Christ Our Saviour on Catholic Social Teaching and how we can work towards social justice, both at home and abroad. This workshop is free. For information or to sign up please call Jo-Anne at 962-8122 or email at allison@unbc.ca.

LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain, a peaceful, prayerful protest against abortion, will be held on Sunday, September 30, from 2 to 3 pm along 15th Ave near Central Street. This powerful event provides you with the opportunity to be a visible witness to the value, dignity and sanctity of the lives of the unborn. Come and join us, and encourage your friends and family members to come along, too.

"WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE?"

You are invited to come and listen to John Hof, a dynamic speaker and President of Campaign Life Coalition B.C. His message will be, "What is the Appropriate Response?" and it will help you answer pro-life questions or concerns. The event includes coffee and dessert, a brief AGM and a fundraising appeal for your generous support. October 1, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church, 483 Gillett Street.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!"

Seeking Out the Lost

God will go to any lengths in the search to reclaim those who previously turned their backs on God, Jesus says. To what lengths will I go to rescue anyone who is "lost" simply because of being poor?

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.

Retreat for Men & Women—Sept 28-Sept 29

6:00 p.m. on Fri to 7:30 p.m. on Sat

Watercolour Workshop—Oct 1

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—\$40—Limit 10 participants

Acrylic Workshop—Oct 2

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—\$40—Limit 10 participants

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Our FREE religious education classes begin on Tuesday, September 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. It's not too late to register! Bring your child's baptism certificate to the first session.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

All children in Grades 3 and up who would like to become altar servers or who already are altar servers are invited to attend a training session on Saturday, Sept 22 at 10 am in the Church. Phone Joyce at 562-7091 for more information.

FIRST NATION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We meet once every month from 2 pm to 4 pm in the Conference Room. The next meeting will be on September 23. For details call Elaine Farrell at 964-5645. We will prepare young people for the sacraments of initiation as well.

THEO-TIDBITS—GOD IS LOVE

Bishop Gerry will tease out some of the highlights of Pope Benedict's first encyclical—God is Love. This topic is covered in two sessions: Sept 24 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm and Oct 4 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Conference Room.

BISHOPS APPEAL TO YOUR GENEROSITY

The annual *Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada* will take place on Sunday, 30 September 2007. The monies raised help to finance the activities of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). More info at www.cccb.ca.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For those who are planning a wedding in 2008, several different marriage preparation options are available:

Engaged Encounter Weekend—March 28-30, 2008

Engaged Encounter Weekend—May 30-June 1, 2008

Visit www.ceewest.com for more info

The PG parishes also offer two additional options: a 6 session programme spread over 6 weeks, or a weekend programme, both here at St. Mary's in the Conference Room:

Weekend Program—Nov 23 & 24, 2007

6 week Programme—Jan 24-Feb 28, 2008 (Thurs evenings)

Phone Fr. Richard at 564-4097 for more info.

TABLE FOR YOU... AND YOUR FRIENDS

St. Mary's Parish invites all UNBC and CNC students to a dinner on Friday, Sept 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Bring your friends! Please RSVP by Sept 17 to Fr. Richard at 564-4097, fax 562-3540, or rabomi@shawcable.com. Let us know how many friends you're bringing!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Can you sing? Or play an instrument?? We're always looking for people willing to help with music ministry. If you're interested please give us a call at the parish office.

MAKE ROOM FOR GOD—BOOK DISCUSSION

Begins October 4 at 10 am. If you're interested, give Giselle a call at the parish office and reserve your copy of the resource book. More info on the bulletin boards.

PARABLES OF JESUS—BIBLE STUDY

Begins September 26 at 10 am or 7 pm. If you're interested, call Giselle at the parish office and reserve your copy of the resource book. More info on the bulletin boards.

LECTOR RESOURCE

The 2008 Lector Workbooks are available in the sacristy.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Next weekend is our first pancake breakfast of the fall!!



OBLATE PARISH MISSION RETURNS AGAIN

It's time to rekindle the flame!!

October 14,15,16, 2007

You are invited to enjoy again the music, preaching, drama and ritual of the Great Assemblies led by the Oblate Parish Mission Team: Fr. Al, Br. Louis and Ed & Natalie Schrader. As we **Kindle our Faith Fire** again this fall, we will have the opportunity to celebrate the Great Assemblies each evening at **7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Parish**, celebrate reconciliation each afternoon, share in an hour of silent adoration each afternoon, celebrate the anointing of the sick and enjoy again this wonderful opportunity to gather as a Prince George Catholic Community. Mark your calendars now!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Sept 16	Mon Sept 17	Tues Sept 18	Wed Sept 19	Thurs Sept 20	Fri Sept 21	Sat Sept 22
4:30 pm—Vespers	7 pm—Liturgy Committee	6:30 pm—Rel. Ed. 7 pm—Knights of Columbus General Meeting	Dioc. Study Days	Dioc. Study Days 6:30 pm— Rainbows 7:30 pm—Prayer Group	Dioc. Study Days 6:30 pm—Table for You—CNC & UNBC students 7 pm—AA	8:30 am—Creation Hikers 10 am—Altar Server Training 7 pm—Ann. Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Sept 23	Mon Sept 24	Tues Sept 25	Wed Sept 26	Thurs Sept 27	Fri Sept 28	Sat Sept 29
10 am to 1 pm— Pancake Brkfst 2 pm—First Na- tion's Sunday School	6 pm—Finance Council Meeting (outgoing council)	6:30 pm—Rel. Ed. 7 pm—Theo- Tidbits—God is Love	10 am—Parables 4:30 pm—Finance Council Meeting (new council) 7 pm—Parables	Fr. Richard away 6:30 pm— Rainbows 7:30 pm—Prayer Group	Fr. Richard away 7 pm—AA	Fr. Richard away

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. 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.