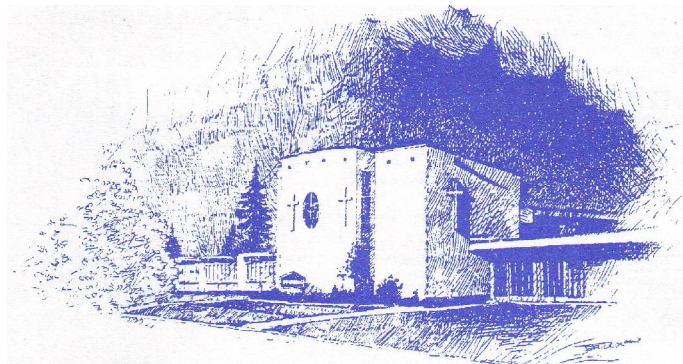

St. Mary's Parish



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
School Email	office@stmaryspg.org

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8/9, 2007

VISION OF INITIATION MINISTRY CONFERENCE



**The North American Forum
on the Catechumenate presents
a two day conference for anyone
involved in the initiation of children,
youth or adults.**

You can register for either conference.

**September 19-20, 2007
(Wednesday/Thursday)**

OR

**September 22-23, 2007
(Saturday/Sunday)**

Location: Diocesan Centre.

**Cost: \$150 per person (includes confer-
ence fees, two lunches, one supper,
snacks)—Bursaries available
Full brochures are available from the
parish or you can contact
the Diocesan Centre at 964-4424**

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

It ALL begins tonight! 7 to 9 p.m. in the gym!!! Anyone in grades 7 to 12 is encouraged to come... Bring all your friends and let's party with games from LA Promotions! See you there!

HELP US!!

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008—SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

An info session will be held on **Wed, Sept 12 at 7 pm** at the Diocesan Centre. Contact Joe Glaab at 964-4424 for more information. Returnable beverage containers can be donated toward World Youth Day 2008 fund-raising efforts at BBK Bottle Depot, 2629 Vance Rd. Donations will 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 Trottier (564-8943). Registration forms available in the church foyer or ask Fr. Richard or Roberta.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: 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 Maurice Labrosse
Sun	Sept 9	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Lizzie Kopp
Mon	Sept 10	7:20 am	RIP Kay McEwen
Tue	Sept 11	7:20 am	RIP Marie Gervais
Wed	Sept 12	7:20 am	RIP Deceased Oblates
Thu	Sept 13	7:20 am	RIP Gregory Tam
Fri	Sept 14	7:20 am	RIP Betty Burke
		9:00 am	School Mass
Sat	Sept 15	7:00 pm	RIP Maurino Soda
Sun	Sept 16	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Paul & Sheila Kenway
		4:30 pm	Vespers

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes	\$2708.00	Loose	344.50	Total	\$3052.50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$50.00	School	\$235.25		

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

SINGLE AGAIN

A new season begins for adults who find themselves **Single Again after separation, divorce or death of a spouse**. The group meets Thursday, September 13th at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the Lower Church from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Brochures are available at the back of the church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS HELP

Help is urgently requested for the sandwich line Monday or Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A two hour commitment once a week to help serve coffee and sandwiches to those in need. Please phone Joy at 564-4148.

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 (CCCCB). More info at www.cccb.ca.

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 and let him know how many students you would like and which day you will be having your Thanksgiving dinner.

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.

To Make Choices

*In choosing to follow Jesus as Christians,
we make other choices as well. Those the world regards as
slaves or lower class or employees or providers of service,
we Christians chose to regard as sisters and brothers.
We perceive them in a new way, as equals.*

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.

Loss & Grief Group-Evening Sessions—Sept 10-Oct 29
1:00 to 3:00 pm. \$50 for the 8 weeks.

Second Half of Life (Book Disc.)—Sept 26-Oct 24
7:00 to 9:00 pm. *Register by Sept 5 so books can be ordered.*

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 will begin on Tuesday, September 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration will be held the previous Tuesday, September 11, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please bring your child's baptism certificate.

LECTOR RESOURCE

The 2008 Lector Workbooks are available in the sacristy.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word begins this Sunday at the 11 am Mass. Is there anyone out there who would like to help? Phone Giselle at the parish office for more info.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Our formal sessions of the catechumenate will begin October 22. In the meantime, we would like to invite anyone who has thought about becoming Catholic to give us a phone call. This is a chance to dip your toe in the water and see if Catholicism is for you. Phone Giselle at 564-4097 for more info.

THEO-TIDBITS—HOW TO PLAN A FUNERAL

Do you have questions about any aspects of a Catholic funeral? Why not bring your questions with you on Tues September 11 and Thurs September 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Meeting Room. Call Fr. Richard for more information.

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.

OBLATE PARISH MISSION

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—October 14,15 and 16. More info later.

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. There are no strings attached – we simply want to extend our hospitality to students of these two institutions. 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!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

St. Mary's celebrates the 40th anniversary of Development and Peace. On Sat Sept 15 and Sun Sept 16 everyone is invited to join us after mass for cake, FairTrade coffee and a slide show presentation by Dick and Dorothy Mynen who will share their recent exposure tour to the Philippines.

ROOM AND BOARD REQUIRED

Young man from Mexico who wishes to learn English, needs room and board for about 3 months in exchange for chores. Phone Joe Haddock—563-0159

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 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 Programme—Nov 23 & 24, 2007

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

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

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Sept 9	Mon Sept 10	Tues Sept 11	Wed Sept 12	Thurs Sept 13	Fri Sept 14	Sat Sept 15
9 & 11 am—Parish List Update	7 pm—Infant Baptism Prep.	1:30 pm —Planning a Funeral 6:30 pm—Rel. Ed. Signup 7 pm—Infant Baptism Prep.	7 pm—World Youth Day info night at the Diocesan Centre	1:30—Planning a Funeral 6:30 pm—Rainbows 7 pm—PPC 7:30 pm—Prayer Group	9 am—School Mass 6:30 pm—Fans of Film—Judas 7 pm—AA	

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		6:30—Rel. Ed.		6:30 pm—Rainbows 7:30 pm—Prayer Group	7 pm—AA 6:30 pm—Table for You—CNC & UNBC students	8:30 am—Creation Hikers 7 pm—Marriage Anniversary 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 session September 10 & 11. Please phone to register!

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.