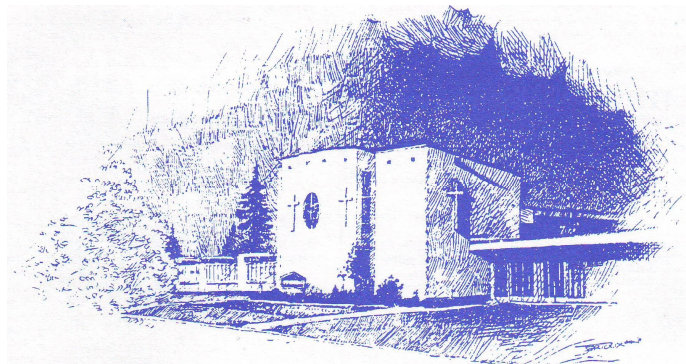

St. Mary's Parish



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 seek 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
Roger Lavoie	Associate Pastor
Jude Van Baalen, OP	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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2009

CREATION HIKERS

Sunday, July 19th 2:00 p.m.
Eskers Park
Meet in the Parish parking lot.



This is the only hike scheduled for the summer months, if anyone is interested in leading a Creation hike please contact the Parish office and let us know the date time and destination of the hike. We will advertise it in the bulletin.

1088 Gillett Street, Prince George, B.C. V2M 2V3
Office Hours—Mon to Fri—8:00 am-11:30 am AND 12:30 pm-4:00 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 – Another fabulous year of youth ministry has ended! A big THANK YOU to all my leaders and chaperones - without you my ministry is incomplete! See you all in September 2009! Have a safe and peaceful summer everyone!

CAMP MORICE – Registration forms are on the YOUTH GROUP bulletin board! Invite all your friends to this wonderful, faith-filled summer camp!!!

HELP US – Please support St. Mary's Youth Group by donating CANADIAN TIRE money to the collection plate... every bit helps!

UPDATE... we have raised over \$190! Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Youth!

Watch for the Diocesan Youth Newsletter on the Youth bulletin board at the Freeman entrance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Maria Amaral, Balbir Dhillon, Greg and Vicki Gutfriend, Ann Whyte, Jamie McCloskey, Lena McCallum, Ruth Keiss, Evan Dyck, Anne Drazba, Andre Frigon, David Nelson, Norman Louis, Claude Crossland, Rose Marie Seager, Al Foulon, John and Emilia Mauro, Georgie Boyle, Trudy Petraschuk, Estelle Struck, Denise Cote, Brooklyn Kennedy, Blaine Lavoie, Larry Crooks, Michael Fernandes, Austin Lacalle, Brenda Ducharme, Andrew Becker, George Callaghan, Lori Wall, Jean Callaghan, Gabrielle Hamelin, Lori McGinlay, Lisa Norman, Josephine Nykoluk, Eugene Nykoluk, Louie Thomas Family, Gilles Orieux, Maurice VanCaesseele, Jim Punch, Veronica Becker.

PLEASE NOTE: Our prayer list is updated monthly. Please call the parish office if you would like someone to remain on the list, or to be added to the list.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	July 18	7:00 pm	RIP Terry McCloskey
Sun	July 19	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Gavin & Lorne Mohns
Mon	July 20	7:20 am	RIP Eileen Plouffe
Tue	July 21	7:20 am	RIP Lindsay Santos
Wed	July 22	7:20 am	RIP Anita Plante
Thur	July 23	7:20 am	RIP Jim Whyte
Fri	July 24	7:20 am	RIP John Preston
Sat	July 25	7:00 pm	RIP Shirley Gannon
Sun	July 26	9:00 am	People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Wayne Callaghan and Marie Carswell

DONATIONS

July 5 Envelopes \$2543 Loose \$315 **Total \$2858**
St. Mary's School \$20 St. Vincent de Paul 20
July 12 Envelopes \$2190 Loose \$247.50 **Total \$24737.50**
St. Mary's School \$5

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

SALT + LIGHT TELEVISION

Are you Watching Salt + Light Catholic Television yet?
Shaw Digital Cable (Channel 160): Local Shaw Number, www.shaw.ca
Bell TV (Channel 654): 1-800-SKY-DISH (1-800-759-3474), www.bell.ca
Directly via Internet website: www.saltandlighttv.org

WESTERN CONFERENCE FOR LITURGY

The next gathering will be held Oct. 2 - 4, 2009 in Abbotsford, BC, at St. Anne's Parish Centre. This Conference will focus on the proposed changes in the *Order of the Mass* and the revised *General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM)*. The presenters will be: Rev. Bill Burke, Director of National Office of Liturgy, Bernadette Gasslein, Editor of *Celebrate!*, and Rev. Renato Pasinato, Western Conference for Liturgy Executive Committee. This conference is open to Pastors, Pastoral Associates, Diocesan Liturgy Commissions, Parish Liturgy Committees and anyone interested. Cost \$100 per person. Brochures will be available before the fall. For Information on this conference, contact Susan Campbell at the Diocesan Centre (250-964-4424).

INTRODUCTION TO THE BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD

Come learn about the scientific, physiological and methodological aspects of the Billings Ovulation Method during Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 19-26, 2009). This introductory session is free of cost and registration is not required.

The session will take place Thursday, July 23rd, 2009 from 7 to 8pm in the hall of Christ Our Saviour Church (4514 Austin Road West, Prince George).

The Billings Ovulation Method is based on awareness of the woman's natural cycles of fertility and infertility. It takes advantage of the biological fact that women are infertile more often than fertile throughout their reproductive years. This knowledge, together with planned abstinence, can be used to achieve or to postpone pregnancy. Scientific studies indicate that with proper instruction and motivation the Billings Ovulation Method is 99.64% effective throughout every reproductive stage of a woman's life. This method has no harmful side effect, does not require devices of any kind and empowers women and couples. For more information please email bergeron.josee@gmail.com or call 250-961-3712.

HELP NEEDED AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Drop-In Centre on 2nd Avenue is in need of volunteers to help serve breakfast on the first Sunday August and September from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. If you can help for any or all of these mornings, please call Jim West at 250-562-4684.

SHEPHERD'S CORNER REQUESTS

Looking for two second hand guitars, a used computer with a printer and some hygiene products, such as shampoo, laundry soap, toothpaste, etc.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next baptism preparation sessions will be July 27 and 28 at 7 pm in the parish office. Please register ahead of time if you are planning to attend. If you know of anyone who might be needing preparation, please let them know. We will not be having another session until late September or early October.

WELCOME TO THE DIOCESE

We warmly welcome Rene Antonio and Ronnie Cruz to the Diocese of Prince George. They arrived from the Philippines in June and are currently living with Father Rector at St. Joseph's Parish in Smithers. Rene is preparing to enter St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton to prepare for the ministerial priesthood for our diocese and Ronnie has accepted to serve as pastoral assistant in the parishes in Smithers and Houston.

RCIA NEEDS

The RCIA is one of the ways in which the parish fulfills the Church's mission proclaiming the good news. I want to invite anyone interested in assisting on the RCIA Team in the Fall to let me know. I am especially looking for those willing to help with hospitality. If we got 2 or 3 it would only involve one Monday a month. Call Sr. Jude at the parish office.

NEW TO THE PARISH

Are you new to the parish? Have you filled out a parish registration form yet? They're available on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the Church. Better yet, introduce yourself to Fr. Richard or Sr. Jude after Mass. We'd love to meet you and get the chance to know you.

Living the Values of Jesus

Jesus instructed his disciples to adjust their view of the world, to begin seeing as God sees. His values were definitely different from the values of the world of his time. As Christians, we are called to have his same values: honouring the dignity of every human person, caring for all creation, including all in God's family, embracing people who are poor. Following Jesus requires us to live these values. (based on Catholic Social Teaching)

RAINBOWS

Rainbows is a peer support group for children, adolescents and adults who are grieving a death, divorce or any other painful transition in their family. Sessions run for 14 weeks each Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30, beginning in September and January at St. Mary's School. There is no cost to participants. the program is supported through donations and fundraising. Contact: Ursula Morris (250)562-3347 or (250)563-5584. Website: www.rainbowspg.com

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the Date - Ness Lake Bible Camp's Women's Weekend 2009. November 6-8, 2009 with internationally acclaimed author and speaker, Grace Fox. More details to follow.

FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE AND COFFEE

We will resume regular sales in September. We would like to thank all those who have supported the Fair Trade sales of coffee and chocolate.

CURIOUS ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

This is your chance to learn more about the Catholic Church in a "no strings attached" atmosphere. Weekly gatherings every Monday evening. Bring your curiosity and your questions! For more information call Sr. Jude at the parish office at 564-4097.

HELP NEEDED—MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Ministry is vital to our celebrations—it provides a way for us to enter more fully, actively and consciously into the celebration of the Eucharist. Our parish needs people to take responsibility for music ministry at the 11 am Mass on the first and third Sunday of the month. If you are able to assist in any way – as leader of song, accompanist or member of a group, please contact Theresa at 250 562-9426.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The *Letter to the Ephesians* reminds us that Christ is creating a new world order: one that brings about relationships based on love, peace, reconciliation, hope and unity. As a Eucharistic community, we are stewards of Christ's new creation. How are we promoting peace and reconciliation? How are we showing love for our neighbors? What are we doing to encourage unity and understanding among those with whom we gather around the Lord's Table each week?

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun July 19	Mon July 20	Tues July 21	Wed July 22	Thurs July 23	Fri July 24	Sat July 25
16 Ordinary 9 & 11 a—Mass				7:30 p—Pr. Group	8:30 p—AA	7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun July 26	Mon July 27	Tues July 28	Wed July 29	Thurs July 30	Fri July 31	Sat August 1
17 Ordinary 9 & 11 a—Mass				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 every two or three months in the parish office. 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 Sr. Jude 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 Sr. Jude 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? In learning more about the Catholic faith? Each Monday evening the RCIA candidates from throughout the city meet here at St. Mary's to share the Word and explore our faith and practice. For more info call Sr. Jude at the parish office.

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

St. Mary's offers Religious Education classes have concluded for this year.. Please see the note inside the bulletin regarding the changes for next year's program. More details will be given in the bulletin at the end of summer and early September. Please call Jude 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

VACANT

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 Kathy Labonte (563-5581) 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. For more information, phone 563-9192 or 563-8465, 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 Aime Trotter at 564-8943 for more information.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Development and Peace is the Canadian Catholic organization that works for social justice for the people of Latin America, Asia and Africa. The Development and Peace web-site is www.devp.org

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.

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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.