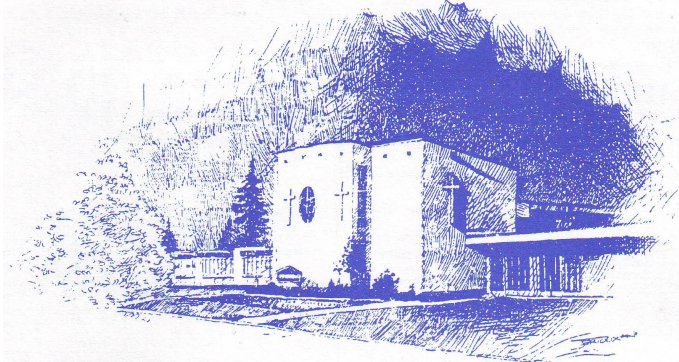

St. Mary's Parish



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
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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2009

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In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults we welcome people who are interested in what the Catholic Church is about. Do you know someone desiring to learn more about the Catholic Church. Have you ever encouraged anyone seeking to know more about God or looking for a church where people worship God with joy and try hard to live out Jesus' teachings. If you know someone who may be interested, let them know now that a **New Inquiry will begin in the Fall.**

For information contact
Sister Jude at 250-564-4097 or
jvabaalen@jmvb@shawcable.com

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YOUTH MINISTRY

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!

BOOK UNVEILING

You are invited to join Danny Brock on Thursday, August 27 from 7-8 pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral basement hall, when Danny will share stories and insights from his recently published book *Teaching Teens Religion*.

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, 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, 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 Orioux, Maurice VanCaesele, Jim Punch, Veronica Becker, Coral Britton, Mike Howlett, Robert Nootebos.

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. If anyone is sick at home or preparing to go for surgery and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office to make arrangements for a priest to visit.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Aug 22	7:00 pm	RIP Nick Lacusta
Sun	Aug 23	9:00 am	RIP Dale Martin
		11:00 am	People of our Parish
Mon	Aug 24	7:20 am	RIP Deceased Oblates
Tue	Aug 25	7:20 am	Special Intention
Wed	Aug 26	7:20 am	RIP Mary Koenin and Pauline Hockley
Thur	Aug 27	7:20 am	Special Intention
Fri	Aug 28	7:20 am	RIP Jean Caulfield
Sat	Aug 29	7:00 pm	RIP Ann Halligan
Sun	Aug 30	9:00 am	Lay Led
		11:00 am	Lay Led

DONATIONS

Envelopes \$2331 Loose \$360.50 **Total \$2691.50**
School \$5 Work of the Oblates \$5
Catholic Missions \$5

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul hosts the 2009 Provincial retreat at the Domano Renewal Center on the weekend of Sept. 11th, 12th and 13th. The theme of the retreat, presented by Sr. Tarianne Deyonker, is "Let Love Alone Speak" The retreat begins at 7 pm Sept 11 and ends at noon on Sept. 13th. All people interested in the work of St. Vincent de Paul are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Bernie at 250-564-3416. Please confirm your attendance by Monday August 31st.

HELP NEEDED!

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) at UNBC would love to have your "home-cooked help" with our weekly *Soup & Jesus* dinners in residence. Please contact Troy or Sue Lee (troysue@telus.net or call 250-614-4450) if you could donate one/all of the following one time this fall: 2-3 ice cream buckets of soup - frozen is fine, 2 dozen buns, 2-3 doz cookies or squares. *Soup & Jesus* runs from Sept 16 - Nov 18 on Wednesday nights. Please pray that students would be served and nourished both in body and spirit on campus this fall!!

RAINBOWS

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PRO LIFE SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Prince George ProLife Society is requesting your help with manning a pro-life table at the Prince George Exhibition. The dates are August 12-16 (Weds. thru Sun.) and the shifts are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To set up a time, call Laura Fowlie at 250-563-3874 or send an email to jafowlie@telus.net. Any help that you can give will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

SHEPHERD'S CORNER REQUEST

We are constantly in need of volunteers to help us keep our facility welcoming guests. If you can offer a couple of hours per week, we would be delighted to welcome you to our ministry. Volunteers always work in pairs, with set schedules. A training session is provided for all new volunteers. For more information, contact Fr. Richard at the parish office.

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY

Interested in joining a group study of Spiritual books?

All are welcome!

Wednesday mornings beginning September 9

Downstairs in the Parish Offices

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Our first book this year will be The Shack by Wm. Young.

Copies are available at local bookstores, Costco, and Shoppers DrugMart.

Contact Sr. Jude at the Parish Office to register or for more information.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

This year the Religious Education of children attending Public School will take place in the home with the parents doing the weekly instructions. All the families will come together at the Parish about every 6 weeks. Those children who are to receive Sacraments this year must be enrolled in the Family Program to join the Sacramental Preparation beginning in Jan, 2010.

Registrations will be taken at the Parish Office until September 15.

First Gathering with distribution of books will be Sunday, September 20, 1:00 – 3:00

Please note information and registration forms have been mailed to all families that have children attending public schools. If we missed anyone please let us know.

CWL

Tuesday Sept. 1, 2009. This meeting is a potluck supper and will begin at 6pm. Come join us

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.

WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Mike Rabino who arrived in Prince George on July 24. He will assist in Prince George. Fr. Mike is living at St. Mary's and assisting here as well as at Christ Our Saviour and Mackenzie while Fr. Louis is in Kenya visiting his mother.

Dear God,

Do you draw the lines around countries? If you don't, who does? Seymour

Deciding for God's Way

The decision to follow the way of Jesus was made for us when we were baptized. It takes our whole decision-making lives to put into practice what the call of Baptism means for us. In our heart of hearts we know what is the right thing to do. We only need to decide and choose to do it. (based on Catholic Social Teaching)

'ADULT FAITH — ADULT CHURCH'

Accept the Challenge to Grow in your Faith

Lay Formation

Beginning Sept. 25-27 in Prince George

Are you ready to explore your faith in a deeper way? Do you want something more from your spiritual life? Are you considering a new path or form of service in the community?

If so, **Consider taking the next diocesan Lay Formation Program beginning this September in Prince George.** The purpose of this two year program of adult faith education is to provide laity with the opportunity to deepen their faith, grow in their baptismal commitment and to serve more effectively within the church and society. The program is offered one weekend each month for ten months over two years. The program is held at the Domano Renewal Centre. Each weekend includes input on specific topics, time for prayer, personal reflection and social activities. Brochures and application forms are available in the parish.

Contact Susan Campbell at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre for more information—(250)964-4424 or email smcampbell@pgdiocese.bc.ca

THANKS FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The August collection for St. Vincent De Paul was \$406.52. A sincere thank you to all the parishioners at St. Mary's for your continued generosity and support of our ministry. We could not continue the ministry we do without the assistance of wonderful people like you.

COMING UP

Our focus for the parish this year will be adult formation and community building. Watch for announcements about wonderful things like Living Room Dialogues, Book Study, Turkey Supper, Table for Two and also one for University and College students. We will not be standing still!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus' followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the Twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus. A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just "along for the ride?" Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?

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 Trottier 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.