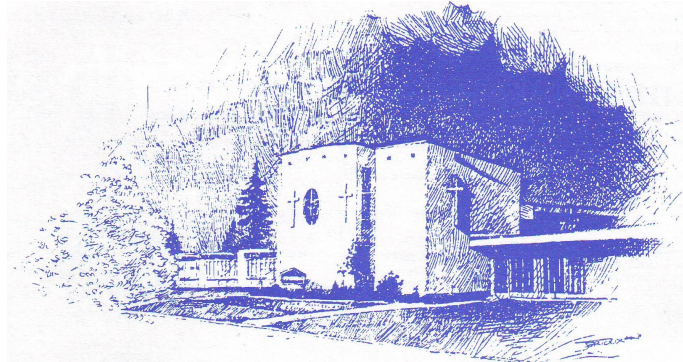

St. Mary's



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)

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
Mario Diaz	Assisting Priest
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

4th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2011



REMEMBER!!!!!!

Our annual
PLANT SALE
for St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, May 21

9 am—Noon
In the gym.

Contributions of:

plants (perennials, houseplants, seedlings)
Baking (muffins, cookies, squares)

are most welcome!

Plants can be dropped off between 5 and 8 pm on Friday
or between 7 and 8:30 am on Saturday

Baking can be dropped off on Saturday morning

SEE YOU THERE

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.stmaryspg.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Youth: Youth Group May 15th See you there!
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 nearly \$260! St. Mary's Youth Group appreciates your support!

A 500.00 educational grant will be awarded by the CWL to a grade 12 student who is planning to attend an approved post secondary institution. Criteria and Application forms will be available at the parish office and by contacting Colleen Easson at eassonn@yahoo.ca or call 250-562-6034. Applications must be received by June 30th

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following people who are sick:
Kevin Lebel, Edwin Gray, Maria Amaral, Balbir Dhillon, Greg and Vicki Gutfriend, Jamie McCloskey, Lena McCallum, Norman Louis, Rose Marie Seager, Georgie Boyle, Denise Cote, Larry Crooks, Michael Fernandes, Andrew Becker, Mary Martin, Lori Wall, Jean Callaghan, Gabrielle Hamelin, Louie Thomas Family, Maurice VanCaesele, Veronica Becker, Leonila Prado, Helen Roberts, Veronica Morin, Levi Dente, Shannon Patershuk, Chris Peters, Yolande Pearson, Ann MacDonald, Sharon Seager, Veronica Louis, Grace West, Don Findlay, Olivera Lambeta, Mike Cagliotti, The Palfy Family, Jackie Chamberland, Peggy McMorrow, Edward Van Baalen, Vera Earle Martin, Gladys Morin, Irene Krawczyk, Elsie Kerbrat, Jody Tashoots, Josie De La Santos, Winnie Peters, Albert Auger, Barry Booth and Norris Plante

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL When being admitted to hospital, please be sure to indicate that you are Catholic if you wish to have the chaplain visit. Also, if you need a priest while in the hospital, ask the nurse to call a priest, and the priest on call will attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. May 14	7:00pm	RIP Alice Gallagher
Sun May 15	9:00am	INT People of the Parish
	11:00am	INT Toni Mather
Mon. May 16	7:20am	INT John Courtteau
Tue. May 17	7:20am	Lay led
Wed. May 18	7:20am	Lay Led
Thu May 19	7:20am	RIP Annie Suchan
Fri. May 20	7:20am	RIP Sarah Naccarato,
Sat. May 21	7:00pm	RIP Lindsay Santos
Sun. May 22	9:00am	INT People of the Parish
	11:00am	INT John & Del Corteau

DONATIONS

May 8, 2011

Envelopes \$ 2,452.50 Loose \$480.00 **Total 2,932.50**
School \$30 D&P \$70 Holy Land \$ 10.00

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The celebration will be on May 15th at 4:30 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Procession to follow. For more information call 250 564-1838 or 250 562-5436.

SHEPHERD'S CORNER REQUEST

We would appreciate donations of personal items: shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, razors etc. There is a box at the back of the church to place your donations, thank you.

PART-TIME PARISH SECRETARY NEEDED

Christ Our Savior Parish is looking for someone to provide secretarial duties on a part time basis. For more information contact 250-962-7952 or cospg@shaw.ca.

PG CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

Do you have your bottle yet? Did you miss us last week? It's not too late
Pick up a bottle & a prayer calendar too!
All bottles due back by June 4/5 weekend.
Support our Life Saving and Life Changing Work!!!

CAT. CHAT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come along as we take a Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments.
July 4th-July 8 at the SH School Gym from 9am to 12pm daily. Kids Age 4-11 Cost TBA
Registration Deadline June 17th
Contact: Claudia 564-5225 Nadine 596-5251

SCHOOL SECRETARY—SACRED HEART SCHOOL

This position will begin full-time as of August 22, 2011 with some training to take place in June 2011. For a detailed job description for the position advertised, please contact the School Principal.
Please submit resumes, including references and a letter from your Pastor by Friday, May 27th, 2011.
Attention: Sister Irene Baker, Principal
785 Patricia Blvd. Prince George, BC V2L 3V5
principal@shspg.com

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

Phone 250-964-4475 for Registration.

Soft Knock on the Inner Door

Art is often just that, a soft knock on the inner door. It is the result of seeing deeply. Annie Dillard says "I walk out; I see something, some event that would otherwise have been utterly missed and lost; or something sees me, some enormous power brushes me with its clean wing, and I resound like a beaten bell." When the door is open we make images not on paper or canvas but on our souls. There will be time for our conversation to "rekindle" personal artistic expression and personal reflection.

Wednesday, May 18

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00 Bring a lunch; beverages provided.

Facilitators: Joy Cotter and Donna Dolan, RSCJ

PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Bishop Gerry will celebrate a Mass of Anointing on Thursday June 2 at 2:00 pm. Please bring goodies to share. They may be left in the conference room before Mass.

THANK YOU

Mothers Day Breakfast Brunch sponsored by the Knights was a huge success. The kitchen was caught a little off guard by the turnout. Maybe it was the fancy table cloths! Thank you for the support and good food reviews. Next breakfast will be May 29th and then another special Fathers Day event for June 19. Watch for details.

SAVE THE DATE JUNE 12

PARISH PICNIC

Right in our own backyard, games for the children and good food and time to visit for everyone.



ATTENTION PARENTS of children who were confirmed and made their First Holy Communion last Sunday.

A professional DVD is available from Luke Wlchrosky—Engage Focus Media. The suggested price is \$30.00. The hope is that all our newly confirmed can relive this truly special day for years to come. Luke is looking to make the DVD available to all the children regardless of if the parents can afford the suggested price or not. Please call 250 552-6209 audioguru051@gmail.com DVD will be available May 29th

CAMP MORICE WORK BEE

There will be a spring cleanup work bee at Camp Morice, beginning at 12 noon on May 22nd and finishing at 12 noon on May 23rd. Come for one day or stay overnight and help out on both days. Supper will be provided on May 22nd. For more information contact Buddy Bruintjes by email (bbruintjes@shaw.ca) or by telephone (250-563-7822).

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.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In today's first reading Peter tells his listeners that if they want to follow Jesus they must go against the world, to become what Christian stewards would consider "countercultural." For stewards, being countercultural can consist of surprisingly small decisions—small acts of re-orientation to remind them daily that in spite of their life situation, their citizenship, financial status, or color of their skin, they belong, through their baptism, to a new world order in Jesus Christ. Stewards understand that their daily choices should witness to his gospel, not to the trends, attitudes or spending practices of their culture. Stewardship requires us to ask of our daily habits: "In the light of the Gospel, is this important?"

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

Today we hear that the one way to God for all people, Jew and Gentile alike, is through Jesus. In today's Gospel reading Jesus extends the image of himself as shepherd, stating, "I am the gate for the sheep." In the Gospel according to John, Jesus is not only the shepherd leading his sheep to the heavenly Father; he is also the gate through which the sheep pass to encounter the Father. Like the many who followed Jesus in his lifetime, and the thousands who were baptized in his name following Peter's speech, we are the sheep today who hear and follow the voice of our Shepherd.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

A study of the Acts of the Apostles Thursdays at 7pm in the lower meeting room at the Parish Office. All are Welcome—its not too late to come!

RCIA

At the beginning of May, we began a new inquiry group. We will meet between the Masses on Sunday morning. If you are interested or know someone who is looking for deeper meaning in their life or just curious about the Catholic Faith call Sr. Jude 250-564-4097.

THINK AHEAD

It's not too early to register your children for the faith formation program for the fall. Call the parish office.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun May 15	Mon May 16	Tues May 17	Wed May 18	Thurs May 19	Fri May 20	Sat May 21
4 Easter 9 & 11a Mass		7p RCIA Mystagogy	10a Book Study	Bible Study 7p	8:30 p-AA	7p Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun May 22	Mon May 23	Tues May 24	Wed May 25	Thurs May 26	Fri May 27	Sat May 28
10a RCIA Inquiry 5 Easter 9 & 11a Mass				Bible Study 7p	8:30 p-AA	7p 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

for children in the elementary grades is a home based program. Families come together every six weeks to participate together in activities to build community and an understanding of belonging to a local parish Church. Registrations are being taken for Fall, 2011 For more information or to register please contact Sr. Jude or leave your name and phone number at the Parish Office.

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 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 Louis Dauvin 250-563-8538 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.

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. Contact: Ursula Morris (250)562-3347 or (250)563-5584. Website: www.rainbowspg.com

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Sr. Donna Dolan RSCJ offers Grief Counselling and 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.