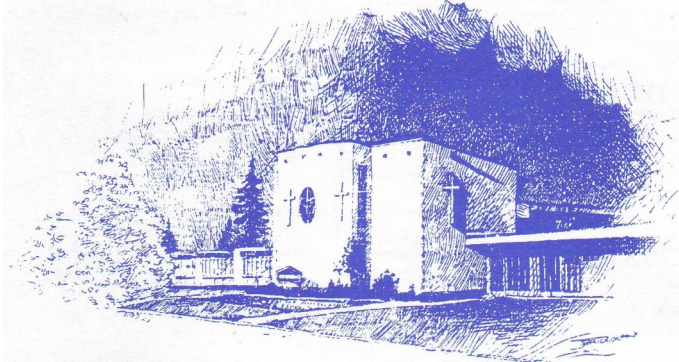


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# St. Mary's

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## 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

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## 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.

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## PARISH STAFF

Richard Beaudette, OMI	Pastor
Jude Van Baalen, OP	Pastoral Associate
Roberta Chartrand	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Jeannine Walker	Parish Secretary
Rebecca Hawkes	Yard & Maintenance
Jordan Ladoucier	Office, Yard & Maintenance

## SCHOOL STAFF

Brent Arsenault	Principal
Jacqueline Boyes	School Secretary
School Phone 563-7502	School Fax 563-7818
School Email	office@stmaryspg.org

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 15, 2012**

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Go out for breakfast  
next Sunday!



Let  
St. Mary's Knights cook you  
up the best breakfast in town.

Don't waffle on  
your decision.



After both masses.  
\$6 / \$3 for 10 and under.  
New items and surprises!

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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

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

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**Parish Youth:** We meet next on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-9pm in the gym! Anyone grades 7 to 12 are welcome, bring your friends! Boy's turn to bring snacks.

**Help Us!** Please support St. Mary's Youth Group by donating CANADIAN TIRE money to our wood box at the back of the church... every bit helps! **\*\*Update\*\*** We have raised nearly \$423! The St. Mary's Youth Group appreciates your support!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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Please pray for the following people who are sick:  
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, Gabrielle Hamelin, Louie Thomas Family, Maurice VanCaesele, Veronica Becker, Leonila Prado, Helen Roberts, Veronica Morin, Levi Dente, Shannon Paterushuk, 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, Irene Krawczyk, Elsie Kerbrat, Jody Tashoots, Josie De La Santos, Winnie Peters, Norris Plante, Garry Pylatuik, Neil Peterson, Girvin Badry, Fr. Forde, Peter Zimmer, Rene Seager Alan Seager, Dellis Thomson, Blair Peters, Estelle Struck and Trudy Calliou.

### 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.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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Sat Jan 14	7:00pm	INT Wishart Family
Sun Jan 15	9:00am	INT People of the Parish
	11:00am	RIP Tony & Zofia
Mon Jan 16	7:20am	RIP Lawrence & Doreen Benoit
Tue Jan 17	7:20am	RIP Peter & Mary Aksenchuk
Wed Jan 18	7:20am	RIP Pat Stewart
Thu Jan 19	7:20am	RIP Kevin Lebel
Fri Jan 20	7:20am	RIP Susan Siemens
Sat Jan 21	7:00pm	RIP Lindsay Santos
Sun Jan 22	9:00am	RIP Elvira Ferreira
	11:00am	INT People of the Parish

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## DONATIONS

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<b>January 8, 2012</b>		
Envelopes \$3163	Loose \$478	<b>Total \$3641</b>
School \$17		

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

There will be a Marriage Preparation program for the city parishes, held at St. Mary's Gym on Gillett Street.

**Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm - 9:30pm for 6 weeks beginning January 24 through February 28.**

Please call the parish office if you are planning to attend—250-564-4097.

### REQUEST:

Do you have any Christmas crafts items that could be used for centerpieces? I would appreciate getting them as I am planning to make some centerpieces for St. Vincent's Christmas dinner. I want to start early. Please contact Henriette at 250 562-3617.

### VOCATION LIVE IN

A Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or consecrated life will be held at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC on February 3-5, 2012. For more information call 604-826-8715.

### SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED

Immaculate Conception School will be hosting a school SCIENCE FAIR on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for members of the Prince George community to act as Science Fair Judges. It is a great experience to have a child explain his/her project to you. The more Judges that we have, the better our Science Fair will be. Previous experience as a Science Fair Judge is **not** required.

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## DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

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Phone 250-964-4475 to register for events.

### WATERCOLOUR MADE EASY

Come delight in the world of watercolour made easy! Bring your own supplies. Watercolour list available upon request. Enrolment limited.

**Tuesday, January 17**

### EXPERIENCING THE WONDER OF ACRYLIC

Through this workshop you will experience the wonder of acrylic that will help you conquer your fear of painting. Bring your own art supplies. Enrolment limited.

**Thursday, January 19**

Time: 9:30 am—3:00 pm

Fee: \$35 each, or both for \$60

Bring a bag lunch. Beverages provided.

**Facilitator: Gisele Bauche**

### GRIEF IS A JOURNEY—FINDING LIFE AGAIN

Grief is a natural and normal reaction to loss of any kind. These sessions will assist those experiencing grief to understand what is happening within and to receive the support of others who share the journey.

**Wednesdays, January 18 & 25**

Time: 7:00—8:30 pm

Fee: \$5 or donation

**Registration is essential**

**Facilitator: Donna Dolan, RSCJ Certified Counselor**

## PARISH NEWS

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

We will be holding a baptism preparation program on Monday, January 16 and Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower meeting room at the parish office. Any parents who are preparing for the baptism of their first child are required to take the preparation program. **Please call the parish office and register if you are planning to attend.** Parents are certainly welcome to take the program before the birth of the child (which might reduce some of the stress level after the birth!)

### CELEBRATING BISHOP WIESNER

Church Law requires that each bishop submit his resignation by his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Normally a new bishop is appointed some time after the current bishop retires. In light of this, on June 23, 2012 our Diocesan community will gather to celebrate Bishop Gerald Wiesner's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday in anticipation of his Retirement. The celebration will begin with Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 4:30 p.m. followed by a banquet at the Prince George Civic Centre. Tickets for the banquet are \$35 per person and will be available for purchase in February by contacting Mary-Anne Lewis Jamin at 250-964-4424 or [majamin@netbistro.com](mailto:majamin@netbistro.com).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul wishes to thank St Mary's Parish, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, and the staff and students at St. Mary's School for their tremendous support over the last year. Your continued generosity ensures we can operate 365 days/year. We are most grateful for your support of our ministry. God Bless you all!

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL—BECOMING CHURCH

Gifts have continued to come in, but we do not have an updated total from the Appeal office, as it is closed over the holiday. Gifts can be given throughout the year, and one can give more than once during the year if so desired.

A sincere thank you to all who have responded to the appeal so far.



## FAITH FORMATION CORNER

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we discover those first individuals who sought out Jesus and wanted to listen to him, learn from him and stay with him. Today Christian stewards search out the hidden presence of Jesus in their own lives every day. They know Jesus is the Messiah who will one day bring about a perfect restoration to a troubled world. They further understand that they are sacraments that will somehow bring about his hidden presence in the world. Their task is to make that reality known through their own words and actions. What is one thing we can do to be better stewards of Christ's life in us?

### SPIRIT CIRCLE

We will begin a new book, The Gift of Years by Joan Chitister when we gather again on Wednesday, January, 18 from 10am to 11:30 in the **Conference Room**. All are welcome! The books have arrived and may be picked up at the Parish Office. The cost with shipping is \$16.

### BIBLE STUDY

Will begin again on Thursday, January 12, at 7:00pm. You may want to read the Gospel of John ahead of time. New members are always welcome!

### SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

As we learn from today's first reading from Samuel and the Psalm response, if we want to do God's will and speak God's word, we need to learn how to listen very carefully. It can be difficult to recognize God's voice among all the other voices in our lives. Samuel learns when Eli finally recognizes God's voice and teaches Samuel to listen and respond. The author of Ps. 40 has also learned the importance of listening carefully to God. In the past he had misunderstood God's expectations, thinking that God wanted sacrifice and offering. But now the psalmist realizes that the Lord wants something else entirely: "*an open ear*" to have open ears is to be listening deeply—thoughtfully. He has learned that to do God's will is not simply his duty; it is his delight. By listening carefully, he has taken God's law into his heart. Careful listening is a work of the heart as well as the ears.

- Who has been the Eli in your life?
- How do you listen to God?

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Jan 15	Mon Jan 16	Tues Jan 17	Wed Jan 18	Thurs Jan 19	Fri Jan 20	Sat Jan 21
9 a Mass 11 a-Mass	7p-Baptism Prep 7 p-RCIA	7 p-Baptism Prep	10 a-Spirit Circle	7 p-Bible Study 7:30 p-Prayer Group	8:30 p-AA	7 p-Mass

### NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Jan 22	Mon Jan 23	Tues Jan 24	Wed Jan 25	Thurs Jan 26	Fri Jan 27	Sat Jan 28
9 a Mass 11 a Mass	7 p-RCIA 7p Lit. Mtg	7p-Marr. Prep	10 a-Spirit Circle	7 p-Bible Study 7:30 p-Prayer 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

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.

### 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](http://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](http://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.