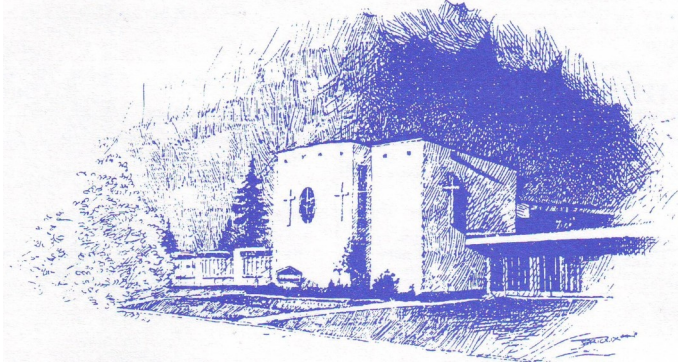

St. Mary's



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
Jude Van Baalen, OP	Pastoral Associate
Roberta Chartrand	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Jordan Ladoucier	Office, Yard & Maintenance
Justine Ladoucier	Parish Secretary
Rebecca Hawkes	Yard & Maintenance

SCHOOL STAFF

Brent Arsenault	Principal
Jacqueline Boyes	School Secretary
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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2012



THE CATHOLIC WOMENS
LEAGUE INVITES YOU TO OUR

ANNUAL VALENTINE'S MEMBERSHIP TEA

Today, February 19, 2012
After the 9:00 or 11:00am Mass
In the Conference Room

- ◆ Refreshments
- ◆ Fun
- ◆ Fellowship



1088 Gillett Street, Prince George, B.C. V2M 2V3
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YOUTH MINISTRY

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Parish Youth: We meet next on February 19th from 7-9pm in the gym! Anyone grades 7 to 12 are welcome! Bring your friends! Boy's turn to bring snacks.

DYC! Mark your calendars! DYC 2012 is set for April 20-22nd at the Diocesan Center! More info to follow.

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 \$424! The St. Mary's Youth Group appreciates your support!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 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, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Feb 18	7:00pm	RIP John Courteau
Sun Feb 19	9:00am	INT People of Our Parish
	11:00am	RIP Janette DiBenedetto
Mon Feb 20	7:20am	INT Larry Crooks
Tue Feb 21	7:20am	RIP Lindsay Santos
Wed Feb 22	7:20am	Ash Wednesday
Thu Feb 23	7:20am	RIP Jeff Turgeon
Fri Feb 24	7:20am	INT Bernardine LeFebvre
Sat Feb 25	7:00pm	RIP Clarence Loerzel
Sun Feb 26	9:00am	RIP Maria & Manuel Ferreira
	11:00am	INT People of Our Parish

DONATIONS

February 12, 2012

Envelopes \$2822.35 Loose \$435.15 **Total \$3257.50**

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

SACRED HEART FUNDRAISER

The Sacred Heart School 3rd annual Gala Fundraiser will be held at the Ramada Hotel in Prince George on **Saturday, February 25th**. Tickets are \$50 and are available at the Ramada Hotel and the school office. The evening includes a fabulous buffet dinner, silent and live auction and dance. Auction items including a four-night stay in Las Vegas, a MacBook laptop and countless gift certificates. An evening filled with exciting games and raffle opportunities you won't want to miss! Visit www.shspg.com for a full list of sponsors and menu details.

A CALL TO ACTION

You are invited to attend the Prince George Pro-Life Society's Dessert Evening/Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at the Columbus Community Centre at 7:00 p.m. Treat yourself to delicious desserts - and be inspired and motivated by our guest speaker, Asia Wilson, who will be speaking on the theme, "A Call to Action." The cost per person is \$15. For further information or to purchase tickets, please contact Laura Fowlie at 250-563-3874.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

Phone 250-964-4475 to register for events.

A Lenten Journey: Finding Your Voice Through Art, Healing, Spirituality

This retreat will explore ways that you can nurture and heal through creativity and spirituality, and help you to discover your creative "voice". There will be creative activities and exercises, group sharing, prayer and meditation.

Thursday, February 23

Time: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Fee: \$35 Bring a bag lunch. Beverages provided.

Facilitator: Gisele Bauche

Book Discussion: "Falling Upward—A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life" by Richard Rohr

Tuesdays, February 21, 28; March 6, 13, 27

Time: 10:00 to 11:30 am

Fee: \$5 per session or by donation

Facilitator: Claire Petrucci

Book purchased separately at Domano Renewal Centre

How to Pray

Have you ever wanted to do more than recite prayers? Have you ever heard someone talk about praying with scripture, music, art or a short story? Have you ever wondered how you could do that? This day will explore a method for praying with scripture, an experience, music or a short story. It has been called the 5 P's of Prayer by Fr. Armand Nigro, SJ. **Friday, March 2** Time: 9:45 am to 3:00 pm

Fee: \$25

Lunch provided.

Facilitator: Fr. Doug Jeffrey, OMI

PARISH NEWS

ANNUAL ART SHOW

Once again, all are invited to enjoy the gifts and talents of various members of our community, to share some time together and strengthen the bonds of our communion. The Art Show will be held at St. Mary's Gym. Friday, February 24—Wine & Cheese Reception 7-9pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

With the Annual Art Show taking place February 24– 26, The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for brunch in the Gym on Sunday, February 26th after the 9:00 and 11:00am Mass.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you to St. Mary's parishioners for their February collection of \$571.13. We appreciate your continued support! Parishioners are invited to our next monthly meeting at 7 pm, Tuesday, February 28th at the Drop-In Centre, 1220 – 2nd Avenue. We welcome all who are interested in learning more about our services. Contact Bernie at 250-564-3416 if you would like more information or just stop in!

CAN YOU HELP? WILL YOU HELP?

Children's Liturgy of the Word is an important liturgical ministry. We are in need of more leaders for 11:00 Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to have a child baptized are required to take a preparation program (for the first child), which will be held on March 5 & 6 at 7 pm at the parish office. Please call the office to register – 250-564-4097.

THE RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral, next Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2012, at 2:00pm. In this celebration the Catechumens preparing to receive the sacraments in their own parishes at the Easter Vigil and the Candidates completing their initiation will be welcomed by Bishop Wiesner. All are invited to this service to show your support for our Catechumens, Zachary Chipman, You Jin Choi, and Loreen Obst, and Candidates, Janice Bleeker and Nick Novak.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

LIVING ROOM DIALOGUES

You may still sign up for the opportunity to join your fellow parishioners in discussion of topics of interest and concern for all Christian believers. We especially encourage those of you who have not yet tried them to join a group this year. Sign-Up sheets are available in the back of Church this weekend and next so get the evening or day of your choice and sign up today. You can also call the office and leave your name and phone number and the day/evening you prefer.

Weeks of Feb.26, March 4, March 11 & March 18

LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP

All people in the parish who are involved in liturgical ministries are asked to attend a workshop on Saturday, February 25 beginning at 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the church and then break into smaller groups according to ministry.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In this last Sunday before the beginning of the Lenten season, the gospel depicts Jesus continuing his healing ministry. A paralytic is placed on a pallet and lowered through a roof in order to get near Jesus. Jesus rewards the man's trust in him by forgiving his sins first and then healing his physical disability. Jesus makes a connection between spiritual healing and physical healing, and in doing so, proclaims the kingdom of God in a unique way. In what unique ways, given the divine gifts bestowed on us, have we proclaimed the kingdom of God?

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

When the scribes hear Jesus tell the man his sins are forgiven, they take offense. They ask, "Who but God alone can forgive sins?" With this question Mark centers our attention on the identity of Jesus Christ. Who is this man who forgives sin? Are the sins really forgiven? If they are then who is this Jesus? Jesus shows the sceptical scribes that his words about the forgiveness of sins do have effect by saying to the paralytic, "Pick up your mat and walk." And so he does. Jesus' words have power. It appears that Jesus can do what only God can do.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Feb 19	Mon Feb 20	Tues Feb 21	Wed Feb 22	Thurs Feb 23	Fri Feb 24	Sat Feb 25
9 a Mass 11 a-Mass	7 p—RCIA	7 p—Marr. Prep	Ash Wednesday 10 a—Spirit Circle	7:30 p-Prayer Group	Annual Art Show Wine & Cheese 7-9p 8:30 p-AA	7 p—Mass

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Feb 26	Mon Feb 27	Tues Feb 28	Wed Feb 29	Thurs Mar 1	Fri Mar 2	Sat Mar 3
9 a Mass 11 a Mass	7 p—RCIA	7p-Marr. Prep	10 a—Spirit Circle	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 program 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. Current members are welcome to our General Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room at 7:30 pm. For more information, phone 964 9580 or 563 0159

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 (250)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 Counseling 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.