

Mass Times: Saturday: 7:00pm, Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am— Tuesday to Friday at 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturdays 6:15pm, Sundays 8:15 am or by Appointment.

Pastor: Father Aruldhass Lucas, SAC.

Mailing address: 1088 Gillett Street, V2M 2V3—Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

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We acknowledge that St. Mary's Parish rests on the unceded traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh



THE ROMAN
CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF PRINCE GEORGE



Bishop: Most Rev.
Stephen Jensen

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 14TH, 2024



FRESH FISH IS SOLD HERE

To sell fish, a fisherman painted a signboard reading, “Fresh Fish is Sold Here.” To disturb business, his foe said, “You don’t sell stale fish, do you? So, why write ‘fresh?’” Agreeing, the fisherman painted a new signboard with just: “Fish is Sold Here.” Once again, his foe suggested, “Obviously, you’re selling fish here, not there!” Nodding his agreement, the fisherman went back and returned with a new signboard “Fish is Sold.” Now, the foe appeared a third time and said, “Anybody with eyes will see that you’re selling fish, not meat! Wipe off the word ‘fish’! The gullible fisherman was so confused that he wanted to make still another signboard, forgetting that he was selling fish! — If there is something one really believes in beyond doubt, then one must cling to that truth even if people offer advice, suggestions and even threats to change one’s beliefs. I’d imagine the predicament of the fisherman in our story as they sought to comprehend Jesus’ life-death-Resurrection, and more importantly, to proclaim Him. Today’s readings help us to trace out their ‘Faith-journey’ from doubt to Faith, from dread to fearlessness. (Francis Gonsalves in Sunday Seeds for Daily Deeds; quoted by Fr. Botelho).

READINGS AND LITURGY

Acts 3.13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4.1, 3, 6, 8;
1 John 2.1–5; Gospel: Luke 24.35-48.

In the first reading, Peter witnesses that Jesus, who was handed over out of ignorance, was raised from the dead and is the fulfilment of the prophets. In the second reading, John exhorts his community not to commit sin and to keep God’s commandments. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples, shows them his hands and feet, and eats in front of them.

Faith Catholic

Welcome to Our Church!

*To all who mourn or need
comfort,
To all who are weary and need
rest,
To all who seek friendship,
To all who desire to grow in
Relationship with God,
To all who yearn to pray,
To all who need a Saviour,
And who ever will worship,
This Church of St. Mary’s
opens wide its doors,
And in the name of
Christ our Lord, says:*

WELCOME!

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

There was a man who had worked at a factory for twenty years. Every night when he left the plant, he would push a wheelbarrow full of straw to the guard at the gate. The guard would look through the straw and find nothing and pass the man through. On the day of his retirement the man came to the guard as usual but without the wheelbarrow. Having become friends over the years, the guard asked him, “Charlie, I’ve seen you walk out of here every night for twenty years. I know you’ve been stealing something. Now that you’re retired, tell me what it is. It’s driving me crazy.” Charlie simply smiled and replied, “Okay, wheelbarrows!” (<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/wheel-of-fortune/>). — Today’s gospel explains how the apostles failed to notice the real presence of the Risen Jesus in their midst.



MASS

INTENTIONS

Sat	Apr 13	7:00 pm	RIP Joseph Ravlic
Sun	Apr 14	9:00 am 11:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners RIP Paul Trong Lam
Tue	Apr 16	9:00 am	RIP Aline Pighin
Wed	Apr 17	9:00 am	RIP Christopher Jones
Thu	Apr 18	9:00 am	RIP Michael Quinn
Fri	Apr 19	9:00 am	RIP Wolfgang Betz
Sat	Apr 20	7:00 pm	RIP Ante and Zorka Mijatovic
Sun	Apr 21	9:00 am 11:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners RIP Branko, Luka, Thomas and Slavko Brbot.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the intentions of: Brigitta Betz, Eldon Gauthier, Maria Levar, Beverly Stuart, Rizal Advincula, Grace Noblette, Minnie, Blair, and Korena Peters and family, Garry Kaulbach's daughter, Birdie Froment, Mia Savic and family, Manae Peters, Ruth, Wark family, Jose Ferreira, Peter Dasilva, Ruth Henwood, Rob Hagymasy, Les Martin, and Rose Binnie.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy of the Word for all children ages 4-8 is every Sunday, at the 11:00 am Mass.

CWL EDUCATION GRANT

The St. Mary's CWL is offering a 500 dollar Education grant for the Fall 2024/2025 School Year. This grant can be used in any accredited post secondary institution. Parishioners at any age or level are welcome to apply. This includes current grade 12 students looking to apply to Post Secondary in the fall. Application forms are available at the parish office or by contacting Cortnie Weir at: cortnie17@gmail.com. Applications are due by June 28, 2024.



ALTAR SERVER WORKSHOP

We will be having an Altar Server Workshop on Saturday, April 20th from 10am-12pm! We will meet in the church and finish in the gym with some games and refreshments! This Workshop is for all current Altar Servers, and for those who have received their 1st Holy Communion and would like to join our Altar Serving Team!

LEAVE A LEGACY

Leave a legacy of faith. Please remember the Church in your wills.

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Mary's Carlo Acutis Youth Group enjoyed Divine Mercy Sundaes together at our last Youth Group! We learned about St. Faustina and how Jesus asked her to share his image and message of Divine Mercy with the entire world, we included our intentions in the prayer box, and prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet together!

We have been invited by Bernadine & Jeff Costello to visit their new baby animals at Silver Maple Farms this Wednesday, April 17th from 5:30pm-8:00pm! We will also be having some BBQ'd hotdogs and snacks!!!

Please contact Claudia at the parish office 250-564-4097 or by email cloudy1@hotmail.com if you would like to attend!



Making the Divine Mercy Sundae



The Divine Mercy Sundae



Enjoying the Divine Mercy Sundae

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

We are excited to announce we will be having our next St. Mary's Family Movie Night on Friday, April 26th at 6:30pm in St. Eugene Room! Popcorn & Refreshments will be provided! We will be watching another episode of the Chosen! Please stay tuned for more information next week!

UPCOMING SMALL GROUP BOOK STUDY!

We will be starting a small group book study on the book: "He Leadeth Me: An Extraordinary Testament of Faith" by Fr. Walter Cizek and Fr. Daniel L. Flaherty. He Leadeth Me is a book to inspire all Christians to greater faith and trust in God—even in their darkest hour. As the author asks, "What can ultimately trouble the soul that accepts every moment of every day as a gift from the hands of God and strives always to do his will?" If you are interested in participating in the book study, please contact the parish office at 250-564-4097.

The first meeting will be on Friday, April 19th from 5pm-6pm in the parish office basement and we will be meeting every 2 weeks. Everyone is welcome! If that time does not work for you and you would like to lead a book study from your home on a different day and time, please let us know. This small group book study is a wonderful opportunity to develop new friendships, as we support and encourage each other in deepening our faith by drawing closer to God!

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

St Mary's local Knights of Columbus - Council 5246 is holding a membership drive for the next few weeks. We invite all interested men to consider joining your local Knights. We will be available after mass on Sunday to answer any questions and share with you more about our activities.

Why join the Knights of Columbus?

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community and grow in your faith. These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight. Find out more online at: www.kofcbc.org

We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. We have over 12,000 members in British Columbia and over 1.9 million around the world.

If you would like to speak to someone on the phone, please contact Darrin Huzar for more information at 250-614-3161.

ST. MARY'S FREE FORMED SUBSCRIPTION

Sign up for your free FORMED subscription courtesy of St. Mary's Parish & School: <https://formed.org/signup>

Enter St. Mary's Parish Postal Code: V2M 2V3.

Formed recommendation this week: God is with us.

What does it mean to say that God is with us in the Eucharist? What is the Eucharist? Watch Episode 1 of Presence today! <https://watch.formed.org/videos/god-is-with-us>

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Two Dominican Sisters, one Benedictine Monk, our priests, and a group of Catholic young adults – The Diocesan Youth Conference 2024 is going to be beautiful.

Who: For all youth Gr. 7-12

Where: The Pastoral Centre, Prince George

When: May 24-26th

How: Registration Opens April 15th

Email: Lisa Findlay with all your questions: lfindlay@pgdiocese.bc.ca

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS CLOTHING DONATION

Our St Vincent's Thrift Store (1645 3rd Avenue, Prince George, 250-562-5136, store manager Colleen) requires clothing, all types, infants to adults. Our thrift store is open Mondays to Saturdays, see our Facebook Page, St Vincent De Paul Society PG as well. All our proceeds go to feed and clothe the needy. Additionally, we are in need of volunteers to work alongside our staff, Mondays to Saturdays, with flexible schedules—especially suitable for retirees, or young folk needing volunteer experience.

Thank you,

- Joseph P. Creegan

President, SVDPPG

*Women's
Silent Retreat:*

April 26-28, 2024

With retreat director Fr. Kenneth LeBlanc LC.
Domano Renewal Centre, Prince George

Fees: Retreat including meals: \$210
Accommodations: \$100 for 2 nights

Retreat begins Friday April 26 at 5pm
with registration then supper to follow.
Ends Sunday at 1:30

To Register email:
michelledugdale10@gmail.com

Questions?
Email: yvettehebert9@gmail.com

RACHEL VINEYARD RETREATS

Spring retreats for the BC interior. For emotional and Spiritual Healing. Rachel Vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortion emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal & healing. Registering now. Confidentiality assured.

Kelowna retreat April 12–14. Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273 or www.rachelvinyardkelowna.com / Facebook: Rachel Vineyard Kelowna.

Merrit retreat April 30–May 2. Contact Nancy at 250-867-5081 phone or text rvkamloops@yahoo.ca.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTERS

The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

On April 19 – 21, 2024, with Edmonton based (Mtn Time)
Questions? Please contact to Doug & Candice Chappell at 778-479-7900 or Doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org
Apply at – wwme.org

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

The Pastor is Father Aruldas Lucas, SAC. Resident Priest: Father Prabhakar. The Pastoral Assistant is Claudia Betz and the parish secretary is Vanessa Estrada. The Mailing address is: 1088 Gillett Street, V2M 2V3 Regular Office hours are Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Office telephone: 250-564-4097 for after hours Emergency: 250-562-4921, Email—stmarys.parish@shawcable.com. St. Mary's Parish is governed by a **Pastoral Council** made up of Parishioners, the chair is Ron Polillo. The Finances of the Parish are overseen by a **Finance committee**, the chair is Irene Meeuwissen.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

The Principal is Jenny Schroeder, the School Secretary is Jackie Boyes. The phone number for the School is 250-563-7502. Visit the website for more information: <https://www.stmaryspg.org/>

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS

Parents are to be registered parishioners and participate in a preparation session. Sessions are held as needed in the parish office. Contact the parish office at 250-564-4097.

BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Parents who wish to have their child baptized (age 5 to 12) are asked to register their child in the Family Faith Formation program. During the school year there will be special sessions that will prepare them for baptism. Children in Grade 2 and up will also receive preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please contact the parish office for more information. 250-564-4097.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

In the Diocese of Prince George, First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in Grade 2, and Confirmation in Grade 6. Our sacramental preparation program begins in the fall for children in St. Mary's School and for those attending Family Faith Formation classes. For more information, please phone Jenny at the school or Claudia the parish office. 250-564-4097.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ADULTS—RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? Please contact the parish office for more information. 250-564-4097.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Various options for marriage preparation are available. Please make an appointment with the pastor, at least 6 months before the intended wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Communal celebrations of the sacrament are generally held during Lent and Advent.

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, anointing of the sick or a pastoral visit, please give us a call. If there is an emergency visit in the hospital or Hospice, ask the nursing station to contact the Catholic pastor on call.

FUNERALS

Please contact the pastor before making final arrangements with the funeral directors.

GIVING AT ST. MARY'S

We have a few ways to conveniently contribute to your parish. We have the old fashioned drop your envelope in the collection or locked Mailbox. You can mail us your envelope at 1088 Gillett St. V2M 2V3. We also have online options. E-transfer has been set up with our bank, please e-transfer to: SMPaccounting@stmaryspg.ca When you use this option you will be prompted with the following statement "I understand that St. Mary's Parish (The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Prince Rupert) has registered for Auto deposit and will not need to answer a security question to deposit funds" Our website stmaryspg.ca has been set up to accept donations from credit Cards.

HEARING SUPPORT DURING MASS

For those with hearing impairment, we have portable receivers that broadcast the Mass via earbuds or headphones. Please contact Claudia at the parish office if you would like to use one. To use the receivers with hearing aids, please bring your own headphones.

PARISH / COMMUNITY 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 St. Eugene Room at 7:00 pm. Please phone Cortnie Weir 250-967-4849 for more information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (COUNCIL 5246)



The Knights of Columbus is open to all men of the parish. General Meeting are on the third Tuesday of each month in the St. Eugene Room at 7:00 pm. For information, please phone Grand Knight, Darrin Huzar at 250-614-3161.

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

Meets twice a month on Wednesday evenings during the School year for all Youth in Grades 7 to 12. Please contact Claudia at the parish office for more details.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Drop-In Centre is located at 1220—2nd Ave. Mon-Fri: 8:30 to 9:30 am, 12:30-1:30 pm, 7:30-8:00 pm; Sat-Sun: 9:00-10:00 am and 2:30-3:00 pm. Hampers are available to families and seniors. Call 250-564-7871 weekday mornings.

Thrift Store: is located at 1645—3rd Ave. Hours are Mon-Fri, 9:30- noon and 12:30-4:30 pm. Donations are being accepted at the back entrance. Call 250-562-5136

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Shepherd's Corner is located next to the SVDP Drop-in Centre. (1220—2nd Ave) This is a place where people who are experiencing challenges can gather, share their stories and be heard. Volunteers provide a listening ear and a compassionate heart.

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 12 weeks each Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm, beginning in both September and February at St. Mary's School. There is no cost to participants. Contact: 250-562-3477 or e-mail: rainbowspg@shawcable.com **www.rainbowspg.com**

