

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



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME



GOOD MOTTO FOR THE MISSIONARIES

One afternoon author Patsy Clairmont found herself on an airplane, sitting next to a young man. She writes, "I had already observed something about this young man when I was being seated. He called me 'Ma'am.' At the time I thought, 'Either he thinks I'm ancient, or he's from the South where they still teach manners, or he's in the service.' I decided the last was the most likely, so I asked, 'You in the service?' 'Yes, Ma'am, I am.' 'What branch?' 'Marines.' 'Hey, Marine, where are you coming from?' 'Operation Desert Storm, Ma'am.' 'No kidding? Desert Storm! How long were you there?' I asked. 'A year and a half. I'm on my way home. My family will be at the airport.' I then commented that he must have thought about returning to his family and home many times while he was in the Middle East.—"Oh, no, Ma'am," he replied. "We were taught never to think of what might never be, but to be fully available right where we were." Focus on the Family, July, 1993, p. 5. (Quoted by Fr. Tony Kayala).

READINGS AND LITURGY

Isaiah 45.1, 4-6; Ps 96.1-10;

1 Thessalonians 1.1-5; Gospel: Matthew 22.15-21.

Isaiah reveals to King Cyrus of Persia that the Lord has called him by name so all may know there is no other God. Paul gives thanks for the Thessalonians' work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope. Jesus tells the Pharisees they should repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

—Faith Catholic

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the intentions of: Brigitta Betz, Elmer Braun, 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, and Pam Meyer.

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!

LIVE SIMPLY. LOVE GENEROUSLY. CARE DEEPLY.

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups—porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite—telling them to help themselves to the coffee. When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in most cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups. The cups are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of Life we live." Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly and bloom where you are planted! Leave the rest to God.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Oct 21	7:00 pm	RIP Don Dellaire
Sun	Oct 22	9:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners RIP Viep Vu
Tue	Oct 24	9:00 am	RIP Sandy Mathew
Wed	Oct 25	9:00 am	Int for a Parishioner
Thu	Oct 26	9:00 am	RIP Leanne Burchill
Fri	Oct 27	9:00 pm	RIP Maria Pereira
Sat	Oct 28	7:00 pm	RIP Jose Manuel Resendes
Sun	Oct 29	9:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners Int for Rose Binnie.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Knights-Turkey Supper Fundraiser, on **Sunday, October 29th at 5:00 PM.**

St. Mary's Craft Fair, on **Saturday, November 4th and Sunday, November 5th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**

Annual Remembrance Mass, **Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 PM.**

St. Mary's Movie Night, on **Friday, November 17th at 6:30 PM**

Next Pancake Breakfast, on **Sunday, November 26th at 10:00 AM**

Parish Potluck Christmas Celebration with Gifts for Baby Jesus on **Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 PM.**



ST. MARY'S CARLOS ACUTIS YOUTH GROUP

We will also be meeting on **Tuesday, October 31st** for the St. Vincent de Paul All Hallow's Eve Food Drive. We will gather at St. Mary's in the school parking lot (Gillett St.) at 6pm and then we will go out in groups around the neighborhood to collect non-perishable food items for St. Vincent de Paul. We will meet back at St. Mary's in the school gym for hot chocolate & treats. Please come dressed in your best costumes!

It would be awesome to see some creative Saint Costumes. Please spread the word and invite your friends!

Parents, please let Claudia know if you are able to volunteer with driving for this event.

Please contact Claudia at cloudy1@hotmail.com for more information.

OUR LADY OF APARECIDA FEAST



Thank you to everyone who joined in this special celebration in our Church in honour of Our Lady of Aparecida. Thank you to all who shared their delicious meals at the Potluck. It was a beautiful time together with our Parish community!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL 2023 WINTER FUNDRAISER

The winter Fundraiser has started. If you are interested in getting beautiful Christmas floral arrangements, please visit the website to place an order online: <https://stmarysprincegeorge.growingsmilesfundraisng.com>.

Orders and payment due on November 14th and Pick up date on November 30 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at the School. If you have any question, contact Kimberley at 250-981-6307 or stmaryspg.secretarypsg@gmail.com.



Saturday November 4th &

Sunday November 5th 2023

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

At: St Mary's Auditorium, 1088 Gillett St.

St Mary's



Craft Fair



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: Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism. This powerful documentary captures how spiritual power can triumph over violence and oppression. Get a new glimpse of history through this film as you learn about John Paul II's intricate role in the collapse of communism, to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/liberating-a-continent-john-paul-ii-and-the-fall-of-communism>



62nd ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL
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PRIZES

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TICKETS
1 for \$5
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50 for \$50

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BUY TODAY for Council 5246
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Sales Oct 1, 2023 to Dec 16, 2023, 8pm
Early Bird Draws
Oct 9 (2x\$1000), Oct 23 (2x\$1000), Nov 6 (2x\$1000)
Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000)
Main Draw Saturday December 16, 2023, 8:01pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation
WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER
Thank you for your Support!

For general inquiries call 604-216-7272 BC Gaming Event License #: 144568
Chances are 1 in 410,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play.
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Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.

ANNUAL PARISH TURKEY DINNER

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the Annual Parish Turkey Dinner on **Sunday, October 29th** at St. Mary's Hall. Doors open at 5:00 PM and dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. You can buy your tickets with your favorite Knight or at the Parish Office. Cost for tickets: Adults, \$15.00, Kids from 6-10, \$7.00. There will also be a Card Game Night following Supper for those who would like to stay and play!

"I AM WITH YOU" FALL LECTURE SERIES

The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research presents "I am with you" a two-night lecture series on supporting women and families through pregnancy and after. Registration is free and easy. Sign up today at www.deveber.org.

Night One, **October 24th, 8 PM (ET)/5 PM (PT)**: Dr. Pritchard and Dr. Zeni on journeying with women through pregnancy.

Night Two **November 7th 8 PM (ET)/5 PM (PT)**: Dr. Thomas Bouchard on supporting families through perinatal palliative care.

Please contact us at bioethics@deveber.org if you have any questions or would like assistance with registration.

RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY OF PRINCE GEORGE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

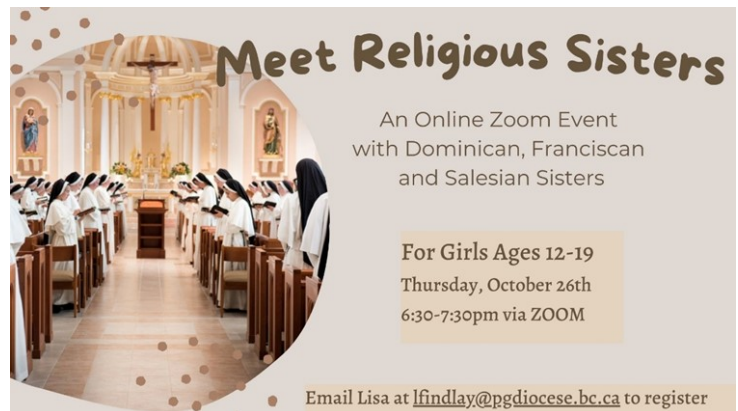
You are warmly invited to attend the AGM of the Right to Life Society of Prince George (formerly the Prince George Pro Life Society) on **Tuesday, October 24th, at 7:00 PM** at the Overcoming Faith Christian Centre (4520 Wheeler Road).

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

What does it mean to be a man of strong faith in the Church and society today? Band together with other Catholic men to deepen your spiritual, personal, and family life and take up this challenge from 1 Kings 2:2.

Venue: Diocesan Pastoral Centre (6500 Southridge Ave., PG). Arrival and check-in will begin at 6:00pm on **Friday, October 27th** and will be followed by Mass at 7:00pm. The conference will conclude midafternoon on Saturday, **October 28th**. Facilitated by Fr. Troy Nguyen, Diocese of Calgary.

Cost: \$85 per person; additional \$40 for overnight accommodation at Domano Renewal Centre (space is limited) Contact Freddy Padilla for additional information. (250) 961-0273.



Meet Religious Sisters

An Online Zoom Event
with Dominican, Franciscan
and Salesian Sisters

For Girls Ages 12-19
Thursday, October 26th
6:30-7:30pm via ZOOM

Email Lisa at lfindlay@pgdiocese.bc.ca to register

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

Fall retreats for the BC Interior, for Emotional and Spiritual Healing. Rachel's 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.

Merrit Retreat: Oct 17-19

Contact Nancy at 250-267-5081 phone or text

Rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

Kelowna Retreat: Oct 20-22

Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rachelsvineyardkelowna/>

GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT

Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is **October 24 - 28, 2023** in Kelowna. For more information please email griegtograncelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

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**

