

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



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME



ELEPHANTINE SHOCK THERAPY

The story has been told of a lion who was very proud. He decided to take a walk one day to demonstrate his mastery over all the other creatures. He strutted his way through the forest until he came across a bear. “WHO IS THE KING OF THE JUNGLE, BEAR?” “Why of course you are, mighty lion.” He went on until he found the tiger. “WHO IS THE KING OF THE JUNGLE, TIGER?” “Why you are, great lion.” Next the lion found the elephant. “WHO IS THE KING OF THE JUNGLE, ELEPHANT?” The elephant instantly grabbed the lion with his trunk and spun him around a few times and slammed him to the ground. He then stepped on him a few times, picked him up and dunked him in the water and then threw him up against a tree. The lion staggered to his feet and said, “LOOK, JUST BECAUSE YOU DON’T KNOW THE ANSWER, YOU DON’T HAVE TO GET SO UPSET!” — The lion was the one who wasn’t getting it. He was missing the truth, just as were many of the scribes and Pharisees and Jewish priests to whom Jesus gives an elephantine shock treatment in today’s Gospel.

READINGS AND LITURGY

Malachi 1.14-2.2, 8-10; Ps 131.1-3;

1 Thessalonians 2.7-9, 13; Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12.

The prophet Malachi in today’s first reading explains the consequences of showing partiality, division from one another and from God. In the second reading, Paul speaks of his affectionate love for the Thessalonian Church. In the Gospel, Jesus chastises the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees, calling for humility and service.

—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, Pam Meyer, and Joanne Rebogaliata.

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!

HUMILITY IN ACTION

One of the best stories of humility I know is that of a man who arrived in 1953 at the Chicago railroad station to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. He stepped off the train, a tall man with bushy hair and a big mustache. As the cameras flashed and city officials approached with hands outstretched to meet him, he thanked them politely. Then he asked to be excused for a minute. He walked through the crowd to the side of an elderly black woman struggling with two large suitcases. He picked them up, smiled, and escorted her to the bus, helped her get on, and wished her a safe journey. Then Albert Schweitzer turned to the crowd and apologized for keeping them waiting. — It is reported that one member of the reception committee told a reporter, “That’s the first time I ever saw a sermon walking.” — We’ve been given a great task – to live in harmony, to weep with the mournful, to laugh with the joyful, to be humble, not conceited. Especially, we are called to be righteous, but not self-righteous. We are to be selfless, God-centered, loving servants as Jesus commands (Roy T. Lloyd, Charades and Reality).



MASS

INTENTIONS

Sat	Nov 4	2:00 pm	Raymond Imbeault Funeral Mass
		7:00 pm	RIP Whillena Rita Hoarau
Sun	Nov 5	9:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners
		11:00 am	RIP Carolina and Rodolfo Pacaide
Tue	Nov 7	9:00 am	Int for a Parishioner.
Wed	Nov 8	9:00 am	Int for Margaret Makelke (Birthday)
		7:00 pm	Annual Mass of Remembrance
Thu	Nov 9	9:00 am	Int for Magdalena Bischoff
Fri	Nov 10	9:00 am	RIP Maria Buncic
Sat	Nov 11	10:30 am	Remembrance Day Mass at Simon Fraser Lodge
		7:00 pm	RIP Walter Cleave
Sun	Nov 12	9:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners
		11:00 am	RIP Ivan Udovicic

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Mass for Seniors at Simon Fraser Lodge, **Saturday, November 14th, at 10:30 AM**

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

Necrology Mass, Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 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.**



LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

We will be having a series of Liturgical Ministry Workshops in the upcoming weeks in our church. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Workshop is this **Saturday, November 4th at 10:00 am.** Our Hospitality Workshop will be on **Saturday, November 18th at 1:00 pm.** Our Lector Workshop will be on **Saturday, November 25th at 3:00 pm.** These workshops are for all our current volunteers, as well as those interested in serving in one of these Liturgical Ministries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. ARULDHAS!



Fr. Arulldhas Lucas, SAC is celebrating his birthday this Thursday, November 9th. We wish him the biggest blessings in his life for now and ever. Happy Birthday!



TURKEY DINNER

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Knights' Annual Turkey Dinner Supper Fundraiser and to the many volunteers who made it a success! It was a blessing to spend an evening together with our St. Mary's Community, enjoying each other's company over a deliciously prepared dinner.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

St. Mary's Annual Mass Remembrance will be on Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 PM. We will remember and pray for all of our departed loved ones this past year, especially our beloved who we celebrated a funeral for at St. Mary's.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

There will be a parent meeting for all parents who would like their children to prepare to receive their Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion on **Sunday, November 19th from 2:30-3:30pm** in the St. Eugene Room (Please use the Freeman St. Entrance of the Church).

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY APPEAL

Funds raised from the Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal are donated back to the dioceses throughout BC.

You can purchase tickets at their website: <https://www.kofccharity.ca/>



62nd ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL
Click here For Council 5246

WIN \$100,000 in prizes including a 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid Grand Prize

PRIZES

1 st Prize	2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid
2 nd Prize	\$30,000
3 rd Prize	\$10,000
4 th Prize	\$5,000
5 th to 14 th	\$1,000 each! --> Early Bird Draws

TICKETS
1 for \$5
10 for \$25
50 for \$50

Limited Tickets!
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.
Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111 www.bcreponsiblegambling.ca Know your limit. Play within it.
Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.

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: The INCREDIBLE Eucharistic Miracles. Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! And I brought Fr. Robert Spitzer back to tell us about the incredible science behind them. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-incredible-eucharistic-miracles-w-fr-robert-spitzer-chris-stefanick-show>

LIVING AS CATHOLICS IN CHALLENGING TIMES RECORDING AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE.

A recording of Dr. Ralph Martin's talk, "Living as Catholics in Challenging Times," is now available on the Diocesan YouTube page. You can find it here: <https://youtu.be/YV9QdmvYWME>

MONTHLY DAY OF EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023**, at the Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for a day of silent prayer and adoration. We will pray for the universal Church and the world, and for the people and needs of our Diocese. In particular we will pray for the protection of all human life, for all the sick, for vocations, for Peace in our world, and for the intentions of those participating in the day. Please mark your calendar on the second Tuesday of each month for Personal Date with Jesus days.

BELOVE GIRLS GROUP

YOUNG WOMEN AGES 11-17 ARE INVITED TO JOIN FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND FORMATION. WE WILL BE GATHERING MONTHLY TO INTENTIONALLY GROW IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AND OTHERS. THE GIRLS WILL BE SEPARATING INTO GROUPS ACCORDING TO THEIR AGE SO EACH CAN RECEIVE THE FORMATION NEEDED FOR THEIR SEASON OF LIFE.

THE FIRST EVENING WILL BE NOVEMBER 16 AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR PARISH HALL FROM 7 TO 9PM. PLEASE REGISTER WITH CAMILE VIA CAMILEHEBERT22@PROTONMAIL.COM

I am with you FALL LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Thomas Bouchard on supporting families through perinatal palliative care



Night Two
November 7, 8pm (ET)

"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 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.

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 Arulldhas 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

