

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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THE ROMAN
CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF PRINCE GEORGE

Bishop: Most Rev.
Stephen Jensen



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME



CAN YOU “SLEEP WHEN THE WIND BLOWS”?

A young man applied for a job as a farm hand. When asked for his qualifications, he said, “I can sleep when the wind blows.” This puzzled the farmer, but he liked the young man and hired him. A few days later, the farmer and his wife were awakened in the night by a violent storm. They quickly began to check things out to see if all were secure. They found that the shutters of the farmhouse had been securely fastened. A good supply of logs had been set next to the fireplace. The farm implements had been placed in the storage shed, safe from the elements. The tractor had been moved into the garage. The barn had been properly locked. Everything was fine. Even the animals were calm. It was then that the farmer grasped the meaning of the young man’s words, “I can sleep when the wind blows.” Because the farm hand had performed his work loyally and faithfully when the skies were clear, he was prepared for the storm when it broke. Consequently, when the wind blew, he had no fear. He was able to sleep in peace. — In the parable that is our Gospel lesson this morning, Jesus is talking about exactly the same thing, being able to sleep when the winds blows, in other words, being prepared.

READINGS AND LITURGY

Wisdom 6.12-16; Ps 63.1-7;

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13.

The first reading speaks of the attributes of wisdom, and the importance of the love of wisdom, as it is the perfection of prudence. In the second reading, Paul encourages people of faith to hold on to hope in the Resurrection. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable where five virgins were ready for the bridegroom and five were not. Those who were not ready missed out on the wedding feast.

—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!

TOUCHSTONE

When the great library of Alexandria burned, the story goes, one book was saved. But it was not a valuable book; and so a poor man, who could read a little, bought it for a few coppers. The book contained between its pages something very interesting. It was a thin strip of vellum on which was written the secret of the “Touchstone”! The touchstone was a small pebble that could turn any common metal into pure gold. The writing explained that it was lying among thousands and thousands of other pebbles that looked exactly like it. This real stone would feel warm, while ordinary pebbles are cold. So the man sold his few belongings, bought some simple supplies, camped on the seashore, and began testing pebbles. He picked up ordinary pebbles and when he felt one that was cold, he threw it into the sea so as not to mix with others. He spent a whole day doing this but none of them was the touchstone. Yet he went on and on this way. He would pick up a pebble, find it cold, and throw it into the sea. He did this for weeks and months. One day, however, about mid-afternoon, he picked up a pebble and it was warm. He threw it into the sea before he realized what he had done out of sheer habit. Meanwhile he realized that the metal piece attached to his waste belt was heavy and shining. It had in fact turned into gold. He had the stone in hand, and he had lost it forever.



MASS

INTENTIONS

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
Tue	Nov 14	9:00 am	RIP Maria and Josip Katalinic
Wed	Nov 15	9:00 am	RIP Aline Pighin
Thu	Nov 16	9:00 am	RIP Nancy Byrne
Fri	Nov 17	9:00 am	RIP Maria Camba
Sat	Nov 18	7:00 pm	RIP Mandica and Ante Furlan
		11:00 am	RIP Josip Furlan and his parents, and siblings.
Sun	Nov 19	9:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners

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, Joanne Rebogaliata, Manae Peters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.**

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Mary's Youth Group is meeting this Wednesday, November 15th from 6pm-8pm at St. Mary's in the School Gym. All youth in Grades 7-12 are welcome to attend! Snacks and refreshments will be provided! Please bring your friends!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

We will be having a series of Liturgical Ministry Workshops in the upcoming weeks in our church. 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.

LEAVE A LEGACY

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

ST. MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council is meeting this **Tuesday, November 14th at 7pm.**

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 MOVIE NIGHT

All are welcome to join us for our Family Movie Night on Friday, November 17th at 6:30pm in the St. Eugene Room. Please use the Freeman St. Entrance of the Church. We will be watching an Episode of the Chosen!



ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

We had a lovely ceremony last Wednesday for our Annual Mass of Remembrance. Thank you so much to all families that came to remember their loved ones, and thank you to all our volunteers, and parishioners that donated delicious goodies for the reception. It was a special time together.

ST. MARY'S CRAFT FAIR

The St. Mary's Craft Fair was a success. Thank you so much to the CWL, and all the volunteers, vendors, and the people that took a time to visit this wonderful Fair.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

St. Mary's Parish has reached the 95.20% of our goal! Thank you so much for your generosity, we are a wonderful team! Please continue to support the Appeal, whatever is contributed past 100% will go directly to St. Mary's Parish projects.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL 2023 WINTER FUNDRAISER

The winter Fundraiser deadline is approaching. 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 payments are due on **November 14th** and the 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.

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: Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-bible-collection-paul-the-apostle>

CRAFT FAIR SANDWICH SIGN MISSING

If you know of its whereabouts, please call Dorothy Reimer at 250-562-3749 or dorothyreimer@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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/>

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN

BE LOVE REVOLUTION

FOR ALL GIRLS IN GR 3-8 WHO ARE DESIRING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS, GROWING IN YOUR FAITH, BEING ROOTED IN LOVE AND EXPERIENCING TRUE FRIENDSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER!

OUR FIRST GATHERING WILL BE

November 24th, 6-8:30pm!

"EMMAUS", DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE
(6500 SOUTHRIDGE AVE, PRINCE GEORGE)

"COME AND SEE" WHAT BELOVE REVOLUTION IS! JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP, ACTIVITIES, PRAYER, SNACKS & MORE! ALL ARE WELCOME!

TO REGISTER OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT
US AT
BELOVEREVOLUTIONBC@gmail.com
OR AT 226-228-2754.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.BELOVEREVOLUTION.COM



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

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

