

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME



HE WORKED PATIENTLY AND FAITHFULLY

Never too late to make your mark Antonio Stradivari was born in Cremona, Italy. He had a very high and squeaky voice. Though he loved music and wanted to be musician, he could not take part in a choir. His friends made fun of him because the talent he had was wood carving. When Antonio was 22 he became an apprentice to a well-known violin maker Nicholas Amati. Under his master's training Antonio's knack for carving grew, and his hobby became his craft. He started his own violin shop when he was 36. He worked patiently and faithfully. By the time he died at 93, he had built over 1,500 violins. Stradivari of Cremona are the most sought after and expensive violins in the world. He was not a singer, music player or teacher of music yet he used his ability to make beautiful music. Elias Dias in 'Divine Stories for Families' It matters not how many talents we have but how well we use whatever we have, to better life!

READINGS AND LITURGY

*Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31; Ps 128.1-5;
1 Thessalonians 5.1-6; Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30.*

The reading from Proverbs says that a worthy wife is a prize valued far beyond pearls. Paul tells the Thessalonians that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night or like labor pains, but that they are children of the light. Jesus tells a parable about three servants who were given talents. The first two servants multiplied their talents and were rewarded. The third servant buried his talent and was punished.

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, Joanne Rebogaliata, Manae Peters.

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!

**IF YOU WILL TIE THE BURDENS INTO SMALL
BUNDLES, WE'LL BE GLAD TO CARRY THEM FOR
YOU.**

An old legend relates that long ago God had a great many burdens which He wished to have carried from one place to another on earth, so He asked the animals to lend a hand. But all of them began to make excuses for not helping: the elephant was too dignified; the lion, too proud; and so on. Finally the birds came to God and said, "If you will tie the burdens into small bundles, we'll be glad to carry them for you. We are small but we would like to help." So God fastened upon the back of each one a small bundle, and they all set out walking across the plain to their destination. They sang as they went, and did not seem to feel the weight of their burdens at all. Every day the burdens seemed lighter and lighter, until the loads seem to be lifting the birds, instead of the birds carrying the burdens. When they arrived at their destination, they discovered that when they removed their loads, there were wings in their place, wings which enabled them to fly to the sky and the tree tops. They had learned how to carry their burdens, and their loads had become wings to carry them nearer to God. Burdens we carry for others may become wings of the spirit, to lift us into happiness such as we have never known.



MASS

INTENTIONS

Sat	Nov 18	7:00 pm	RIP Mandica and Ante Furlan
Sun	Nov 19	9:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners
		11:00 am	RIP Josip Furlan and his parents, and siblings.
Tue	Nov 21	9:00 am	RIP Philippe Vezina
Wed	Nov 22	9:00 am	Int for a Parishioner
		7:00 pm	Necrology Mass
Thu	Nov 23	9:00 am	Int. Deidre Creegan (Bday)
Fri	Nov 24	9:00 am	RIP Joaquim Ramos Pereira
Sat	Nov 25	7:00 pm	RIP Ivan and Maria Grbac
Sun	Nov 26	9:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners
		11:00 am	RIP John and Serafina Furtado Christ the King Eucharistic Procession.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The parent meeting for all parents who would like their children to prepare to receive their Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion is this **Sunday, November 19th from 2:30-3:30pm** in the Grade 2 School Classroom. Please use Gillett St. Entrance.

St. Mary's
PARISH



"The souls of the just are in the hands of God"
Wisdom 3:1-9

Necrology Mass

Organized by Prince George Councils:



The Knights of Columbus,



The Catholic Women's
League of Canada

and



St. Vincent de Paul

Place: St. Mary's Church

Date: Wednesday, November 22nd

Time: 7:00 PM

May The Road

May the roads rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Irish Blessing

CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

In honour of the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, November 26th, we will be having a Eucharistic Procession around the outside of the Church and School after the 11am Mass. All are invited to join in this special celebration on the last Sunday of our Church's Liturgical Year.



St. Mary's Christmas
POTLUCK

&

Gifts for Baby Jesus

Sunday, December 3th at 5:00 PM

at the School GYM

**A special visitor will have a treat
for all children.**

If your last name starts with A to L please bring a main dish, and if your last name starts with M to Z please bring a salad, appetizer or a dessert. If you are gluten free please bring a gluten free dish. Please bring an unwrapped gift for baby Jesus. The gifts will be for Saint Vincent de Paul Gift Hampers.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

I am very pleased to report that we are almost at 70% of the diocesan goal in pledges with almost 65% already received. Our Healing and Reconciliation Appeal has reached almost \$23,000 all of which has been received. Thank you to all who have participated, either financially or by your prayers.

I am very pleased to report that Annunciation Parish has reached its total combined goal -- both the parish's diocesan goal and its parish project goal. Congratulations!

Several parishes have begun working toward their parish project goal with St. Mary's (PG), St. Joseph's (Vanderhoof), and St. Patrick's (McBride) working towards 100% of their combined parish goals. St. Joseph's (Smithers) is catching up quickly, as well. Many parishes have made solid gains since our last report.

I ask that you please continue to pray for the needs of our parishes, missions, schools and ministries throughout the entire diocese. There are many genuine needs and many people rely on the success of our appeals. If you are able to consider making a donation or an additional donation, we would greatly appreciate it.

-James Fowlie, Business Manager

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: Our Mother Mary. The What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/our-mother-mary>

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/>

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE IN PRINCE GEORGE

More people in Prince George will have access to long-term care as Providence Living and Northern Health prepare to build a new care home with 200 beds.

Providence Living was created to address long-term care needs by Providence Health Care, a Catholic health care organization formed from combining several hospitals in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island that were originally founded by religious congregations of sisters.

Providence Living has signed an agreement with the Northern Health Authority to build a long-term care home that will add 200 beds in Prince George. The Diocese of Prince George has agreed to provide land at 6500 Southridge Avenue to Providence at nearly no cost. The details of the agreement--including the space to be used for Providence's project--are currently being finalized.

This is the first new long-term care facility to be built in Prince George in 15 years. Construction is expected to start in fall 2024.

"Providence will work in close collaboration with Northern Health to bring to life a vision for long-term care that will utilize a world-class living environment alongside a unique style of care that is infused with compassion and tailored to the unique story of each resident," said Mark Blandford, president and CEO, Providence. "Our new home will offer private rooms within a community setting where residents can enjoy everyday activities and interactions that respect their individuality and ensure each day is a day well lived."

The new care home will include single-bed rooms with private washrooms and designed in a residential household concept with groups of 12 rooms with shared living and dining rooms for social interaction and recreation. There will also be indoor and outdoor spaces for social and leisure for residents and family, as well as amenities for cooking meals on site.

"This agreement marks a significant and exciting step in our work to bring much needed long-term care capacity to the North," said Ciro Panessa, president and CEO of Northern Health. "I am grateful to Providence Living for their part in this partnership, and to our healthcare and support workers across the North for the compassionate care they provide to seniors in our communities."

Long-term care homes provide care for people with complex care needs who can no longer live safely and independently at home, and who require 24-hour nursing care through a range of services delivered by well-trained staff.

On behalf of everyone in the diocese, Bishop Stephen Jensen thanks Providence Living for its work continuing the apostolate of Catholic healthcare in our community.

Learn More: For information about Providence Living, visit: <https://providenceliving.ca/>

2023 DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE SESSION RECORDINGS NOW AVAILABLE

The two sessions presented by Fr. Troy Nguyen at the 2023 Diocesan Men's Conference are now available on the diocesan YouTube channel:

Session One: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RWVueoX8fM>

Session Two: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDlb6nJgM9Q>

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

