

**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.

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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 LENT MARCH 3TH, 2024



### RIGHTEOUS ANGER, GOOD ANGER, HEALTHY ANGER.

Abraham Lincoln was angry about slavery. Martin Luther King Jr. was angry about racial discrimination, Mahatma Gandhi was angry about the racial discrimination against the “untouchables” by the “high castes” in India, Nelson Mandela was angry about apartheid in South Africa ... all that was righteous anger. When we see a bully beating up a young kid, when we see a thief stealing an old woman's purse, when we see a group of girls being catty and mean to another girl at recess, when a husband beats up his wife — the list goes on and on. The Lord God has wired us in such a way that most healthy human beings are angry inside when we see evil, and injustice being done to someone. “Anyone can be angry. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, with the right purpose ... that is not easy.” (Aristotle). — Today's Gospel pictures the righteous, healthy anger of Jesus, seeing the desecration of a holy place. (Pastor Edward F. Markquart; online).

### READINGS AND LITURGY

*Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:7-10;*

*1 Corinthians 1.18, 22—25; Gospel: John 2.13-25.*

In the first reading, God delivers his commandments. Paul explain to the Corinthians that the challenge the Gospel poses to Jews and Gentiles is also the power and wisdom of God to those who receive it. In the Gospel, Jesus drives the money changers out of the temple. When questioned about this, Jesus says he would rebuild the temple in three days if it was destroyed. Later, his disciples understood this to be a prediction of his resurrection.

*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!

### YOU KNOW NOTHING OF SUCH THINGS!

There once was a wise sage who wandered the countryside. One day, as he passed near a village, he was approached by a woman who told him of a sick child nearby. She pleaded him to help this child. So, the sage came to the village, and a crowd gathered around him, for such a man was a rare sight. One woman brought the sick child to him, and he said a prayer over her. “Do you really think your prayer will help her, when medicine has failed?” yelled a man from the crowd. “You know nothing of such things! You are a stupid fool!” said the sage to the man. The man became very angry with these words and his face grew hot and red. He was about to say something, or perhaps strike out, when the sage walked over to him and said: “If one word has such power as to make you so angry and hot, may not another have the power to heal?” The sage healed two people that day.





# MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Mar 2	7:00 pm	Int for Elsie Kurpita
Sun	Mar 3	9:00 am 11:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners RIP Jerry Kurpita.
Tue	Mar 5	9:00 am	Int for Milan Mesic
Wed	Mar 6	9:00 am	Int for a Parishioner
Thu	Mar 7	9:00 am	Int for Keith Johnston
Fri	Mar 8	7:00 pm	Int for Myotovic & Karaliolios families.
Sat	Mar 9	10:30 7:00 pm	Mass at Simon Fraser Seniors Home. RIP Maria Pereira
Sun	Mar 10	9:00 am 11:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners RIP Maria Isabel and Joaquim Luis D'Santos

## 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, Joanne Rebogaliata, Manae Peters, Ruth, Wark family, Jose Ferreira, Peter Dasilva, Stella Wiktor, and Keith Johnston.

## ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Mary's Carlo Acutis Youth Group is meeting this Wednesday, March 6th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM AT St. Mary's in the School Gym. All youth in grades 6—12 are welcome to attend.



## STATIONS of the CROSS

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We are praying the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm followed by the celebration of Mass at 7pm during all Fridays of the Lenten Season. The Stations of the Cross is a traditional 14-step Catholic prayer meditating on the last hours of Jesus' life, His passion, crucifixion, death and burial. It invites worshippers of all ages into deeper reflection on the great sacrifice of love undertaken by the Son of God. Consider making the Stations of the Cross and the Celebration of a weekday Mass on a Friday evening a part of your weekly practice for Lent.

## PALLOTTINE MISSION APPEAL

### Ways to donate:

- Use the Pallottine Mission offering envelopes.
- If you donate by cheque, write to St. Mary's Church, mentioning Pallottine Mission Appeal.
- Donate online by mentioning Pallottine Mission appeal.
- Use the blank Pallottine mission envelopes available at the back of church.

## ST. MARY'S POTLUCK

Thank you to all our parishioners that celebrated this special event, and especially to our Knights of Columbus for keeping the plates warm and our hearts happy with all of their hard work!



## MUSIC MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Thank you to all the participants. We had a wonderful time together learning, reflecting, and sharing ideas about our roles in Liturgical Music Ministry.



## LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Date	Church	Time
Tue, March 12th	Christ Our Saviour	Following the 5:30 PM Mass
Wed, March 13th	St. Mary's	7:00—8:00 PM
Thu, March 21st.	Immaculate Conception	7:00—8:00 PM
March 25th, 26th and 27th.	Sacred Heart Cathedral	6:00 PM—7:00 PM Following a Lenten Reflection

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE—LENTEN CAMPAIGN

The Right to Life Society of Prince George invites you to participate in the upcoming 40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign. This year's campaign will begin on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, and will end on Sunday, **March 24**. Each day, we will gather along the footpath at the intersection of Ferry Avenue and Hwy 16 W from 1:00-2:00 PM. Since 2007, 40 Days for Life has played a pivotal role in saving the lives of 24,239 unborn children and in the closing of 148 abortion clinics. Your prayerful presence will be a visible witness to the sanctity of the lives of the unborn and help to save many more lives. Please come and join us whenever possible.

### HOPE ON THE HORIZON

The [Hope on the Horizon Summer Outreach program](#) is an incredible opportunity for young Catholics aged 19 to 30 to answer the call of Christ and serve the homeless with compassion. Coordinated by the Archdiocese of Vancouver in collaboration with Catholic Street Missionaries, this transformative multi-week program will unfold from August 6 to August 21, 2024. Some of the benefits will include:

**Authentic Christian living** - During this time, participants will live an intensive communal life, praying, learning, serving the poor and enjoying recreational activities together.

**Holistic formation** - The program offers a holistic formation, nurturing their human, apostolic, spiritual, and intellectual development.

**Inner healing** - As young missionaries step out of their comfort zone to love those who are "hard-to-love", they are subconsciously embracing their own poverty (i.e. wounds, weaknesses, 'defects'); thus receiving inner healing.

**Hearts set on fire** - Like the two disciples walking alongside Jesus on the road to Emmaus, participants will return with hearts aflame to serve their local churches.

For more information, check out their website: <https://www.catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon>

### CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE

We ask for your prayers and help to find Catholic, certified teachers for our 8 Catholic Schools. All 8 schools have vacancies including the Principalship at Sacred Heart School in Prince George. CISPG hires non-Catholics with the expectation they understand and are respectful to Catholic values and lifestyle.

Teaching vacancies and the application forms can be found at <http://cispg.ca/careers/>. Please share this with anyone you may know that could be teaching in our vibrant Catholic Schools!

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER

St. Mary's and Hunniford Gardens have once again joined to bring you our annual Spring Flower Fundraiser. There is a beautiful selection of hanging baskets and planters available to order.

Looking to celebrate that special Mother figure in your life? Order will be delivered the week before Mother's Day on May 8th! \*Please note the deadline to order is March 11th.\* Share this with your family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support!

### INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHOIR FOR THE CHRISM MASS

All are welcome to join the City-wide Parish Choir for the Chrism Mass (**Wednesday March 20 at 7 pm**). Choir practices will take place on Sunday March 3 from 7 - 8 pm, Monday March 11 from 7 - 8 pm, and Sunday March 17 from 7 - 9 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the choir loft. For more information, please contact Kathy at 250 563 5170.



### 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: Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee.** Christ's teaching about the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. <https://watch.formed.org/bread-of-life-the-eucharist-in-galilee>

### 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 **May 14 - 18, 2024 in Kelowna**. For more information please email [griegtograncelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograncelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

### INVITATION TO YOUTH CAMP

Date: **April 5-7, 2024**

Location: Domano Retreat Centre

Fee: \$65 for initial child and \$20 for any subsequent child from the nuclear family

For more information, please contact:

Mark and Ann-Marie Macapinlac

Cell: 778-998-3714

Email: [markmacapinlac@protonmail.com](mailto:markmacapinlac@protonmail.com)

This event is in partnership with CFC-Youth for Christ.

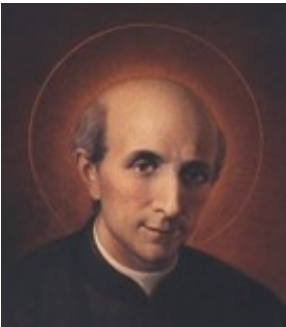


## Pallottine Mission Appeal 2024

*“Every Catholic, whether priest, religious or lay faithful, should rejoice because all of their talents, knowledge, studies, power, nobility, profession, art, earthly goods, service, prayers used for the propagation of faith and rekindling of charity in the world can acquire the merit of the apostolate.”- St. Vincent Pallotti*

We, the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, are a community embedded in a large international network called the Union of the Catholic Apostolate (UAC – from the Latin “Unio Apostolatus Catholici”). Our members are called Pallottines, taken from the name of our founder, Vincent Pallotti. Our roles are as diverse as the talents of our confreres. Everyone brings his abilities to bear, which are complemented and completed in the others. We gladly work together with all people. All Christian concerns are significant to us. We try to respond to the concerns and needs of our contemporaries through the inspiration of the Christian faith.

The mission of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (SAC) is in line with the mission of Jesus Christ and of the Church - “to revive faith and re-enkindle charity of the entire People of God and to spread the faith and charity in the world, so that soon there may be but one flock and one shepherd” (John 10,16).



When Pallotti died on January 22, 1850, the Society was in its infancy stage. By the year 1869 there were only ten priests and four Brothers. Today, by the grace of God, the society has nearly 39 entities with the total membership around 2400. It first began in Italy 1835 by Pallotti along with some diocesan priests who willingly came forward to work with our founder.

The Pallottines are pioneers in the field of the lay apostolate and in re-awakening among the people of God a sense of their Christian vocation.

The Pallottines by virtue of their charism engage themselves in all apostolic works, but in a special way in those areas where most others would be reluctant to tread. The Pallottine Province in Tamil Nadu, India, is called “Our Lady of Good Health” (OLGH) and this name has a history of Catholicism behind it, as it has its roots in the apparitions of Mother Mary in Velankanni in the 16th century. Our Province is blessed with 96 Priests, and 49 students in various levels of formation. In Tamil Nadu, we are involved mainly in the pastoral care of the people in the parishes, in education ministry for the poor children, in social empowerment of women, and in healing ministry. We are also working in Indian and foreign missions.

Father Aruldas Lucas, the Pastor of St. Mary’s Parish, belongs to the OLGH Province. The Diocese of Prince George supports the society by allowing a mission collection once a year in the parishes where the Pallottines are working. And it is with this financial support that we run the institutions, seminaries, mission parishes, and apostolic works.



Dear brothers and sisters, I request you to support financially the mission of the church which our Founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, has shown and lived. I wholeheartedly thank you for your support that you have given last year. And for this year, I appeal to you to be generous and contribute financially for the missionary work of the Pallottines. Kindly Remember it is the second collection which will be taken and sent for the Pallottine Missionary works. I will be looking forward to your generous hearts, during the Masses for the Pallottine Mission Appeal on the 24th- 25th of February, 2024. God bless you all.

Father Aruldas Lucas SAC