



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 Arulldhas 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 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST
HOLY TRINITY
MAY 26TH, 2024**



**YOU DON'T NEED TO UNDERSTAND GOD FOR
HIM TO TAKE OVER YOUR LIFE**

Thomas Edison, the inventor, once remarked: "We don't know what water is. We don't know what light is. We don't know what electricity is. We don't know what heat is. We have a lot of hypotheses about these things, but that is all. But we don't let our ignorance about these things deprive us of their use." The truth of that statement is real. Most of us do not know how an electric light works, how a telephone or a TV works, but this does not prevent us from using them. Let us try to apply the same common sense to our Faith in the doctrine of the Trinity. (John Pichappilly in *The Table of the Word*; quoted by Fr. Botelho).

READINGS AND LITURGY

*Deuteronomy 4.32-34, 39-40; Psalm 33.4-9, 18-22;
Romans 8.14-17; Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20.*

Moses tells the people that the actions of God on their behalf show he is Lord of heaven and earth. Paul tells the Romans that they have received a Spirit of adoption to be children of God and joint heirs with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the eleven disciples to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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!

THE UNIVERSAL TESTIMONY

A good illustration of the Trinity comes from world-renowned scientist Dr. Henry Morris. He notes that the entire universe is Trinitarian by design. The universe consists of three things: matter, space, and time. Take away any one of those three and the universe would cease to exist. But each one of those is itself a trinity. Matter = mass + energy + motion. Space = length + height + breadth. Time = past + present + future. Thus, the whole universe witnesses to the character of the God who made it (cf. Psalm 19:1).



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	May 25	7:00 pm	RIP Sylvia Bruggemann
Sun	May 26	9:00 am 11:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners RIP John and Serafina Furtado
Tue	May 28	9:00 am	Int for a Parishioner
Wed	May 29	9:00 am	Int for Ivan and Ljuba Udovicic Wedding Anniversary
Thu	May 30	9:00 am	RIP Joaquim Ramos Pereira
Fri	May 31	9:00 am	RIP Joshua Vaughan-Farrell
Sat	June 1	7:00 pm	Int for D'Silva Family
Sun	June 2	9:00 am 11:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners RIP Joyce and Gordon Stewart

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, Manae Peters, Ruth, Wark family, Jose Ferreira, Peter Dasilva, Ruth Henwood, Rob Hagymasy, Les Martin, and Rose Binnie.



1ST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

The St. Mary's 1st Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday, June 2nd on the Feast of Corpus Christi at 11:00 AM followed by a Reception at the Gym. Please keep all our Candidates and their families in your prayers.

LEAVE A LEGACY

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

CONFIRMATION 2024

The Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Stephen Jensen last Sunday on the Feast of Pentecost and was a beautiful Mass with all our candidates.



Photo Credit: Christine Sia



Photo Credit: Kevin Lawrence

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Mary's Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Group is meeting this Wednesday, May 29th from 6pm-8pm! At the St. Mary's School Gym. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend!



Photo Credit: Ron Polillo

ST. MARY'S SOUP BUS DINNER SERVICE AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

Members of St. Mary's Knights of Columbus and CWL volunteered last Wednesday, May 22nd at St. Vincent de Paul for the soup and sandwich service. We are always looking for more volunteers! Please contact Edel at edel.toner-rogala@therogalagroup.ca if you would like to help out at the next St. Mary's Soup Bus!

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: 1 and 2 Kings | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project
Watch our overview video on the books of 1-2 Kings, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Kings, David's son Solomon leads Israel to greatness, only to fail and lead Israel to a civil war and ultimately towards destruction and exile. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/1-2-kings-old-testament-book-overviews-the-bible-project>

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Advokate Life and Education Services' annual Baby Bottle Campaign takes place from May 12th (Mother's Day) to June 16th (Father's Day).

The mission of Advokate is "to bring hope in action to vulnerable women and low-income families facing unplanned pregnancy while promoting the inherent worth and dignity of every human being."

Don't forget to pick up your bottle to help Hope for Women change hearts and save lives.

WALK FOR LIFE

The annual "Walk for Life" fundraiser hosted by Advokate Life and Education Services will take place on **June 1, 2024** this year.

To sign up for Walk for Life, visit <https://walkforlife.ca/> and Click "Fundraise"

Click "Register Now" and complete the online registration form, ending with "Submit", at the bottom of the page. This will take you to...

Create your fundraising page. Click "Prince George – Create My Fundraising Page."

Click "Create a fundraiser." This is where you decide on your fundraising goal.

Invite your friends and family to sponsor your walk/run!

Your fundraising page link can be copied and shared on social media, email, or text for anyone to sponsor you. Hardcopy pledge forms are available at Hope for Women for in person donations such as cash and cheque.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Sacred Heart School invites you to join their celebrations for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on **June 7th, 2024**. The festivities will begin with Mass at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart Cathedral, followed by music and fine arts presentations at Sacred Heart School by the students throughout the day.

HOLY FAMILY CAMP 2024 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

If you wish to join us again (or for the first time), you can mark your calendars for this year's diocesan Holy Family Camp, which will take place at Camp Morice from **Friday June 28th to Tuesday July 2, 2024**. We will begin Friday in the late afternoon/early evening, and end at midday on Tuesday.

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/LDsCuNmmZj>

Questions can be directed to Fr. Ken at kanderson@pgdiocese.ca

or to Therese Steiner at ray.therese1999@gmail.com

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, please check our website at <https://www.catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon>

CISPG STILL RECRUITING FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) continues recruiting for the 2024-2025 school year.

We ask for your prayers and help to find Catholic certified teachers for our Catholic Schools. 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!

CISPG SEEKING SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AND TEACHER ON CALL APPLICANTS

CISPG Catholic schools are seeking applicants to apply at the local school level to be a substitute teacher/teacher on call, early childhood educators, childcare facilitators or an education assistant.

Consider employment with CISPG, enjoy time with our wonderful students and staff. Apply today <http://cispg.ca/careers/support-staff-application-form/>

Applicants need to be 19+, available weekdays September through June each year and be ready to work with a number of students in an engaging and exciting school environment. Experience working with children (parenting, coaching, volunteering, etc.) is considered an asset.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Advokate Life and Education Services

Hope for Women, Langley Assistant Site Manager: The Hope for Women site in Langley, BC is looking for a full-time assistant site manager. Please see the poster on the Announcements boards for more details.

FacetoFace Ministries

Retreat Leader: FacetoFace Ministries is hiring a Retreat Leader to help plan and facilitate FacetoFace events, including: school retreats, Depths retreats and summer programming. Visit their website for more information: <https://facetofaceministries.ca/employment/>

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 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

