



Mass Times: Saturday: 7:00pm, Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am— Tuesday to Friday at 9:00am

Reconciliation: First Fridays 6:30pm, Saturdays 6:15pm, Sundays 8:15 am or by Appointment.

Pastor: Father Aruldhass Lucas, SAC.

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We acknowledge that St. Mary's Parish rests on the unceded traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh

**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 20TH, 2024**



I DISCOVERED THAT SERVICE IS JOY

It may sound unbelievable, but it is true that Asia's first Nobel Prize winner in Literature (1913), Rabindranath Tagore, was behind the three great national anthems of three nations, viz. Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka. He was also the first non-Westerner to win the Nobel Prize in literature. He did so in 1913. He wrote this short poem:

I slept and dreamt that life was Joy;
Then I awoke and realized
that life was Service.
And then I went to work – and, lo
and behold, I discovered that
Service is Joy.

Today's Gospel teaches us that true happiness comes from surrendering ourselves completely in humble service to God through Christ. And all we need is a servant's heart, mind, eyes, and touch. So, "How's your service?"

READINGS AND LITURGY

*Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-22;
Hebrews 4:14-16; Gospel: Mark 10:35-45.*

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah prophesies about the servant who justifies many through his suffering. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author writes that we have a great high priest who sympathizes with our weaknesses. In the Gospel, Jesus says that the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.

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!

POWER IS DANGEROUS

Have you noticed how in their campaign for office most politicians use the word "service"? Very much they say they want to be the servants of the people and to be elected so that they can serve. But when they are elected, whom do they serve? Most, usually, serve themselves first, and then make the people serve them! –That should never be the way of the Church. People in Church office or as ordinary faithful should have the ambition to serve one another and, so, to serve God. That was Jesus' way. We ask Him today to make it our way. (Bible Claret).

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, Ruth Henwood, Rob Hagymasy, Les Martin, and Nicholas Gallagher.



MASS

INTENTIONS

Sat	Oct 19	7:00 pm	RIP Maria Pereira
Sun	Oct 20	9:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners
		11:00 am	RIP Birgitta Sale
Tue	Oct 22	9:00 am	RIP Keith Johnson
Wed	Oct 23	9:00 am	RIP Less Martin
Thu	Oct 24	9:00 am	RIP Dave Horwood
		1:00 pm	Rosaire Duperron's Funeral
Fri	Oct 25	9:00 pm	RIP Paul Hackett
Sat	Oct 26	7:00 pm	Int for all our Parishioners
Sun	Oct 27	9:00 am	RIP Josip Furland and Parents, Brothers and Sisters
		11:00 am	RIP John and Serafina Furtado

LEAVE A LEGACY

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

UPCOMING FUNERAL MASSES

Rosaire Duperron: Thursday, October 24th at 1:00 PM

Peter DaSilva: Friday, November 1st at 3:30 PM.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ALPHA YOUTH SERIES

Thank you so much to Colleen for providing us with a delicious beef chili dinner and Luella for her sweet selection of cookies at our last Alpha Youth! Our topic was Prayer: Why and How Do I Pray? Please join us for our next Alpha Youth this Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:30-8:30pm in the St. Mary's School Gym! The St. Mary's School Staff will be preparing dinner for us and our topic is the Bible: Why and How do I Read the Bible? Please continue to keep all of our youth participants and volunteers in your prayers!

MARIAN CONSECRATION

The Participants of the 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat made their Marian Consecration at the 7pm Mass last Saturday evening. Marian Consecration is a powerful and enriching tradition that draws us closer to Jesus through Mary. By entrusting ourselves to her maternal care, we open our hearts to the graces God wishes to bestow upon us.

"As Catholics, we recognize that when, from the Cross, Jesus gave Mary to the disciple John, and John, in turn, to Mary, Jesus made her our spiritual mother. As such, Mary's equipped in a special way, over and above all the other saints in heaven, to lead us to holiness. "Mary's task is to give spiritual birth to Christians, to feed and nurture them with grace, and to help them grow to full stature in Christ." Fr. Michael Gaitley writes, in his popular guide to Marian consecration, "33 Days to Morning Glory." "In short, Mary's job is to help us grow in holiness. It's her mission to form us into saints"-Marian Consecration: The What, Why and How - bustedhalo.com. If you would like more information about Marian Consecration, please contact Claudia at the Parish Office at 250-564-4097.



Mark Twain used to tell a joke that he put a dog and a cat in a cage together as an experiment, to see if they could get along.

They did. So, he put in a bird, pig and goat. They, too, got along fine after a few adjustments. Then he put in a Baptist, a Presbyterian, and a Catholic, and hell broke loose.

ST. MARY'S ART AND ENVIRONMENT

Did you see the beautiful display for Our Lady of Aparecida on October 12th, her feast day and for Thanksgiving last weekend? Thank you Mylana and Pat for sharing your gift of art with us!



*Our Lady
Of
Aparecida
Feast Day*

Thanksgiving



COFFEE SUNDAY

The CWL is hosting a coffee social for the entire parish this Sunday, October 20th, at 10am in the St. Eugene Room.



We will have coffee, tea, and snacks ready! Please come enjoy a treat and the company of your fellow parishioners!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus are hosting our next Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, October 27th at 10:00AM. The price for kids (6-13): \$5.00 and ages 13 and more: \$10.00.



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: Pope John Paul II and the New Evangelization | The Augustine Institute Show Dr. Sean Innerst, Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, joins Dr. Tim Gray on the Augustine Institute Show. Dr. Innerst and Dr. Gray will discuss Saint John Paul II's papacy and the New Evangelization in the Church. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-augustine-institute-show-with-dr-tim-gray-10-19-21-dr-sean-innerst>

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

For emotional and spiritual healing, Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive, non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Confidentiality assured.

Merrit Retreat: (Tues-Thurs) **October 22-24, 2024.** Contact Nancy at 250-267-5081, call or text. Email: rvkamloops@yahoo.ca.

Prince George retreats: STARTING IN 2025. For more information, contact Fr. Michael at Christ Our Saviour (mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca) or Adele at St. Mary's (rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me)

CAMP MORICE SOCIETY AGM

You are invited to join us for the AGM on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7 PM via the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86951732429>

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FOR MEN

Following the Ignatian Spiritual Exercise, this retreat for men will provide an opportunity to discover the path God has for you moving forward in your spiritual life.

Registration is \$220 including all meals and is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are limited accommodations reserved for out-of-town retreatants, with an additional cost of \$100 for the 2 nights. The registration desk opens at 5 pm on Friday, November 1, 2024 and the retreat ends on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 1:30 PM.

To register, please email or text below the number or address below and include the following information: Name, address, mobile number, emergency contact number, and need for accommodations along with any food allergies/requirements. Registration: Norm Hebert at norman.hebert@protonmail.com or 778-890-0540.

WOMEN'S EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

Sponsored by Christ Our Saviour Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, these activities are open to all ladies 16 and over:

Women's Wednesday

A variety of topics, prayers, and fun activities are open every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm:

Oct 23—ADHD Neurodivergence

Oct 30—Faith

Still Knitting Us Together

There are some very talented ladies ready to share their craft with you every Monday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the church hall. Knitting needles, crochet hooks, patterns, and yarn provided.

Socks, mittens, slippers, baby blankets, toys all knitted items go to those in need: Hospice, Hope for Women, the Homeless. This is a drop in event—you are not obligated to show up every week—just come when you are in the mood to knit or just to socialize.

PASTORAL LETTER ON THE EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS IN THE FAMILY

The Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis of the English Sector of Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) released *Called to Witness and Proclaim: A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization and Catechesis in the Family*. This resource is the result of a priority that was assigned to the Commission by the Bishops of the English Sector at their annual meeting in September 2023.

Framed around the story of Jesus healing the daughter of Jairus, as related in the Gospel of Mark (5:21-43), the pastoral letter is divided into three sections: catechesis *in* the family, catechesis *with* the family, and catechesis *of* the family.

Key to the message of the pastoral letter is the analogy it draws between Jesus' compassion for Jairus' family and the concern and desire of the Church to provide pastoral support and accompaniment to families in the situations in which they find themselves, as well as to partner with families to proclaim the Good News.

The pastoral letter highlights some of the ways Jesus continues to walk with families today in the context of the parish community.

As the reflection continues, the pastoral letter considers how Jesus' encounter with families, like his encounter with Jairus' family, is transformative, effectively turning the family into a living witness of the power of Christ. This dimension of witnessing recalls Pope Francis' call to become missionary disciples and invites families in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life to become schools of love, bearing witness to the Gospel.

"Families are essential for our church's mission," says the Most Rev. Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth, and Chair of the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis. "They show testimony to the Gospel in everyday life through love, sacrifice, and mutual care."

The pastoral letter is available on the CCCB website at the following link: <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Called-to-Witness-EN-2024-09-09-FINAL.pdf>

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 Aruldas Lucas, SAC. 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 to Dick Mynen at 250-565-4764.

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

