



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.

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

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 27TH, 2024



AND THEN THAT STUPID LETTER ARRIVED

Two psychiatrists were talking, and one asked the other, "What was your most difficult case?" His colleague answered, "Once I had a patient who lived in a pure fantasy world. He believed that a wildly rich uncle in South America was going to leave him a fortune. All day long he waited for a make-believe letter to arrive from a fictitious attorney. He never went out or did anything. He just sat around and waited." "What was the result?" asked the first psychiatrist. "Well, it was an eight-year struggle, but I finally cured him. And then that stupid letter arrived..." — Some people are afraid to Open Their Eyes. And some just keep their eyes closed no matter what. Sometimes we don't Open Our Eyes because we're afraid we'll be disappointed in what we see. Bartimaeus in today's Gospel was able to see his Healer by the power of his Faith.

READINGS AND LITURGY

Jeremiah 31.7-9; Psalm 126.1-6;

Hebrews 5.1—6; Gospel: Mark 10.46-52.

Jeremiah prophesies that the Lord will bring back his people from the land to which they were exiled. The author of Hebrews explains that just as the high priest can act as such only if he has been called by God to do so, so also Christ acts as our high priest because God has appointed him to do so. In the Gospel, Jesus restores the sight of Bartimaeus.

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!

GREEK'S CRITERION OF WINNING THE RACE

Among the ancient Greek people the runner that won the race was not the man who crossed the line in the shortest time, but the man who crossed it in the least time with his torch still burning. — We are so busy with life's activities that we are in danger of allowing the torch of our spiritual life to become extinguished. It was when Moses paused in his going that he heard the voice of God. Today's Gospel presents a blind man who not only received the light but also kept the light burning brightly for the rest of his life by following Jesus. The minute Jesus restored sight to his eyes and to his spirit, Bartimaeus immediately began to follow Jesus as a sighted, witnessing disciple. Opening the eyes of the blind was prophesied as one of the works of the Messiah: "The eyes of the blind will see" (Is 29:18; see also 32:3). In fact, in the very next scene Jesus is being proclaimed by the crowds as Messiah. (Fr. Jolly)



MASS

INTENTIONS

Sat	Oct 26	7:00 pm	Int for all our Parishioners
Sun	Oct 27	9:00 am	RIP Josip Furlan and Parents, Brothers and Sisters
		11:00 am	RIP John and Serafina Furtado
Tue	Oct 29	9:00 am	RIP Rose Binnie
Wed	Oct 30	9:00 am	RIP Marg Hackett
Thu	Oct 31	9:00 am	RIP Branko Brbot
Fri	Nov 1	3:30 pm	Peter DaSilva Funeral Mass
		7:00 pm	RIP Ivan Udovicic
Sat	Nov 2	9:00 am	All Souls' Day Mass
		7:00 pm	RIP Marcos and Olympia Marinas
Sun	Nov 3	9:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners
		11:00 am	RIP Dujo Cirko

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

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.

UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS

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

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION— CONFIRMATION

The parent meeting for all parents who would like their children to prepare to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday, November 19th from 6-7pm in the Grade 6 School Classroom. Please use the Gillett St. Entrance.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION—1ST RECONCILIATION & 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a parent meeting for all parents with children who would like to prepare to receive their Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion on Wednesday, December 4th from 6pm-7pm. We will be meeting in the Grade 5 School Classroom. *Please use the Gillett St. Entrance. Please note: if your child has not yet been Baptized, but has expressed interest in participating in these Sacraments, please contact Claudia at the parish office at 250-564-4097.*

A motorist with poor eyesight was driving through a dense fog and was trying desperately to stay within range of the



he replied, "I'm in my own garage!"

Tail lights of the car ahead of him. As he squinted and worried his way along, trying to stay on course with those tail lights, the car in front suddenly stopped, and his car hit the car in the front. The driver of the rear car got out and demanded to know why the other driver came to such an abrupt stop. "I had to,"

First Friday Devotion

"My Joy, my Pleasure, my Delight is to be with you." (Prov. 8-31)

6:30 PM Holy Rosary and Confession

7:00 PM Holy Mass

7:30 Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Half Hour)

Let Jesus bring you the happiness you seek!

Eucharistic Adoration is a chance to be with God and pray in the physical presence of Christ in the Eucharist glorified in a beautiful vessel called a Monstrance. This is a powerful form of prayer that highlights the beauty of God.

Council 5246 Presents:

PARISH FALL TURKEY DINNER

Sunday, November 10.

Doors open 5:00pm. Dinner served 5:30pm in St. Mary's Hall

TICKETS	
Adults	15.00
Kids (6 - 10)	7.00
Kids (5 & under)	Free

Proceeds going to support St Mary's Projects

HELP US TO HELP!
 BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM AND IT WILL BE DONATED TO THE FOOD BANK.

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS & THE BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

We will celebrate our All Soul's Day Mass next Saturday, **November 2nd** at 9:00 am followed by the Blessing of the Graves at the City Cemetery at 10:30 am. All are welcome to join.

ST. MARY'S CRAFT FAIR

The Annual Craft Fair hosted by the CWL is next weekend **November 2nd and 3th** from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the School Gym. Come join us, browse through more than 40 crafters, and enjoy a wide selection of products and treat yourself to lunch. The lunch menu will include soups, pies, sandwiches, hamburgers, and hot dogs.

CALLED TOGETHER DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

I am pleased to report that we are almost at 50% of our diocesan goal. In addition, St. Patrick's has already surpassed its portion of the diocesan goal at 101%.

A number of other parishes are quickly catching up, with **St. Mary's PG at more than 92% of its diocesan goal**, St. Andrew's, Fraser Lake at 87% of its share of the diocesan goal and Annunciation, Prince Rupert at more than 74%. This does not include the parish project goals for each parish, which are an important part of this Appeal. Many other parishes are in the 50-60% range and a number more are in the 40-50% range. We still have some ways to go to both meet the diocesan goal and all of the parish project goals.

I want to thank all of you who have already supported the appeal financially and ask for those who have not yet contributed to consider participating. If you're just not able to help us financially, please support us in your prayers. There are many needs across the diocese -- especially in our smaller parishes and missions -- and we need everyone's support to help meet those needs.

James Fowlie

Delegate for Finance and Administration

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: Brother Francis— All Souls Day. In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/brother-francis-all-souls-day>

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 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.

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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86951732429>

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>

St. Mary's School Needs -New School Council Members

Rationale

The annual general meeting is forum for the School Council to report its activities to the community and for the election of new members and monthly council meetings will ensure that matters are dealt with on a timely basis.

Policy

An annual general meeting of the local School Council shall be held each year.

Regular monthly meetings of the School Council should be held during each month the school is operational.

Half of the members of the School Council will constitute a quorum.

Meetings of School Council

1. Meetings of the School Council will be open to the public except for in-camera sessions.
2. A quorum shall be defined as a simple majority of the total membership. In the event that a quorum is not present, the meeting can be conducted, but motions must be tabled until the next meeting with a quorum.
3. Attendance by a member of the teaching staff (who does not vote) is strongly encouraged. The principal is not a member of the School Council, but should be present at the entire meeting, with the exception of some in-camera sessions.
4. Requests by non-members to speak or make a presentation at a Council meeting must be made in writing with a minimum of seven days' notice prior to the meeting. Delegations must provide a written copy of their material as well as the name of their spokesperson.
5. Prior to the meeting the chairperson will prepare and circulate the agenda and supporting documents.
6. Any procedures not included above will be according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Rationale

In keeping with the principle of subsidiarity, School Councils can develop policies to address local needs.



Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

SCHOOL COUNCIL Nomination Form

Policy 108 - SC Nomination form - fillable

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Parish Name: _____ Parish member for _____ years.

Name of Pastor (please print)

Signature of Pastor

Signature of Nominee

Name of Nominator (please print)

Signature of Nominator

Nominees are to complete a one-page cover letter outlining their related experience for the position and aspirations in joining the Board

NOTE TO PASTOR: Pastor must approve the nomination before the candidate is approached by the nominator.