



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 Aruldas 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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 3RD, 2024



THE TRUE FORMULA FOR JOY

In English, we speak in what is known as “person.” If I am referring to my self, I will say, “I am.” That is known as the “first person.” If I were speaking to you, I might say, “You are.” That is the “second person.” Then, if I were speaking of another, I might say, “He is.” That is known as the “third person.” In English, we always have self first. However, in Hebrew, it is just the opposite. First Person says, “He is”; Second Person says, “You are”; Third Person says, “I am.” — Therein is contained the formula for joy in this life. If we will learn to place God in the first person, others in the second person and if we will be willing to take the third person, then we will have our lives in order. The true formula for joy is:

J – Jesus,
O – Others,
Y – Yourself.
(SNB Files).

READINGS AND LITURGY

Deuteronomy 6.2-6; Psalm 18.1-6, 46-50;

Hebrews 7.23–28; Gospel: Mark 12.28-34.

The first reading reflects on the destiny of the souls of the just. Paul writes to the Romans that Christ's death for sinners shows God's love for us and attains reconciliation for us. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd that he has come to do God's will, which is to offer eternal life to all who believe in him.

Faith Catholic

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.

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!

MOVE, YOU ARE STANDING ON HIS OXYGEN TUBE

Father Murphy rushes to the hospital as he heard his friend Raul was in a bad condition. But Raul's condition worsens as Father stands close to the bed and bends over to bless him, and a nurse rushes in. The dying man shows signs, and the nurse realizes the problem and shouts at the priest: “Move, you are standing on his oxygen tube!” Father Murphy loved with all his heart and strength, but his mind was not completely focused on the reality and all the medical equipment and allied parts. That's why the Lord said: Love with all your heart, mind and strength.



MASS

INTENTIONS

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
Tue	Nov 5	9:00 am	RIP Eugene, Gerald and Cyril Johnston
Wed	Nov 6	9:00 am	RIP Clare and Charlie Hackett
Thu	Nov 7	9:00 am	RIP Bernard and Frank Furlong
Fri	Nov 8	9:00 am	RIP Cassie Fewer
		3:00 pm	Joseph Perrins Funeral Mass
Sat	Nov 9	7:00 pm	Int for Fr. Aruldas Lucas Birthday
Sun	Nov 10	9:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners
		11:00 am	RIP Mandica and Ante Furlan

LEAVE A LEGACY

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

UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS

Joseph Perrins

Vigil Prayers: Thursday, November 7th at 7:00pm
 Funeral Mass: Friday, November 8th at 3:00 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.*

Smile!

At the children's confession, the priest thought there were two and so he checks: "How many are you?" "Two of us, father." "How come?" father enquired?

"Because I don't know the act of contrition. He does it for me." "So, he has already heard your sins, hasn't he?" "No, father. I have my fingers in his ears."



ST. MARY'S CRAFT FAIR

The Annual Craft Fair hosted by the CWL is happening this 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.

THANK YOU LORI MCGINLAY!

Thank you so much Lori McGinlay for sharing your gift of music with us at St. Mary's and volunteering with our Music Ministry for the past 18 years! We will miss you here at St. Mary's! We wish you all the best on your new adventures and may the Blessings of the Lord be upon you!



ST. MARY'S ALPHA YOUTH

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to join us for our Alpha Youth Weekend at Camp Morice!!! Thank you St. Mary's Parishioners for all of your prayers and support!!! The Lord provided everything we needed in abundance! It was incredible to see how the Holy Spirit was at work in a beautiful and powerful way! It was a huge Blessing for our Participants & Volunteers! The Lord provided us with an awesome amazing weekend together with some funny stories, slippery soccer, sunny beach volleyball time, sweet sunset, crazy capture the flag, peaceful singing and prayer time filled with the Holy Spirit, deep discussions, cozy campfire & smores, lots of delicious food and snacks with loads of laughter! We finished our Weekend with the Celebration of Mass with Fr. Raju at the Camp Morice Chapel, and a delicious brunch! A big thank you to Louise and Henriette for providing delicious meals for us!!! We are continuing to meet with our Alpha Youth for another 3 Sessions! Our topic for this upcoming Wednesday, November 6th is Healing: How Does God Heal Today?



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: The Problem of Evil with Jimmy Akin. If God is all-good and all-powerful, then why is there evil? In The Problem of Evil, Jimmy Akin tackles this most difficult of apologetics questions. He builds a biblical and philosophical case for understanding how God's perfections are not disproved by the existence of evil, but in fact allow for a world in which pain and sin may be mysteriously ordered by Providence towards a greater good. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-problem-of-evil-with-jimmy-akin>



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



CALLED TOGETHER DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

A big thanks to everyone who has been participating in this year's appeal. We are almost at 55% of our diocesan goal, but still have some way to go to hit our total combined goal for our parishes.

We've been getting caught up and don't have too much to report this week. St. Patrick's is the first parish to not only meet but exceed both its share of the diocesan goal and its total combined goal, sitting at 107%. **St. Mary's (PG) is only 2% away from its portion of the diocesan goal**, St. Joseph's in Vanderhoof jumped 55% to 75% of its diocesan goal, while St. Joseph's in Smithers leapt to almost 82%. Sacred Heart Cathedral is up nearly 15% to 73%. A number of other parishes also made good progress toward their share of the diocesan goal.

I really want to thank everyone for their continued support of the appeal. With the increased demands on our smaller parishes and missions, we have been directing more funds to them -- much as we did during the pandemic. These parishes and missions truly rely on this support. If you haven't yet financially supported the appeal, we would ask you to consider helping. If you have already contributed, please make sure that you remember the needs of the entire diocese in your prayers. We need both financial and spiritual support.

If you have any questions, please email us at appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca and we will do our best to get you an answer!

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**

