



**Українська Католицька Парафія
Покров Пресвятої Богородиці
Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Parish**

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*“Today the Virgin stands before us in the temple,
And together with the choirs of saints prays to God for us.”*

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Служби Божі/Divine Liturgies

Неділя/Sunday: 8:30 AM English

10:30 AM Ukrainian (live-streamed)

Квітня Неділя

У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 AM

Щодня/Daily Scheduled

7:30 AM in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions:

By appointment during the week

Baptism by appointment

**Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Visits/
Eucharist for the sick** - any time

Marriages - the arrangements with the priest must be made at least 6 months before the marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish:

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Fr. Iryne Valyavka, OSBM - Assistant Pastor

Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM
Bishop-Emeritus



Palm Sunday

Philippians 4:4-9
John 12:1-18

TODAY: Sunday, March 28: Welcome to all parishioners and guests!

In accordance with the Variance to the Provincial Health Order of March 25, 2021, St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church will be open for in-person services on the following four (4) days:

March 28: Palm Sunday, 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Divine Liturgies

April 2: Good Friday, 11:00 AM Vespers with the Holy Shroud (Plashchanytsia)

April 4: Easter Sunday, 7:00 AM Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy
10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

April 11: Thomas Sunday, 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Divine Liturgies

You must pre-register in advance of every Service that you attend. Spaces will fill up quickly so do not delay. The same precautions apply as they did when the churches were open last year. Masks must be worn at all times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Fathers are available during Holy Week if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Please contact the Parish Office by phone at 604.879.5830 or email: office@stmarysbc.com to make an appointment.

Thank You

Thank you to all parishioners and friends for your most generous donations and continued support. Please do not forget our parish and all its financial obligations during this time. May Our Lord bless and reward you!

Schedule of Services for Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Wednesday, March 31: Passion (Holy) Wednesday

7:00 PM: Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty (live-stream only)

Thursday, April 1: Holy Thursday

7:00 PM: Passion Matins - Reading of the 12 Gospels (live-stream only)

Friday, April 2: Good Friday (*Strict fast day, no dairy or meat products*)

* 11:00 AM: Vespers with the Holy Shroud & Confessions (live-stream) **In-person**

* 1:00 - 3:00 PM Church will be open for private meditation.

7:00 PM: Jerusalem Matins (live-stream only)

Saturday, April 3: Holy Saturday

1:00 PM: Blessing of Easter Food. Outdoor blessing in parking lot.

2:00 PM: Blessing of Easter Food. Outdoor blessing in parking lot.

** Please be on time. Place basket on the table(s) provided and return to your vehicle. If weather is inclement then other outdoor options will be available.

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday

* 7:00 AM: Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Easter Food (live-stream) **In-person**

* 10:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Easter Food - **In-person**.

* In-person service (church will be open)

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March 2021

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*here make your request*).

My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

(This prayer, from a 19th century French prayer book, has been recited by Pope Francis every day for more than 40 years.)

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN PUBLIC OPENING FOR DIVINE LITURGY Eparchy of New Westminster

1. During a Liturgy, the total number of persons inside the church shall not exceed 10% of capacity, or 50 people, whichever is fewer. All church staff and volunteers (including the priest) are counted as part of that maximum. An additional 2 people may be present to monitor entry and exit from the church.
2. All parishioners must pre-register in order to attend Liturgy. Entry without prior registration will not be permitted.
3. Under the Province of British Columbia's *Order on Gatherings and Events*, the church must collect the first and last names and email addresses or phone numbers of all in attendance, and retain this information for 30 days, in case there is an exposure event, to facilitate contact tracing. This information must be retained for 30 days.
4. During the service, if feasible, doors and windows should be kept open to increase ventilation, and mechanical ventilation should be maximized to the extent possible. Doors may be closed and locked if required for security purposes.
5. The following people are cautioned about attending an in-person worship service because of their higher risk of suffering from serious complications of COVID-19:
 - a. a person 70 years of age or older, even if they have been immunized against COVID-19;
 - b. a person with an underlying medical condition or a compromised immune system.
6. Upon entry, each parishioner must complete a health self-assessment form. Each parishioner must maintain a distance of 2 meters from other parishioners, unless they live in the same household.

7. During a Liturgy operating at maximum occupancy, a person who leaves the church building must not be replaced by another person.
8. Hand sanitizer and extra disposable masks will be available inside the church entry doors.
9. The Province of British Columbia's *Mask Mandate Order* requires masks to be worn inside places of worship at all times.
10. The Province of British Columbia's *Mask Mandate Order* makes exemptions for:
 - people with health conditions or with physical, cognitive or mental impairments who cannot wear one;
 - people who cannot remove a mask on their own;
 - children under the age of 12;
 - people who need to temporarily remove their masks to communicate due to a hearing impairment.
11. People must use marked seating areas.
12. A parishioner, other than a priest/celebrant/cantor/reader, must not sing or chant during the service.
13. During the service, a physical distance of 3 metres must be maintained around any priest/officiant or cantor/reader in a speaking or singing role. This distance may be reduced if there is a physical barrier around them.
14. During any service, in addition to the priest/celebrants, there can be a maximum of 1 cantor and 1 epistle reader.
15. The priest/officiant/cantor/reader may remove their mask while speaking or singing, during the service, if the 3-meter distance can be maintained or if they are separated from others by a physical barrier. If the 3-meter distance cannot be maintained and there is no physical barrier, a mask must be worn during speaking and singing.
16. During communion, parishioners must wear their masks while following the designated route inside the church, and maintain a minimum 1.2 meter distance from others in the line (unless they live in the same household). Parishioners should remove their face mask only when it is their turn to receive communion, and they should put it on immediately after receiving communion to return to their seats.
17. Parishioners must disperse immediately after the event and not congregate with others who are leaving the event or arriving for a subsequent event.
18. All common touch areas must be sanitized at the end of the Liturgy before another Liturgy begins.