



**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)

**Неділя Всіх Святих**

**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

Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM  
Bishop-Emeritus



**Sunday of All Saints**

Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2  
Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

**TODAY: Welcome! The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes all parishioners, guests and friends participating in this Divine Liturgy.**

In accordance the Provincial Health Order of May 27, 2021, St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church is once again open for in-person services. We will be returning to our regular Sunday Liturgy schedule: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM.

**You must pre-register in advance of every Service that you attend. For Sunday Divine Liturgies please pre-register by Saturday 12:00 noon.**

The same precautions apply as they did when the churches were open last year. Social distancing of 2 metres must be maintained and masks must also be worn at all times.

**National UCWLC Day.** The last Sunday of May is dedicated to the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada. We greet all the members of our UCWLC on this day and we pray for their intentions. We also pray for all the deceased members of the UCWLC, and especially for the souls of those members who have passed away since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. **Following the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy we will celebrate a Panachyda for the all the deceased members of the UCWLC, Vancouver Branch.**

**Eternal Memory! Sincerest condolences** are extended to Dave Shelast and Family on the passing of his brother James. Please keep the late James Shelast and his family in your prayers. Вічна Пам'ять!

### **Divine Liturgy Intentions**

If you would like to request a Divine Liturgy, please contact the parish office to book a date. If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to "Basilian Fathers." The suggested offering for a Divine Liturgy is \$10.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation then please contact the Parish Office by phone at 604.879.5830 or email: [office@stmarysbc.com](mailto:office@stmarysbc.com) to make an appointment.

### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May 2021**

**The world of finance:** Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June 2021**

**The beauty of marriage:** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

### **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!

## **Prayer to My Guardian Angel**

O Angel of God, my holy guardian, given to me from heaven, enlighten me this day, and save me from all evil. Instruct me in doing good deeds, and set me on the path of salvation. Amen.

## **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.)*

## **Meditation on the Sunday of All Saints**

Over the last fifty-some days, we have celebrated the Paschal mystery - the central mystery of our faith, from our Lord's crucifixion, resurrection, ascension to his sending the Holy Spirit on his followers. This Sunday, after all that has been proclaimed, we add a great "Amen!" "So be it!" This "Amen" will be great only if we make it more than just words but also actions. The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples that they might be witnesses to the Paschal mystery - our Lord's death and resurrection, and the Greek word for "witness" is "martyr."

This Sunday was originally called the *Sunday of All Martyrs* - because those who witnessed to Christ had to be ready to give their lives for him. Many Christians did and still do. This is what it means to be a saint - the readiness to give our lives for the Lord. Therefore, the Lord says in today's Gospel, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father" (Matthew 10:32).

We should not seek to be killed for the gospel, but our priorities should be: 1) God; 2) God's people, the "others" in our lives and 3) ourselves. Being human, and living in an individualistic society, we often reverse these priorities: 1) ourselves, no. 1; 2) others and 3) God, and putting God third is a practical atheism.

We often have the misconception that to be a "saint" means only a life of misery and self-denial, but people who put their own pleasure and comfort first usually end up all "messed up." A saint is really someone who has their life in the right order, and so is full of the joy of the Spirit: "a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord" (Isaiah 11:2).

*Meditation by Archpriest David Petras*

**COVID-19 Safety Plan**  
**Pastoral Centre - Eparchy of New Westminster**

The Provincial Health Officer has announced a new variance on indoor religious gatherings as of May 26, 2021:

1. The maximum number of people who may attend a service is 50 people including priest and cantors. An additional 2 people may be present to monitor entry and exit from the church.
  - 50 people - at funerals, baptisms and weddings if they are a part of the 'regular service' (Divine Liturgy).
  - 10 people including the priest - at funerals, baptisms, or weddings if held as a separate service.
2. All who wish to attend a service must pre-register for the purposes of controlling attendance and contact tracing. This information must be kept for 30 days.
3. Before attending a church, a person must carry out a health check. A person who has not passed a health check must not attend a church.
4. 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 person 70 years of age or older, even if they have been immunized against COVID-19;
  - a person with an underlying medical condition or a compromised immune system.
5. Hand sanitizer and disposable masks will be available inside the church entry doors.
6. Distance of two metres must be maintained between parishioners, unless they live in the same residence.
7. People must sit in the marked seating areas.
8. Masks need to be worn during services. A person is not required to wear a mask if,
  - children under the age of 12 years
  - people who cannot put on or remove a mask on their own
  - people with health conditions or with physical, cognitive or mental impairments
  - people who need to temporarily remove their masks to identifying the person, to communicate with a person with a disability or to receive Holy Communion
  - priests, cantors, readers (when speaking, singing or chanting). They must maintain 3 metres of spacing or use a physical barrier.
9. No choir. Designated cantor only.
10. If feasible during a service, doors and windows should be kept open to increase ventilation, and mechanical ventilation should be maximized to the extent possible.
11. No social gathering after the service. Parishioners must disperse immediately after a service.
12. If more than one service held during the course of a day the church, including pews, door handles and touch points need to be cleaned, sanitized and ventilated.