



**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)

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

6-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа

**Свято Матері Божої
Неустанної Помочі**



6th Sunday after Pentecost

**Feast of the
Mother of God of Perpetual Help**

Romans 12:6-14

Matthew 9:1-8

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

Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

According to the order of the Provincial Health Officer from June 30, 2021: *“There are no capacity limits or restrictions on indoor or outdoor religious gatherings and worship services.”*

Thanks to the efforts and sacrifices we have all made, and the increased number of people being vaccinated, we have now reached a point where we can gather and worship in much the same way we did before the pandemic.

What does this mean for us?

- It means that we do not have to pre-register for Divine Liturgies.
- Masks in church are recommended, but not mandatory. In accordance with the Province’s guidelines, masks are recommended for all people 12 and older who are not yet fully vaccinated - that is, two weeks have passed since their second vaccine dose.
- Some people will choose to continue to wear a face covering even after being fully vaccinated, and this choice must be respected.
- Physical distancing is not required during the Liturgical Services.
- Choral singing is permitted.

Our Eparchial Chancery recommends the following:

- Churches should continue to provide hand sanitizer at the church entrances.
- For the foreseeable future, Holy Communion will continue to be distributed by disposable spoons only. Clergy will continue to wear a mask when distributing Holy Communion.

Parish meetings, education programs, social gatherings, coffee after Divine Liturgy, etc. are now permitted as long as all regulations in the latest Gatherings and Events Provincial Health Order are followed: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>

The pandemic is by no means over yet. Through these months, we have learned that many of the practices detailed in previous Provincial Directives are effective tools to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, including physical distancing, good hand hygiene, mask wearing, enhanced cleaning and sanitizing, and improved air quality and ventilation.

Although many restrictions are no longer in place, we must remain vigilant in keeping our churches safe places to gather for all members of our community.

We welcome all our parishioners and friends to join us in prayer and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph

Today, Sunday, July 4: Act of Entrustment to St. Joseph.

In solidarity with Pope Francis' proclamation of a "*Year of Saint Joseph*," our parish will celebrate the *Act of Entrustment to St. Joseph* at both morning Divine Liturgies, just before the Final Blessing.

A Prayer by Pope Francis for the Year of Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Bishop David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of the Eparchy of Edmonton and the Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of New Westminster has written a **Pastoral Letter to the Ukrainian Catholic Faithful** on the recent vandalism of Catholic Churches in Alberta. Copies of this letter can be found in the church vestibule.

Coffee after the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 11: We invite you to join us for coffee and sweets in the Fellowship Room after the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy.

Congratulations and God's Blessings

To Fyodor Rystephanuk on graduating from Kindergarten at Vancouver College.

We as a parish celebrate in all of our parishioners' blessings and achievements.

** If you have any upcoming milestones (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) in your family that you would like to share with the parish, please let the office know by email or phone.

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 to make an appointment.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July 2021

Social friendship: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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!

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis, at his January 31, 2021 *Angelus*, announced the **institution** of a **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, to be celebrated on **July 25, 2021**.

In the words of the Holy Father, *“Dear brothers and sisters, the day after tomorrow, 2 February, we will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, when Simeon and Anna, both elderly, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, recognized Jesus as the Messiah. The Holy Spirit still stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly today: their voice is precious because it sings the praises of God and safeguards the roots of peoples. They remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young. Grandparents are often forgotten and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on.*

*“This is why, I have decided to establish **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, which will be held throughout the Church every year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Jesus’ “grandparents”. It is important for grandparents to meet their grandchildren and for grandchildren to meet their grandparents, because - as the prophet Joel says - grandparents, before their grandchildren, will dream, and have illusions [great desires], and young people, taking strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy. And 2 February is indeed the feast of the encounter between grandparents and their grandchildren.”*

The theme of this first World Day is “I am with you always” (cf. Mt 28:20). The theme’s purpose is to convey the closeness of God and the Church to the elderly and also to emphasize the intergenerational closeness between the young and the elderly.

This special day is intended to highlight the importance of providing adequate pastoral and spiritual attention to the elderly and calls on communities to manifest the closeness of the Church to them, especially in this time of pandemic.

To mark this special day, our 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 25 will be celebrated for all our grandparents and elderly. Please join us in giving thanks.

UNITY 2021

Unity is a national gathering of Ukrainian Catholic young adults (18 to 35 years of age) to further understand, embrace and celebrate the Ukrainian Catholic faith through prayer, education and fellowship. *Unity* promotes and strengthens Ukrainian Catholic religious life and social outreach through faith-based activities and workshops. This meaningful weekend offers spiritual guidance, community service, and opportunities to deepen one's faith through catechetical enrichment.

Unity 2021 is scheduled to take place **Friday, August 6 - Saturday, August 7, 2021**.

The theme of *Unity 2021* is **“Stillness In The Chaos” “Be still and know that I am God”** Psalm 46:10

Unity 2021 will be offered **ONLINE**, and all sessions will be held over Zoom. There is **NO COST** to attend this event. More information about this event can be found here: <https://unity2021.mailchimpsites.com>

Participants can register by going to this link: <http://bit.ly/3cnsRKT>