



**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

**13-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа
Попразденство Успіння Божої Матері**

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



**13th Sunday after Pentecost
Post-Feast of the
Dormition of the Mother of God**

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Matthew 21:33-42

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

You are invited for coffee and fellowship the Fellowship Room after the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Nadia Laskiwsky who celebrated her 95th birthday on August 20th. May God grant her many years of good health and happiness. Today's 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy will be celebrated for her intention. Многая Літа!

Monday, August 23: 7:00 PM: Parish Council Meeting in the Fellowship Room. All committee chairpersons are encouraged to be present for this meeting as there is much to discuss.

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 332: "Богородице Діво" "Bohorodytse Divo"

Communion: page 378: "Просимо тя, Діво" "Prosymo tia, Divo"

Closing: page 346: "Маріє, Діво благословенна" "Mariye, Divo blahoslovenna"

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 August 2021

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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.

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Messiah was to be a descendant from the line of King David. Ancestry according to Jewish Law was counted only through the father. For that reason, the Gospel of St. Matthew opens with a genealogy that is directed towards St. Joseph (1:1-16), and through Joseph Jesus became the descendant, or son, of David. Jesus' descent,

however, from David was realized not through the fact of generation (for Joseph was not the natural father of Jesus) but through the fact that Joseph became the foster father of Jesus.

St. Joseph is mentioned on two other occasions. First, when the angel of the Lord appeared to him to tell him to take the child Jesus and His mother to Egypt because King Herod was seeking to kill the child. In obedience, Joseph took Jesus and Mary that very night and departed for Egypt (Mt 2:12-14). And then after the death of Herod, the angel appeared again to Joseph and told him to take the Holy Family back to Palestine. Joseph's response was immediate. And again, warned about settling in Judea where Herod's son, Archelaus, reigned, Joseph had the Holy Family settle in the district of Galilee, in the town of Nazareth. This action turned out to be fulfillment of the prophecies, namely, that Jesus would be called a Nazarene (Mt 2:19-23).

Even though little is said and known about St. Joseph in the New Testament, and even though other saints (the Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, etc.) are in Eastern Christian tradition honoured more than he is, he is important because of his significant role in God's plan and his close proximity to Jesus. He must have been a person of exceptional character and virtues to be chosen the foster father of Jesus and the virgin spouse of Mary.

Joseph is important to us as the Holy Family is important to us. The Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, Joseph - is the pattern and norm of all family living. The family is the basic unity of society, and Jesus blessed family life by living under Mary and Joseph.

There is another reason why St. Joseph is important for us. It comes from his true, virginal marriage to Mary. Jesus is the fruit of their marriage, the concrete and actual expression of the love Joseph and Mary had for each other, not because He was generated in that marriage, but because He was received and reared within it according to God's eternal decree. This means that Mary's parenthood was shared with Joseph, just as they shared everything else in common as husband and wife. Jesus thus belonged, even though He was conceived virginally, to Joseph because He was the child of Mary. Hence, Joseph's fatherhood is unique but still a true fatherhood.

We know that St. Joseph was an ordinary Jewish workingman and a descendant from the tribe of Judah and from the family of David. Though he was the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he did not have any marital relations with her throughout their lifetime. This is the constant Catholic teaching. It means that both of them were virgins and preserved their virginity. St. Joseph apparently died before Jesus started his public ministry.

St. Joseph was the head of the Holy Family. As its head, he was its provider and breadwinner, guardian and protector. All that he was for the Holy Family, he is now for the Catholic Church. Therefore, the Church rightly places him after the Mother of God as the patron of the universal Catholic Church.

Also, all that he was for the Holy Family, he is now for us. Tradition tells us that he died a happy and peaceful death in the presence of Jesus and Mary. Therefore, we can invoke him to have a serene and grace-filled death.

Joseph's close and unique relationship to Jesus makes him a powerful intercessor. As the legal father of Jesus, he was given authority over and care of the Eternal Son of God. Hence his position makes him an intercessor on our behalf.

Joseph's patience and obedience is really a model for all of us. He was a "just" man, delicate and considerate towards Mary. We see a man who did not complain but who was the silent instrument of God's plan.

The Catholic Church honours St. Joseph very highly. In 1870, Pope Pius IX made him the universal Catholic Church's official patron. He is also patron of the working person, and also of happy death. In the Roman Catholic Church his feast day is celebrated on March 19. In the Ukrainian Catholic Church, his feast day - the Commemoration of the Holy and Just Joseph, Spouse of Mary - falls on the Sunday after Christmas.

Today, whenever a Suplikatsia (Benediction) service is held in the Ukrainian Catholic Church, one of the petitions is directed to St. Joseph: "O Saint Joseph, Patron of the Catholic Church, pray to God for us sinners."

Taken from "Catholic Faith Guide" Rev. Anthony Holowaychuk, OSBM

Молитва до Святого Йосифа

Святий Йосифе, чиє заступництво перед престолом Божим настільки велике, могутнє і безпосереднє, що я довіряю Тобі усі свої справи і бажання.

Святий Йосифе, допоможи мені через Своє потужнє заступництво і проси за мене у Твого Божого Сина за усі духовні благословення, щоб я, підкоряючись Твоїй божественній силі, міг (могла) подякувати і поклонятися найулюбленішому Батькові.

Святий Йосифе, я ніколи не втомлюся споглядати на Тебе. Ісус засинає на Твоїх руках. Не смію підходити до Тебе, коли Він спочиває на Твоєму серці. Обіймай Його міцно від мого імені, поцілуй Його дорогоцінну голову і попроси Його поцілувати мене, коли я віддаватиму свій останній подих.

Святий Йосифе, покровителю душ, молися за мене. Амінь.

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