



**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

У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 am

Щодня/Daily (Mon-Sat)

7:00 am in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions

9:40 - 10:15 am Sunday morning

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

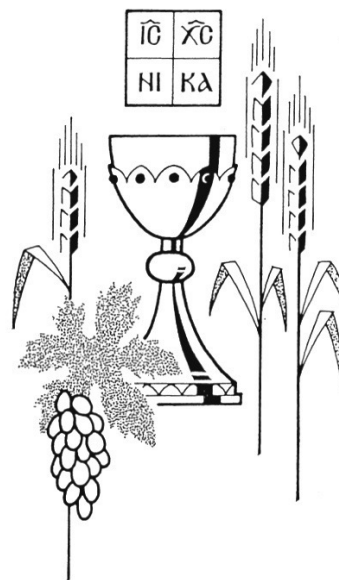
Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Fr. Teoktyst Mishchuk, OSBM - Assistant

Fr. Josafat Oliinyk, OSBM - Assistant

**2-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа
Празник Пресв. Євхаристії**



**2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Feast of the Holy Eucharist**

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

John 6:48-54

Welcome! The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes everyone to our Divine Liturgy. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Coffee and sweets following the 8:30 and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies. Please join us.

Today: Feast of the Holy Eucharist. Supplication Service for the Feast will be celebrated after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. (No Moleben on today).

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 378: Просимо тя, Діво; Prosymo tia, Divo

Communion: page 258: Тіло Христове; Tilo Khrystove

Closing: page 324: Слава і честь; Slava I chest'

Eternal Memory! Sincerest condolences are extended to the Family of the late Stephanie Toporowski. Funeral Divine Liturgy and Panachyda will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 14 at 10:00 am. Please keep the late Mrs. Toporowski and her family in your prayers. Вічна Пам'ять!

Sunday, June 18: 10:00 am - Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Parish Work Bee

Our parish is asking for a crew of volunteers, a group of 20 people, to assist with a Work Bee on Monday, June 19, beginning at 6:00 pm. Please see the yellow advertisement in the vestibule for more information. If you are able to help, please contact Dr. Michael Myckatyn.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June 2023

For the abolition of torture. We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Food Bank Donations

There continues to be a great need for donations to the Food Bank. Local food banks are requesting financial donations, as well as gift cards and certain non-perishable food items so that they might better assist those in need. Please contact your local food bank to see how you might be able to help them to help others.

Please note that Parishioners are being targeted by email scams. The scammers are pretending to be Father Joseph Pidskalny. The email reads: *"Hello! Are you less busy at the moment? I got a request for you to manage discreetly. will be going into a meeting in few minutes, no calls so kindly respond back via email. God bless you."*

If you have received such an email then please know it is not coming from Fr. Joseph or from the Parish Office. Delete the email and do not respond.

For Rent

Two bedroom suite for rent, beginning July 1, 2023. For more information, please phone Anne at 604.437.8484

Prayer for Ukraine

O Lord Jesus Christ, grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual.

Soften the hearts of the unmerciful and convert those who promote hostilities toward reconciliation, so that your beloved children of Ukraine may abide in that tranquility, justice and freedom which reflects your Kingdom. Lord, hear us, and have mercy.

Молитва за Україну

Боже миру й справедливості, молимося сьогодні за людей України. Молимося за мир і відкладання зброї. Молимося за всіх, які бояться прийдешнього дня, щоб Твій Утішительний Дух був з ними. Молимося за тих, які володіють війною і миром, щоб мудрість, пізнання, і милосердя керували їхніми рішеннями.

Понад усе, молимося за всіх Ваших дорогоцінних дітей, що перебувають в небезпеці і страху, щоб Ти їх пам'ятав і захищав. Це благаємо в ім'я Ісуса, Царя миру. Амінь.

Please donate to **“Aid for Ukraine”**. All donations collected in our parish will be forwarded to *Catholic Near East Welfare Association Canada (CNEWA Canada)* that collaborates closely with local churches and *Caritas Ukraine*.

Please make cheques payable to St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, with memo 'Aid for Ukraine'. Tax receipts will be issued.

Online donations to *CNEWA Canada*: <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>

Or, one may send a cheque directly to: CNEWA Canada

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Pope Francis at Angelus, June 2021:

The Eucharist is the bread of sinners not a reward of saints

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, in Italy and in other countries, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Gospel presents us the narrative of the Last Supper (Mk 14:12-16, 22-26). The words and gestures of the Lord touch our hearts: He takes the bread in his hands, pronounces the blessing, breaks it and offers it to the disciples, saying: “Take; this is my body” (v. 22).

And thus, with simplicity, Jesus gives us the greatest sacrament. His is a humble gesture of giving, a gesture of sharing. At the culmination of his life, he does not distribute an abundance of bread to feed the multitudes, but breaks himself apart at the Passover supper with the disciples. In this way Jesus shows us that the aim of life lies in self-giving, that the greatest thing is to serve. And today once more we find the greatness of God in a piece of Bread, in a fragility that overflows with love, that overflows with sharing. Fragility is precisely the word I would like to underscore. Jesus becomes fragile like the bread that is broken and crumbled. But his strength lies precisely therein, in his fragility. In the Eucharist fragility is strength: the strength of the love that becomes

small so it can be welcomed and not feared; the strength of the love that is broken and shared so as to nourish and give life; the strength of the love that is split apart so as to join all of us in unity.

And there is another strength that stands out in the fragility of the Eucharist: the strength to love those who make mistakes. It is on the night he is betrayed that Jesus gives us the Bread of Life. He gives us the greatest gift while he feels the deepest abyss in his heart: the disciple who eats with Him, who dips the morsel in the same plate, is betraying Him. And betrayal is the worst suffering for one who loves. And what does Jesus do? He reacts to the evil with a greater good. He responds to Judas' 'no' with the 'yes' of mercy. He does not punish the sinner, but rather gives His life for him; He pays for him. When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus does the same with us: he knows us; he knows we are sinners; and he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours. He knows that we need it, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, no, it is the Bread of sinners. This is why he exhorts us: "Do not be afraid! Take and eat".

Each time we receive the Bread of Life, Jesus comes to give new meaning to our fragilities. He reminds us that in his eyes we are more precious than we think. He tells us he is pleased if we share our fragilities with him. He repeats to us that his mercy is not afraid of our miseries. The mercy of Jesus is not afraid of our miseries. And above all he heals us from those fragilities that we cannot heal on our own, with love. What fragilities? Let's think. That of feeling resentment toward those who have done us harm we cannot heal from this on our own; that of distancing ourselves from others and closing off within ourselves - we cannot heal from that on our own; that of feeling sorry for ourselves and complaining without finding peace; from this too, we cannot heal on our own. It is He who heals us with his presence, with his bread, with the Eucharist. The Eucharist is an effective medicine for these closures. The Bread of Life, in fact, heals rigidity and transforms it into docility. The Eucharist heals because it unites with Jesus: it makes us assimilate his way of living, his ability to break himself apart and give himself to brothers and sisters, to respond to evil with good. He gives us the courage to go outside of ourselves and bend down with love toward the fragility of others. As God does with us. This is the logic of the Eucharist: we receive Jesus who loves us and heals our fragilities in order to love others and help them in their fragilities; and this lasts our entire life. In the Liturgy of the Hours today, we prayed a hymn: four verses that are the summary of Jesus' entire life. And they tell us this: as Jesus was born, he became our travelling companion in life. Then, at the supper he gave himself as food. Then, on the cross, in his death, he became the "price"; he paid for us. And now, as he reigns in Heaven he is our reward; we go to seek the One who awaits us [cf. Hymn at Lauds on Corpus Christi, Verbum Supernum Prodiens].

May the Blessed Virgin, in whom God became flesh, help us to embrace the Eucharist with a grateful heart and to make a gift of our life too. May the Eucharist make us a gift for all others.