

# St. Mary's Newsletter

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## Divine Liturgies

Sundays: 8:30am English  
10:30am Ukrainian  
Weekdays: 7:00am (Chapel)  
Holy Days: 10:00am

Father Joseph Pidskalny OSBM (Admin)  
Father Josafat Oliynyk OSBM

## Warning

A St. Albert senior lost \$20,000 when someone phoned him claiming to be from the Canada Revenue Agency. People are getting a call from their bank telling them that they qualify for a gift or some other type of financial reward. All they have to do is provide the caller with some of their personal or banking information. All this sounds too good to be true. It is a scam to trick you to reveal your banking information to the scammers. If you receive such a phone call and want to be sure that it is not a scam, end the call and call your bank directly. Victims are also getting a call from people claiming to work for the CRA and saying that taxes are owed. The caller requests immediate payment by credit card or convinces the victims to purchase a prepaid credit card and to call back immediately with the info. The taxpayer is often threatened with court charges, jail or deportation. These types of communication are not from the CRA. When the CRA calls you, it has established procedures in place to make sure your personal information is protected.

CRA phone number is 1-800-959-8281.



## Spiritual Treasures

A healthy spiritually based parish is anchored on the idea that we are called to share our time, talents, and treasure to build up our parish community. If we do this, we are only sharing what the Lord has loaned to us in the first place. "Well done good and faithful servant" refers to the talents the Master gave to his servants, asking them to use them for good purpose.

St. Mary's relies on each parishioner sharing those valuable loaned gifts of time, talent, and treasure. This is our call.

The parish of St. Mary's can only function well when parishioners become involved, share their talents, and volunteer. There is an opportunity of using your talents to good use in our parish and our community.

## Parish Contacts

Donna Busko - St Mary's Parish Council  
Henrietta Ukrainetz - Parish Recreation Centre  
Gerry Ukrainetz - Parish Grounds Maintenance  
Marlayne Andrijaszyn - UCWL President  
Orest Kernycky - webpage newsletter  
Teresa Pacholko - Parish Bookstore  
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Rick Ruta - St Mary's Parish Choir/Cantor

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Family Matter (Ukrainian Movie)  
**Sunday October 29, 2023 3pm**  
Meet with Director plus discussion  
Ukr. Comm Society of Ivan Franco

Kalush Orchestra from Ukraine  
Winners 2022 Eurovision  
**Wednesday November 1, 2023 7pm**  
Biltmore Cabaret -Vancouver BC

Taras Luka- Ukr. jazz accordionist  
**Thursday November 2, 8pm**  
Frankie's Jazz Club 778-727-0337

Heart of the City-Building Community  
**Sunday November 5 2pm**  
AUCC -Strathcona Ukrainian Hall

Holodomor Memorial Day  
**Saturday November 25**

St Mary's Ukrainian Christmas Fair  
**Saturday December 2, 2023 11- 4 pm**  
Parish Hall Food, preserves, baking

Vechornytsi on St. Andrew's Fundraiser  
**Sunday Dec 3, 2023 2pm**  
Ukr. Comm Society of Ivan Franco  
Dinner, kids' workshops,  
entertainment

BC Ukrainian Cultural Festival  
**Saturday May 11, 2024 9am - 6:30 pm**  
Mission BC <http://bcucf.ca> info/tickets

National Ballet of Ukraine  
**February 5 & 7, 2024**  
Centre for Performing Art Vancouver

All events subject to change. Check with the venue for details or updates

You can see more at [stmarysbc.com/events](http://stmarysbc.com/events)  
Submit your event to  
[orestbohdan@outlook.com](mailto:orestbohdan@outlook.com)

## Entering the Church

- After making the sign of the cross, the faithful make a small bow as a sign of reverence.
- After blessing yourself upon entering the temple, you should then walk up the main aisle and venerate (kiss) the icon that rests on the tetrapod. The tetrapod is what looks like a table, and it is placed in the center of the aisle. On it, you will find a cross, two candles and an icon depicting either the patron saint of the faith community or a specific feast or saint whose day it is. To venerate the icon, you bless yourself twice, kiss it, and then conclude with a final sign of the cross and simple bow. This veneration shows your love and respect for the saint(s) depicted on the icon, and it is also much like the icon as a window into the Divine reflects the love and respect with which the particular saint serves God. It is also a warm sign of greeting. Much like when you go to grandma's house and greet her with a hug and kiss, so should you greet Christ and His followers with the same respect.
- It is also customary in to make an offering of light when entering a Ukrainian Catholic Church. In St. Mary's we have 2 candle stands where you can light a candle. The sign of lighting a candle and offering a sacrifice of light connects us to Christ, for Christ proclaims **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12)**. As we light our candle, we are immediately reminded that we are no longer slaves to sin, but rather that we have the light of Christ to guide and direct us in our lives.
- We then proceed to our place within the sanctuary, pray silently and await the beginning of Divine Services.

## Remembering our past

First Holy Communion at our Parish over the years



First Holy Communion 1928

*First Holy Community 1928 Fraser Street Church*



*First Holy Communion 1961 Princess Street Church*



*First Holy Communion sometime in the 1980's w 14<sup>th</sup> Church*

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