



**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

Before both Sunday Divine Liturgies

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. Josafat Oliinyk, OSBM - Assistant

Неділя Митаря і Фарисея



Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Luke 18:10-14

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

A huge Thank You to all the volunteers who made last Sunday's Parish Christmas Dinner such a wonderful success. Thank you to all who picked up supplies and groceries, worked tirelessly in the kitchen, set up tables and chairs, and cleaned up afterwards. This was a real team effort. May Our Lord bless you for your hard work and dedication.

Thank you to Clifford Oleksiew for cleaning our parking lot after the snowfall last week.

Christmas Carols at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 50: Вістку голосить; Vistku holosyt'

Communion: page 80: Нова радість стала, Nova radist' stala

Closing: page 34: Бог ся рождає; Boh sia rozhdaye

The **2024 Parish donation envelopes** and **2024 Parish Calendars** are available in the church vestibule.

Holy Water for the Feast of Theophany

Jars of holy water are available in the church vestibule.

Home Blessings: If you wish to have your home blessed please contact the parish office.

GREAT LENT begins on Monday, February 12. During Great Lent we will celebrate:

- **Stations of the Cross** on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in chapel.
- **Divine Liturgy and the Sorokousty Service** (praying for our deceased family members and friends) on Fridays at 7:00 pm in church.

You may submit new names for the Sorokousty Service by using the Sorokousty envelopes that are found in the church vestibule.

Everyone is encouraged to attend as many of the services as possible.

Ukrainian Embroidery Club

A Ukrainian Embroidery Club meets on Monday evenings at St. Mary's from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the downstairs classroom. New students, family and friends are welcome. For more information, please call Emily at 778.888.3057.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2024

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church. Pope Francis calls for prayers to the Holy Spirit "to help us recognize the gift of different charisms within Christian communities and to discover the richness of various ritual traditions within the Catholic Church."

Frozen Pyrohy (Perogies)

Frozen pyrohy (perogies) will be available for purchase after both Sunday Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room kitchen. \$10/dozen.

“DRY FEB” - Canadian Cancer Society Fundraiser - St Mary’s Church Team

Dry Feb is a fundraiser that challenges you to go alcohol-free in February and raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS). It helps you get healthy while also raising funds to make a difference for Canadians affected by cancer. St. Mary’s has a team that is hoping to raise \$5,000 this year. We need your support.

You can donate on-line at www.dryfeb.ca or by making out a cheque to CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY and putting it in the Sunday morning collection plate or bringing it to the parish office during the week. Cash can be handled the same way with name/address included. A tax receipt from the CCS is sent to you by April 30/2024 for any donation over \$20.

Knights of Columbus

Are You a Brother Knight? A survey is being taken to determine which men in our Parish are members of the Knights of Columbus or may be interested in joining. Depending on numbers, interest and approval from the Parish Administrator, a Round Table could be formed to hold spiritual activities and give support to our Clergy and Parish.

Please let the St. Mary's Parish Office (office@stmarysbc.com) or PGK Adrian (adk.bckofc@gmail.com) know of your name and your home Council and/or Assembly numbers by January 31/2024. For more information about joining, please ask Adrian or go [online](#) and enter the Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join for free.

Eparchial Accounting Clerk - Part-Time Job Opening

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster is looking for a part-time Accounting and Payroll Clerk. The ideal candidate must have a working knowledge of English and an accounting certification along with experience in payroll and preparation of financial reports. This role is approximately 40 hours per month and requires being knowledgeable in Microsoft Suite, Quickbooks and current accounting practices.

For more information on the full job posting or to submit your resume, please contact finofficer.eparchy@gmail.com

Роздуми з Молитвослова - Вечірня та Утренья Неділя митаря і фарисея

Зненавидівши, вірні, велике самохвальство фарисея і наслідуючи покірну молитву митаря, не вихваляймося, але, смиривши себе, в розкаянні закликаємо: Боже, очисти гріхи наші!

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Господи, ти осудив фарисея, що виправдував себе добрими ділами, а виправдав смиренного митаря, що зітханням благав очищення, бо ти не зважаєш на високодумні помисли, і не погорджуєш скрушеними серцями. Тому і ми в смиренні припадаємо до тебе, що страждав за нас: Дай нам прощення і велику милість.

Reflection from the Divine Office - Vespers and Matins
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

O faithful, let us detest the haughty voice of the pharisee; let us imitate the contrite prayer of the publican. Let us not follow the way of the haughty, but falling down, let us say with humility: Spare us, O Lord, because of our many sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, You condemned the pharisee who justified himself by boasting of his good works; and You justified the publican who showed his reserve by seeking forgiveness with his tears. For You do not listen to the speech of the proud, and You do not despise a contrite heart. We prostrate ourselves before You, for You suffered for us in humility. Now grant us forgiveness and great mercy.

A Letter from a Friend

Dear Friend,

I just had to send a note to tell you how much I love you and care about you. I saw you yesterday as you were walking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you. And I waited. But you never came. It hurt me, but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you fall asleep last night and I longed to touch your brow. So I spilled moonlight on your pillow and face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so that we could talk. I have so many gifts for you but you awakened late the next day and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain.

Today you look so sad, so all alone. It makes my heart ache because I understand. My friends let me down and hurt me so many times too. But I love you. Oh, if you would only listen to me. I really love you. I try to tell you in the blue sky and in the quite green grass. I whisper it in the leaves on the trees and breathe it in the colours of the flowers. I shout it to you in the mountain stream and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature's scents. My love for you is deeper than the oceans and bigger than the biggest want or need in your heart.

If only you knew how much I want to help you. I want you to meet my father. He wants to help you too. My father is that way, you know. Just call me, ask me, talk with me. Please, please don't forget me. I have so much to share with you. But I won't hassle you any further. You are free to call me. It's up to you. I'll wait because I love you.

Your Friend,
Jesus