



**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

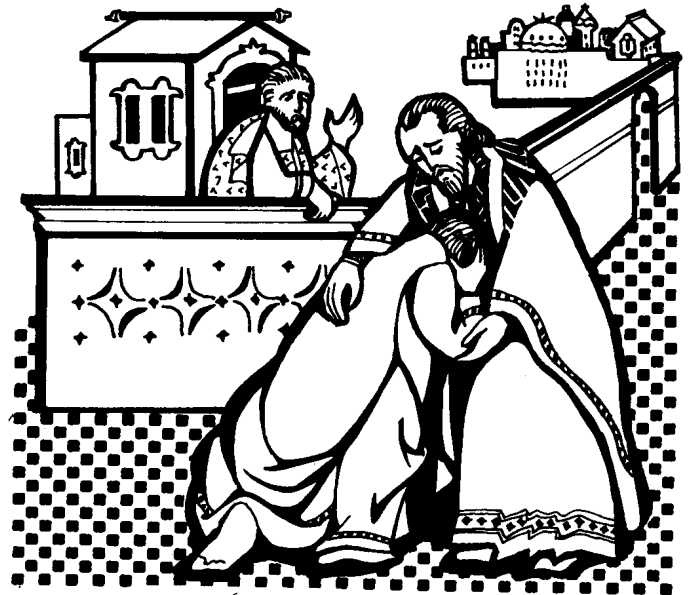
Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Fr. Josafat Oliinyk, OSBM - Assistant

Неділя Блудного Сина



Sunday of the Prodigal Son

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Luke 15:11-32

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.

Eternal Rest! Sincerest condolences to Pat Oleksiew and Family on the passing of her brother-in-law Al Wozney on January 15, 2024. Please keep the late Al Wozney and his family in your prayers. Вічна Пам'ять!

Christmas Carols at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: By the Rivers of Babylon (Basilian chant)

Communion: page 42: В Вифлеємі днесь Марія, V Vyfleyemi dnes' Mariya

Closing: page 52: Во Вифлеємі нині новина; Vo Vyfleyemi nyni novyna

Friday, February 2: Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord.

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Candles. On this feast day candles are blessed. Along with our prayers, they are lit in times of trial and hardship, uncertainty, anxiety, joy, thanksgiving, or any time we feel the need to dispel the darkness in our lives with their light.

UCWLC AGM Meeting

Saturday, February 3: 9:30 am: UCWLC AGM Meeting followed by a general meeting. Ladies, please try to attend as there are a few items to discuss and to elect a new executive. See you then. President: Marlayne Andrijaszyn

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

The **2024 Almanac "Svitlo"** is available in the Bookstore at a cost of \$20/copy.

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.

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Reflection from the Lenten Triodion - Matins

Як блудний син, прийшли ми, Щедрий, змарнувавши все життя наше на чужині і розтративши все багатство, яке ти дав нам, Отче. Прийми нас розкаяних, Боже, і помилуй нас.

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

Отче добрий! Ми віддалилися від тебе, але ти не зостав нас і не появи недостойними твого царства. Ворог прелукавий обнажив нас і забрав наше багатство, душевні ж скарби ми блудно розтратили. Але, вставши і навернувшись, кличемо до тебе: Вчини нас, як одного з твоїх наймитів - ти, що заради нас розпростер на хресті свої пречисті руки, щоб вирятувати нас від лютого звіра і зодягнути в первісну одежу, як єдиний багатомилостивий.

As the prodigal son I also come to You, O God of goodness, after having spent my life far from You. O Father, I wasted the riches that You gave me. Receive my repentance, O Lord, and have mercy on me.

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

O Father of mercy, I have separated myself from You; do not abandon me nor deprive me of Your heavenly kingdom. For the evil enemy has stripped me and taken away all my wealth. I have foolishly squandered my spiritual treasure; but now I arise and return to You, saying: Accept me as one of Your servants, for You are the One Who stretches out Your hands on the cross to deliver me from the evil monster, and clothe me once again in my true robe.

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.

Road to Life

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. God was out there, sort of like a president or prime minister. I recognized God's picture when I saw it, but I really did not know God.

But later on, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike and God was in the back helping me to pedal.

I don't know just when it was that God suggested that we change places, but life has not been the same since.

When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable - it was the shortest distance between two points. But when God took the lead, I was shown delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on. Even though it looked like madness, God said, "PEDAL" and I did.

I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" God laughed and didn't answer and I started to learn to trust.

I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure, and when I'd say, "I'm scared" God would lean back and touch my hand.

God took me to people with gifts that I needed: gifts of healing, collaboration, teaching, acceptance and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey.

And we were off again. God said, "Give the gifts away, they are extra baggage, too much weight." So I did. I gave my gifts to the people we met and I found that in giving I received and still our burden was light.

I did not trust God, at first, in control of my life. I thought God would wreck it; but God knows bike secrets: how to make the bike bend to take sharp corners, up to clear high rocks and fly to shorten scary passages. And I am learning to be quiet and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion.

And when I'm sure I just can't do anymore, God just smiles and says, "PEDAL!"