



**Українська Католицька Парафія  
Покров Пресвятої Богородиці**

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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

**М'ясопущна Неділя**



**Meat-Fare Sunday**

1 Corinthians 8:8 - 9:2

Matthew 25:31-46

**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.

### **Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy**

Opening: page 238: Увійди, єрею; Uviydy, yereyu

Communion: page 140: Прийде година: Pryide hodyna

Closing: page 52: By the Rivers of Babylon (Basilian Chant)

Candles that were blessed at the *Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord* (February 2) are available at the front of the church, at the side altar of Our Lord (south side).

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

**Sunday, February 11: The 32nd World Day of the Sick** is commemorated on this day. The 8:30 am Divine Liturgy will be celebrated for the intention of our sick parishioners; those at home, in hospitals or care facilities.

**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**

**Next class: February 12th.** 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 February 2024**

**For the Terminally Ill:** The Holy Father encourages prayers “so that terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support.”

### **Frozen Pyrohy (Perogies)**

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

### **Parish Donations**

If you are not a registered parishioner and are using a "Convenience Envelope" for your donation: please provide the parish office with your full name and address on the envelope. This will enable the office to send you an income tax receipt.

## **“DRY FEB” - Canadian Cancer Society Fundraiser - St Mary’s Parish 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. The St. Mary’s Parish Team is hoping to raise \$5,000 this year. We need your support.

You can donate on-line at [www.dryfeb.ca](http://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.

## **Meat-Fare Sunday**

### **Reflection from the Lenten Triodion - Vespers**

When the thrones are set up and the books are opened, and God will sit in judgment, what fear shall I feel at that moment! When the angels shall tremble at His side and a river of fire will rise up, what shall we sinners then do? When we shall hear the blessed of His Father called to the kingdom of heaven and the sinners to eternal punishment, who will be able to endure His dreadful condemnation? But you, O my Saviour, hasten to convert me before the end, and, O King of the ages, have mercy on me.

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Коли поставлять престולי та розгорнуть книги і Бог на суді сяде, а біля нього з острахом стоятимуть ангели, і ріка вогняна потече перед ним, - який же тоді жах буде! Що вчинимо тоді ми, люди винуваті в багатьох гріхах? Як почуємо, що він покличе благословенних до Отцевого царства, а грішників відішле на прокляття, то хто перенесе його страшний вирок? Але ти, єдиний і чоловіколюбний Спасе і Царю віків, перше ніж прийде кінець, наверни нас покаянням і помилуй.

## **World Day of the Sick - February 11, 2024**

Devin Watkins

Pope Francis in his message for the 32nd World Day of the Sick, calls for a ‘therapeutic covenant’ between people who are ill and their caregivers, family members, and God.

“It is not good that man should be alone - Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships,” is the theme of Pope Francis’ message for the 2024 commemoration of the World Day of the Sick.

In his message the Pope explores the fundamental importance and healing power of our relationships with others and with God.

Drawing on God’s words about Adam in the Biblical Book of Genesis, he notes that God’s first thought for the first man was that he should be in communion and relationship with other beings.

“Our lives, reflecting in the image of the Trinity, are meant to attain fulfilment through a network of relationships, friendships and love, both given and received,” says the Pope. “We were created to be together, not alone.”

This relational aspect of humanity, he adds, retains its importance even in moments of vulnerability, illness, and insecurity, which are often caused by the onset of a serious illness.

Pope Francis points out that the Covid-19 pandemic and ongoing wars have isolated many people.

Yet, he says, even countries living in peace and enjoying greater resources have a large number of people who face solitude and even abandonment due to old age and sickness.

Our “throwaway cultures” exalt productivity and individualism at the cost of those unable to produce an economic gain.

Politicians, says the Pope, are thus tempted to water down the “fundamental right to health and access to healthcare” by turning healthcare into a mere “provision of services” and wounding the dignity of the human person.

The Holy Father calls for healthcare systems to be accompanied “by a ‘therapeutic covenant’ between physicians, patients, and family members.”

Returning to God’s words - “It is not good for man to be alone” - Pope Francis says human sin wounds a person by severing their relationships “with God, with themselves, with others, with creation” and going against the “profound meaning of God’s project for humanity.”

“Such isolation causes us to miss the meaning of our lives,” he says. “It takes away the joy of love and makes us experience an oppressive sense of being alone at all the crucial passages of life.”

The Pope therefore invites everyone to offer compassionate and loving closeness to those who are ill, following the example of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37).

“To care for the sick thus means above all to care for their relationships, all of them: with God, with others - family members, friends, healthcare workers - with creation and with themselves.”

Each of us, says the Pope, came into the world because our parents welcomed us, and we were each “made for love” and are called to communion and fraternity.

The best therapy for those who are ill, he adds, is to offer them our love and communion, despite the pace of our own frenetic lives.

“To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness!” says the Pope. “Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others.”

In conclusion, the Holy Father invites Christians to draw inspiration from Jesus’ compassion-filled gaze through prayer and the Eucharist, so as to “heal the wounds of solitude and isolation.”

“The sick, the vulnerable, and the poor are at the heart of the Church,” concludes Pope Francis. “They must also be at the heart of our human concern and pastoral attention.”

**Note: The full text of the Holy Father’s message can be found at:**

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20240110-giornata-malato.html>