

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 Oliinyk OSBM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession holds significant importance during Lent, marking a period of spiritual renewal and holiness. Through practices like prayer and kindness, Lent aims for the transformation of negative behaviors. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession, serves as a powerful starting point for this journey, facilitating reconciliation with God. Confession goes beyond mere cleansing; it awakens the spirit, offering a liberating sense of forgiveness. Sin fractures the promises made during Baptism, leading to separation from God and the Church. However, Confession provides a means for renewed cleansing, acknowledging human frailty and divine forgiveness. While direct appeals to God are essential, confessing to a priest holds significance. Confession involves recognizing and taking responsibility for sins, seeking forgiveness not only from God but also from the community. Priests, as representatives of the Church, guide individuals through this process, addressing the burdens of the soul. Confession is a communal act, emphasizing the role of the Church in facilitating healing and forgiveness. It discourages mere private confession, highlighting the sacramental nature of the practice within the Church. Regular Confession fosters ongoing repentance, bridging human brokenness with divine forgiveness and emphasizing community healing. Confession is the sacrament of penance— it takes away our sins. It is God's gift to us. Mortal sin takes away God's grace from the soul. The sacrament of penance restores God's grace to the soul. **(Edmonton eparchy)**



We all have it. It's called Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever time you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft so you can't borrow against yourself or use more time than you have. Each day, the account starts fresh. Each night, it destroys an unused time. If you fail to use the day's deposits, it's your loss and you can't appeal to get it back.

There is never any borrowing time. You can't take a loan out on your time or against someone else's. The time you have is the time you have and that is that. Time management is yours to decide how you spend the time, just as with money you decide how you spend the money. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do them and where they fall in our priorities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ukrainian Film Series

February 1 -22 Various Times/Days
The Cinematheque -Vancouver

Ukrainian Lights -Music

Sunday February 18, 2pm

Tom Lee Music Recital Hall Richmond

UA Freedom Rally

Saturday Feb 24 1-2 pm

Vancouver Art Gallery

Maple Hope Foundation -Gala

Sunday March 3 5:30-8:30pm

Vancouver Club

Grand Ukrainian Party

Friday March 8 10pm

Bar None Nightclub

DakhaBrakha -Tour for Ukraine

Friday March 29,2024 8pm

Massey Theatre New West

Pysanka Egg Decoration Workshop

Saturday March 30,2024 1-3pm

Roundhouse Community Arts Centre

BoomBox Ukraine

Thursday April 4 9pm

Vancouver TBA

Ukrainian Cultural Festival

Saturday May 11

Mission BC

International Vyshyvanka Day

Thursday May 16,2024

Various locations and Events

All events subject to change.

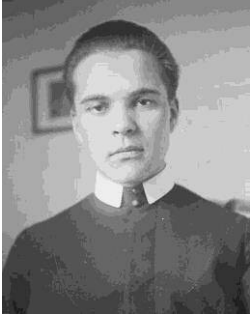
Check with the venue for details or updates

You can see more at :

<https://sites.google.com/uahub.ca/bcuaca/home>

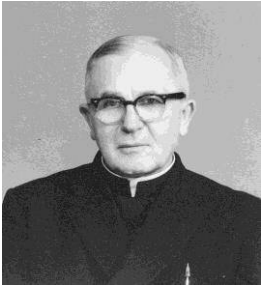
Early History of St Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish (part 3)

After the war



On September 2 1937 **Bishop Ladyka** issues an Episcopal decree placing the Parish under the care of the Basilian Fathers. With their arrival the next stage in the growth and development of the parish began. The superiors of the Basilian Order assigned a 28-year-old **Fr. Sebastian Shewchuk OSBM** to be the first Basilian pastor. He arrived in Vancouver on September 10,1937 and celebrated his first Divine Liturgy at **Sacred Heart Church**. On October 17,1937 regular services take place at the chapel on Fraser St. The homily is given by the Provincial Superior of the Basilian Order **Fr. Naucratius Kryzanowsky OSBM**.

Fr Shewchuk began a Ridna Shkola classes for religion and Ukrainian., the **St Olga's Society for Women (Frances Babiy** president; **S. Steshyn** Vice president; **Kaniuka** Secretary; **Pearl Babiy**, treasurer; **A Drushiw** and **S. Steshyn** altar guild. **Monsignor Louis Forget** transfers the title for the Fraser St property to the Basilian Fathers in May 1939. February 23,1940 **Fr. Shewchuk** is transferred to Edmonton Ab. He returns as an assistant 1956-1958. *Born August 3,1909 Sheho, SK; ordained August 13,1933; died January 9,1986.*



On February 23,1940; 42-year-old **Fr. Basil Kamenecky** becomes pastor. After a few months due to ill health, he returns to Edmonton on September 5,1940

Born July 13,1898 Vikno Ukraine Ordained July 26,1926 Died May 24,1970



Fr. Theodosius Dobko becomes pastor of St Stephen on September 5,1940. He organizes the first Parish Choir on September 15,1940 and they sing the Divine Liturgy for the first time on January 6,1941 under his direction. Two lots are purchased February 10,1941 on Quebec st and 7th with the intention of building a new church there.

Fr. Dobko assumes the duties of a Chaplain for the Canadian Armed Forces in BC in March 1941. During his absence from Vancouver **Fr. George Zydan** comes from Vernon to substitute for him. April 1943 **Fr. Sylvester Kollar** arrives to assist. February 9,1944 the parish purchase a **Swedish Lutheran Church (Pender/Princess)** for \$10k. The Basilian Fathers move in to their new residence on Princess Ave. The **Fraser St and Quebec St** properties are sold

May 7,1944 official opening and first Divine Liturgy in the new church which dedicated and named the **Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (aka St Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church) Artist **Mudrikoff** paints the church.

Parishioners **Constantine Duda** builds a new altar for the church and **John Nedilia** a new tabernacle.

Fr. Kollar departs July 19,1944 to Edmonton due to poor health. On August 8,1944 **Fr. Theodosius Greb** arrives as an assistant. September 17,1944 **Fr. Dobko** resumes full pastoral duties. Father Greb is transferred to the USA and **Fr. Christopher Kondratiuk** arrives as assistant to the parish. In October 30,1945 **Fr. Kondratiuk** organizes the Ukrainian Catholic Youth in the parish -**Wasył Popowich**, Secretary **Gisela Dnistrianska**, Treasurer **Gloria Kaniuka**. **Fr. Peter Kotowich** arrives in July 1946 in a semi-retirement capacity.



Fr. George Zydan OSBM
Assistant 1941-43; 1949-50
Pastor 1948
Died: Dec 12,1977



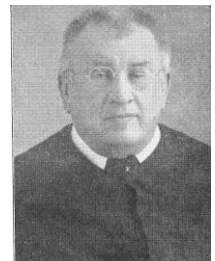
Fr. Sylvester Kollar OSBM
1943-1944
Died: May 27,1984



Fr. Theodosius Greb OSBM
1944-1945
Died: July 12,1978



Fr. Christopher Kondratiuk
OSBM
1945-1948
Organized Ukrainian Catholic
Youth 1945
Died: Oct 27,1948



Fr. Peter Kotowich OSBM
1946-1949
Died: Nov 5,1955