

St. Mary's Newsletter

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Divine Liturgies

Sundays: 8:30am English (spoken)
10:30am Ukrainian (sung)
Mon-Sat: 7:30am (Chapel)
Holy Days: 10:00am

Father Joseph Pidskalny OSBM (Admin)
Father Josafat Oliinyk OSBM

Fasting

Fasting is voluntary. It is an imposed, self-discipline, and expected of all who are physically able. To help us, the Church sets out both the maximal and minimal rules for fasting. Faithful Christians need to take into account their individual circumstances, – health, age, physically, demanding jobs, etc., when making decisions around fasting. With the exception of nursing and expectant mothers, small children, the poor, the mentally or physically, ill or aged, all are required to keep the minimal fast

According to ancient and pious tradition, no food or water is to be taken from midnight before Divine Liturgy. Fasting before confession or holy anointing is beneficial and strongly recommend it. The Eucharistic fast at minimum requires abstinence from all food and drink, except for water one hour prior to Divine liturgy.

The rules given here are only part (the most external part), of a true fast, which will include increased prayer and other spiritual disciplines, and may include resolutions to set aside other aspects of our day-to-day life, (such as caffeine or television), or to take up practices such as visiting the sick. If you adopt it, beware of pride, and pay no attention to anyone's fast but your own.

Do not substitute the notion of "deciding what to give up for lent" for the rule that the Church has given us. First keep the Church's fasting rule as well as you are able, then decide on additional disciplines in consultation with your priest. Those who attempt to keep the Church's traditional fast will find that, though the temptations to pride and legalism are real, the spiritual benefits are great. A return to more diligent fasting could play a large part in the spiritual renewal of our churches. *Edmonton Eparchy 2023*



A popular speaker started off a seminar by holding up a \$100 bill. A crowd of 200 had gathered to hear him speak. He asked, "Who would like this \$100 bill?" 200 hands went up.

He said, "I am going to give this \$100 to one of you but first, let me do this." He crumpled the bill up.

He then asked, "Who still wants it?"

All 200 hands were still raised.

"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" Then he dropped the bill on the ground and stomped on it with his shoes.

He picked it up, and showed it to the crowd. The bill was all crumpled and dirty.

"Now who still wants it?"

All the hands still went up.

"My friends, I have just showed you a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$100. Many times in our lives, life crumples us and grinds us into the dirt. We make bad decisions or deal with poor circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

You are special – Don't ever forget it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mt Baker Snowshoe (18-35 age group)
Saturday March 23 all day
Beholdvancouver.org register Mar 19

Vytnanka-Ukrainian Paper Cutting Art
Thursday March 21, 5-8pm
Massey Theatre New West BC

Classical Music Cross Cultural Connects
Saturday March 23, 7:30-9:30pm
Holy Eucharist Cathedral New West

Ukrainian Easter Market
Sunday March 24, 1pm
Holy Eucharist Cathedral New West

DakhaBrakha -Tour for Ukraine
Friday March 29,2024 8pm
Massey Theatre New West

Ukrainian Cultural Event
Thur/Fri/Sat March 28-30
Gallery at Queen's Park New West

Pysanka Egg Decoration Workshop
Saturday March 30,2024 1-3pm
Roundhouse Community Arts Centre

BoomBox Ukraine
Thursday April 4 9pm
Vancouver TBA

Denys Panchenko -Classical Guitarist
Saturday April 13, 7-9pm
St David's Anglican Church - Delta

Ukrainian Cultural Festival
Saturday May 11
Mission BC

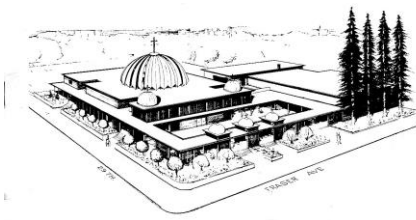
International Vyshyvanka Day
Thursday May 16,2024
Various locations and Events

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 4)

Building the Parish



The Apostolic See in Rome formally gives the Parish of St Mary's with permanent jurisdiction to the care of the Basilian Fathers on May 24, 1959. A year later campaign funding begins to build a church, hall and parochial school on the property on Fraser Street. However, there is discussion in 1961 to purchase a larger property on 41st street between Cambie and Oak. Finally on June 15, 1962 6.4 acres (previously owned by the Sisters of the Good Shepard) situated on 14th and ash street was purchased for \$640,000. On Sept 9, 1962 an outdoor Divine Liturgy is celebrated on the property attended by @1500 people.

May 11, 1963 the Ukrainian Catholic Centre is officially opened and a Divine Liturgy is celebrated there on May 12, 1963. The parishioners took on the job of constructing the temporary church and residence themselves. **Peter Poloyko** supervised the construction and **Nicholas Tekatch** organized the material and contractors. On Aug 6, 1968 the last liturgy is celebrated at the Princess st church. August 11, 1968 all the liturgies are now celebrated at the Ukrainian Catholic Centre until November 10, 1968 when the temporary church and monastery is completed. In 1972 the whole basement of the temporary church (now the **Recreation Centre**) is divided into 4 separate classrooms for **Ridna Shkola**.

The New Westminster Eparchy for Ukrainian Catholics of BC and Yukon is created on June 2, 1974 with **Bishop Jerome Chimy** appointed as its first Bishop. He takes up residence at the St Mary's monastery. On June 13, 1976 he moves into his own quarters at the new Bishop's Residence in New West.

BC Housing pays St Mary's \$155,000 for the land to construct the Seniors Housing "**Ukrainian Gardens**" which opened on Oct 5, 1975



The Arab catholic of the Melkite Rite begin to use temporary church for their Divine liturgy in Sept 1977 and their pastor **Fr Maximos Basha** takes up residence in the monastery.

Plans for construction of the new church begin with **Dr. James Kutney** Building committee Chair, **Gerry Ukrainetz** -President; 1st VP **Michael Humenny**, 2nd VP **Robert Sawka**, Secretary **Alice Humenick**, Finance Chair **Fred Koshman**

On January 6, 1981 construction begins and the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary's new church is officially opened **October 31, 1982**. A commemorative book was published in 1982 detailing the beginnings of St Mary's Parish with its dedicated priests and parishioners.



Fr Juvenalius Slota
1967-1979
1909-04-16 +2000-08-13



Fr Christopher Zajac
1969-72 and 2004
1938-01-04+2004-10-09



Fr Sebastian Kurylo
1972-???
1915-12-28+1993-10-14



Fr Anthony Holowaychuk
1972-1975
1932-06-21+1992-08-12



Br Nicholas Koziak
1973-74
1940-05-19+1998-09-04



Fr Victor Soroka
1973-1979 Pastor
1926-05-24+2011-10-15



Fr. Soter Pidskalny
1975-1987
1914-01-14+1987-08-02



Fr Roman Kravec
1978-1979
1945-06-06+



Fr Myron Daciuk
1979-1982 Pastor
Bishop 1982-1996 MB/AB
1919-11-16+1996-01-14



Fr Josaphat Tyrkalo
1979-84, Pastor 1986-94
Pastor 2010-13
1945-01-31+2020-12-27



Bishop Jerome Chimy
1974-09-05-1992-09-19
1919-03-12+1992-09-19

Note: Additional source materials are needed to complete the full history of the parish if you have any material that could help please contact orestbohdan@outlook.com