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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)

7:30 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

Томина Неділя



Thomas Sunday

Acts 5:12-20
John 20:19-31

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

Anointing with Holy Oil and distribution of the Artos bread (bread blessed at Easter) after each Divine Liturgy.

Благословення Свяченою Олією і роздавання Артоса (хліб, якого поблагословили на Великдень) після двох Служб Божих.



Today: Our Parish is celebrating **First Holy Communion** at the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. We offer congratulations and prayers to **Michael Bouckhuys, Miles Hall, and Sasha Hall** as they receive their First Holy Communion. We pray for them and their families, that Our Lord bless them on this most special and holy occasion. A special Thank you to Susan Lazaruk for the First Communion preparations and lessons.

The Parish Easter Dinner will be held in our auditorium following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy for those who purchased advance tickets. No walk-ins at the door.

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: pg. 196: Христос воскрес! Ликуйте нині; Khrystos voskres! Lykuite nyni

Communion: pg. 258: Тіло Христове; Tilo Khrystove

Closing: pg. 200: Христос Воскрес! Радість з неба; Khrystos voskres! Radist' z neba

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all parishioners and guests for your generosity and kindness during Holy Week and Easter. Thank you to all who assembled and took down the Tomb, to those who picked up and delivered the flowers, and to all who helped with our Holy Week and Easter services. May Our Risen Lord bless you!

Eternal Memory! Sincerest condolences are extended to:

- Myron Tatarniuk and Family on the passing of his mother **Yaroslava Tatarniuk** on April 10, 2025 in Yorkton, SK at the age of 102. A Funeral Parastas was celebrated on April 15, 2025 in Yorkton. Interment will take place later this summer in Vancouver.
- Family and Friends of **Nadia Laskiwsky** who passed away on April 16, 2025 at the age of 98. Funeral Parastas: Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Church. Funeral Divine Liturgy: Friday, May 2 at 9:30 am at St. Mary's Church. Please remember the late Yaroslava Tatarniuk and Nadia Laskiwsky in your prayers. Вічна Пам'ять!

Многая Літа! Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to:

- **Zachary Bouckhuys** who received the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on March 30, 2025.
- **Charles Fox Mutual** who received the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on April 17, 2025.

Moleben to the Blessed Mother

Moleben to the Blessed Mother will be celebrated during the month of May. We will celebrate Moleben on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the residence chapel, and at 10:00 am in church on Sundays.

Thursday, May 1: 7:00 pm - Funeral Parastas for the late Nadia Laskiwsky in church. No Moleben on this day.

Friday, May 2: 9:30 am - Funeral Divine Liturgy for the late Nadia Laskiwsky in church.

Saturday, May 3: 1:00 pm: Cemetery Services at Forest Lawn Cemetery. The cemetery services will be done by appointment. Please phone the parish office for an appointed time beginning at 1:00 pm.

Sunday, May 4: 10:00 am - Moleben to the Mother of God in church.

2:00 pm: Cemetery Services at Forest Lawn Cemetery. The cemetery services will be done by appointment. Please phone the parish office for an appointed time beginning at 2:00 pm.

Saturday, May 10: 12:00 noon: Cemetery Services at Gardens of Gethsemane. The cemetery services will be done by appointment. Please phone the parish office for an appointed time beginning at 12:00 noon.

“Christ is Risen - Indeed He is Risen”

Easter Bake Sale

St. Mary's UCWLC would like to thank all who put orders in for the Pre-Order Easter Sale. Your support with this event is gratefully appreciated. Although we scaled back our event, we had the support from our parish and community.

With God's blessings,
Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President

Reminder: Our next UCWLC Meeting is Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 am

St. Mary's Parish is seeking to add a volunteer to the Booking Coordination Team for Parish Auditorium rentals. Duties would include being the main contact for rental inquiries and advertising. Knowledge using Word, Excel and Google Calendar is necessary. Good customer relations skills would be an asset. Opening, closing and dropping in at events may occasionally be required. A working knowledge of the English language is essential.

Please contact St. Mary's Parish Office by email (office@stmarysbc.com) or by phoning (604-879-5830), if you have an interest serving the Parish on the Booking Coordination Team.

Thomas Sunday

Thomas Sunday is the feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle. He is popularly dubbed as the “doubting Thomas” because of his unbelief in the appearance of the Risen Christ. St. Thomas, even upon seeing the resurrected Christ walk in through a closed door, required proof to mend his disbelief in the Resurrection. Jesus acknowledged this human need of Thomas and presented Thomas with the wounds of his crucifixion. He then invited him to put his finger in the nail marks in order to relieve Thomas’ doubts.

As we reflect on St. Thomas, the Apostle, we bring to mind our own doubts and place them before the Lord in prayer. He will, as with Thomas, invite us closer to the mystery so that we, too, may believe.

On this feast of St. Thomas, let us thank the Apostle for his courage to express his doubts of faith, because these same doubts led him to his firm and sure belief that Jesus indeed is his “Lord and God”. At the same time let us also pray that, like Thomas, we may grow in our faith by touching ‘the wounds’ of Jesus.

“Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believe.” John 20:29



Artos Bread

Artos - derived from the Greek word meaning wheaten bread, is the symbol for the bread of eternal life - Christ. This round loaf is covered with a metal plate bearing an icon of the Resurrected Christ.

The Artos is blessed by the priest on Easter morning. After it is blessed, the Artos is reserved on the altar or the tetrapod for the entire week.

On the Sunday of St. Thomas, the Artos is cut into small pieces and distributed to the faithful following the Divine Liturgy, at the time of myrovania (blessing with holy oil). The “Artos” symbolizes the Resurrected Christ, who appeared to the Apostles and took food with them.

According to Church tradition this custom was supposed to have its origin in Apostolic times. The Apostles, when sitting down to the table, would leave a vacant place for Jesus Christ, as well as a plate. At this spot they would place bread, reminding them of Jesus. The consuming of the “Artos” by the faithful on Thomas Sunday, symbolizes that after our own resurrection, Christ will give us Himself in eternal communion in His Heavenly Kingdom.